

The 2012 S.U.C.I. Dive Season Package



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Acknowledgement

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many members that helped me put the 2012 dive schedule together. I have spoken to several of members personally as well as through email. Your responses to my queries and questions have been extremely helpful.

I want to personally acknowledge the encouragement of the Executive members to go with a schedule that I thought would best suit SUCI's needs. In 2012 we will have 8 charter dives and 14 different shore dives. On three weekends SUCI members will have the choice to dive with a charter in one city/location OR dive from the shore in a different city/location, thereby maximizing the variety of dives for all levels of divers.

This past summer a small group of divers, led by Raimund, dove from Old Fort Erie then under the Peace Bridge and exiting after passing through the "washing machine". A unanimous group decision which included Raimund, Patricia, Ron, Nancy, Jack, Nora, Robert, Cheryl and I decided not to include the Old Fort Erie Niagara River drift dive in this schedule due to the high speed of the potentially dangerous current and the possibility of no clear underwater exit point. We will still dive the Niagara River and Raimund has found a new entry point (what a surprise ☺) to the "washing machine" that he will introduce to us this summer.

At the October General Membership meeting, the 2012 dive schedule was discussed at length. With the consent of everyone in attendance we switched our Brockville/Rib Fest charter from ABUCS to Seaway Vision. While everyone on the 2011 Brockville dive had a wonderful time and raved about the captain, a scheduling conflict forced us to change. At the same meeting, Pat Carnwith brought forward the suggestion of NOT having our Open Water Checkout in a quarry. She put forward the suggestion that our Open Water graduates may not be diving with SUCI because they had not had a pleasant experience under water. We all agreed. She suggested that Brockville or the Welland Canal Scuba Park would be a more appropriate venue. It would better simulate real diving and hopefully stimulate the students to carry on diving. At this point we have not settled on a location. In discussions with the Training Director, we will decide on a location by the springtime.

Thank you to Manny, Janet, Nora and Jack for suggesting that we return to Picton. Duck's Dive and accommodations are first class. This dive has proven to be well attended in the past and is now back on the schedule.

Thanks to Patricia, Cheryl, Maureen and Conchetta, we will be diving in the Welland Canal. This is an outstanding dive for beginners as Maureen and Conchetta will attest to. Having experienced this dive, it made the Niagara River Drift dive later that day that much more enjoyable. They dove in October and the water temp was 65 F. Imagine what August will be like.

I know we will all enjoy the upcoming dive season and we all take full advantage of every dive possible. DIVE SAFE ☺

General Advisory

SUCI will be instituting a new diving policy for everyone's general protection and want it implemented as a safe diving practice. There are times when we find ourselves diving in a buddy team of three (3) rather than the traditional buddy team of two divers.

Should the need to ascend to the surface, for whatever reason; we want all three divers to ascend to the surface. The reasoning is we wish to remain as a team in case something happens to a diver while ascending or to the diver(s) remaining at the bottom. If the buddy team encounters any type of distress, we do not want a diver to be alone. This is especially important in dives that have a current. If a single diver ascends to the surface for navigation purposes and/or a physical disability, he/she should not be alone. If he/she ascends with a buddy, we do not want the remaining diver left at the bottom. Once the issue is resolved and you descend, you may not find the remaining diver(s) due to the current.

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Booking Guidelines

- 1- Reservations for the 2012 dive season opens on April 9, 2012 at the end of the General Membership Meeting (GM).
- 2- Divers must be "full" members of SUCI and in good standing.
- 3- Members present at the General Meeting will to be eligible to be amongst the first to book the dive of their choice. There is no guarantee that attendance at the GM will insure the member a dive spot on any particular dive. Those members that cannot attend the GM on April 9 can book dives starting on April 10th. The 1st V.P. will compile a list of vacancies for each dive and have them emailed to the membership. Reservations will be on a first receive email basis. The 1st V.P. will notify the member if they are successful in reserving the dive. Other members who are not successful on reserving their dive will be put on a "Waiting List". The member will in turn email the 1st V.P. as to how they will pay for the dive. Payment can be made through Interac E Transfer (treasurer@suci.ca) , or a cheque mailed to 364 Old Kingston Road, P.O. Box 97568, Scarb. On. M1C 1Z1 or present the payment in person to the 1st V.P. or treasurer, Adrian, the following Monday at Centennial Pool. Failure to pay by April 16th will put you at the back of the "Waiting List".
- 4- Seating is limited; many dives are very popular, so book early to avoid disappointment!
- 5- Tables will be setup at the GM for each particular dive. Once the booking begins, line up, single file, at the table, which represents the dive you wish to book. Print and sign the sheet, collect your colour marker, and move on to the next desired table.
- 6- A member can only book one dive at a time.
- 7- Once you have completed your picks of dives, proceed to the treasurer, Adrian, with your coloured marker(s).
- 8- **A non-refundable payment in full can be processed at this time or a minimum 50% non-refundable deposit. If making a 50% deposit, the balance must be made via a "Post-Dated" cheque payable 30 days prior to the Friday of the dive date. Cash and/or cheques are accepted at the GM. Please make sure you get a receipt for your payment(s).**
- 9- Make your cheque(s) payable to SUCI, and note on the cheque the dives you have booked.
- 10- **When booking the Alexandria Bay / Clayton charter dive, it is your responsibility to cross the USA border. All documents IE passports, Nexus card, citizenship cards and the like, that you usually need to cross the border will be your responsibility. Purchase of optional insurance such as "DAN" may be in your best interest. "Dan" insurance is for medical only.**
- 11- For those cheques that are returned as "NSF" a replacement payment must be received within 7 days of NSF notification. Applicable NSF fees will be applied. If payment is not received, your spot on the dive and deposit will be forfeited.
- 12- **There are no refunds unless a Medical Certificate is provided and at the discretion of the SUCI Executive. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT CERTIFIED DIVER CAPABLE OF DIVING AT THAT LOCATION. THE REPLACEMENT DIVER WILL PAY YOU DIRECTLY FOR THE DIVE. SUCI WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU ANY DIVER THAT MAY BE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR THAT DIVE.**
- 13- In the event a dive charter still has vacancies 45 days or less prior to the charter date and it has been deemed to not be able to be filled by club members - SUCI will open up the dive to outside certified divers. In this instance **O.U.C insurance must be purchased and the Divemaster of that dive must approve the diver.**
- 14- Transportation & Accommodation are your responsibility but usually you can find someone to car pool with and/or share a room. Members, will either be camping or rooming in a nearby motel. We have included contact information for accommodations with each of the profiles in this package. This may not be a full listing of available accommodations. **If reserving a site at an Ontario Provincial park, reservations can only be made 5 months in advance. The popular parks get reserved very quickly. I recommend you take advantage of the early booking.**
- 15- Shore dives will have \$15.00 fee. This fee is to be used at the Divemasters discretion but is strongly suggested to be used as a meal (lunch for one day dives and perhaps supper for

overnight dives). In doing so the Divemaster may ask for some assistance in buying the food and/or picking up the SUCI BBQ and SUCI Rubbermaid container. Please volunteer and assist where needed.

General Points

- *No alcohol at all before dives and this includes night dives. **If YOU DRINK, YOU DO NOT DIVE!**
- *Be at the boat or dive location at the very least - 30 minutes prior to departure. The boat will leave on time, with, or without you.
- *If you do not feel well or are uncomfortable, **DO NOT DIVE**. The wreck will still be there.
- *There is rental equipment available at most of the dive shops.
- *If you have a confirmed booking, an email will be sent approximately one week prior to the dive reminding you of the meeting place and schedule or any last minute changes.
- *Please "Respect" the Divemaster, as they have a lot of organizing to do on each dive. This is after all a "Volunteer" position, yet a necessary one. If we have no Divemaster there will be no dive.
- *Please help out where you can. More experienced divers – can really do a lot to help build the skills and confidence of new divers. Remember how you felt starting out and perhaps how someone helped you.
- *The Divemaster is in charge of the dive and will make decisions on buddy pairings; bottom times; dive profiles etc..., based on the information they have or are given. They will try to accommodate people that want to dive together where it is possible, but they may sometimes have to split things up based on factors such as the experience levels of the dive group. Again, please respect their decisions.
- *Please respect the boat Captain and crew. We are their guests. Ask permission before boarding any craft and listen to their instructions if any, on how to board, stowing of gear, or de-boarding. If you have questions, ask. Don't make assumptions. For those who have not been on a dive charter before, please remember to keep your gear stowed neatly at all times, as space is usually confined and loose gear can be broken or cause accidents. Leaving a tip to the Boat Captain or Crew is usually left up to the individual unless a group decides to pay a tip as a whole.

Have fun and dive safe – That is what it is all about!

Payment Options

- 1- SUCI accepts cash, cheques, post dated cheques and "Interac E Transfer".
- 2- "Interac E Transfer" are made through your banking institution and emailed to treasurer@suci.ca. Once the Treasurer, Adrian, accepts it you will receive an email confirming the acceptance of your payment.
- 3- Cash and cheque payments must be given to a member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Treasurer or the 1st V.P. , Rick.
- 4- Any cheques returned as NSF must be replaced and will be assessed any banking charges and/or service fees. Failure to replace the NSF cheque within 7 days of the bank notification will cancel your reservation on the charter.
- 5- Please remember to get a receipt from the Treasurer for your payment.

What to Bring

- All your Scuba equipment including two tanks (or as specified in dive profile attached).
- A Passport is required for US diving (Alexandria Bay / Clayton boat dives).
- PADI or similar certifying organization Certification card
- Underwater light if you have one. There may be some dark areas you want to check out.
- Underwater camera if you have one.
- Warm Clothing. Evenings may get cool.
- Boat/sea sickness remedy. Waters may get rough
- Lunch and a good book for off time.
- "Save-a-Dive" kit (extra o-rings, face/mask, straps etc.)
- Snacks & plenty of fluid. Dry Mouth is a common post dive condition
- Suntan lotion, a hat, and cover-up are also wise; you burn easily and quickly on the water.
- Appetite for the "Pig Roast" in Morrisburg

Ice Floe Race – Peterborough

Date: March 11th (Sunday) - Weather dependant

Number of Divers: 16 per team and we would like 2 teams, 1 women's team, 1 men's team plus 2 volunteers to help the organizers and plenty of spectators and cheerleaders

Number of dive: 1 event for approximately 1 hour

Dive Rating: A

Cost: \$20.00

Description:

This is a very different type of diving event. Organized by the Ontario Underwater Council and led by Brooke Hooykaas and Terry Ethridge. We will be pushing a 20-foot x 20-foot x 12 to 24 inches thick block of ice down river for approximately 1 hour. SUCI will be competing against other diving clubs in a time lapsed race. SUCI has for several years been the only club to enter a women's and men's team. The maximum number is 16 and the minimum is 8 per team. The event starts at Douro Lock 24 on the Trent-Severn Waterway near Trent University. There is a theme to each year's race. The 2011 race's theme was "Cartoons Through the Ages". We also donate food and/or clothing to a local charity. There are prizes for the first three finishers and a raffle for a larger prize. Last year was a one-week live aboard adventure.

All you will need are fins, boots, gloves, hood wet or dry suit a BCD and plenty of spirit (not spirits). No tank or regs are needed. There will several volunteers from each participating club providing parking attendants, food preparation, photographers, registration, starter finishing line personnel and water safety.

This one-day event starts at 10:00am on Sunday. Many of us arrive Saturday for dinner and stay over night.

Accommodations:

Best Western, Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Quality and Super 8 information can be found on the following link. Room rates will vary from \$90.00 - \$120.00 per night.

http://www.tripadvisor.ca/SmartDeals-g155008-Peterborough_Ontario-Hotel-Deals.html

Directions:

To get to Peterborough from the west, refer to the map immediately below. Take Highway 401 east past Oshawa. About 17 km later, take Exit 436, which is Highway 35-115 north to Lindsay/Peterborough. In approximately 18 kms, you'll see the exit for Highway 35 to Lindsay, but do NOT take this exit. Stay on Highway 115 north to Peterborough. Continue north-east on Highway 115 for another 33 km, during which Highway 115 becomes Highway 7-115. Slow down after you pass the exit for Airport Road, about 1 km after Airport Road, stay on Highway 7-115. In approximately 6 km, Highway 7-115 becomes Highway 7 at Television Road. Stay on Highway 7. Approximately 4 km after passing Television Road, turn left (north) on Providence Line. Continue north on Providence Line for ~9 km to County Road 32. Please note that Providence Line becomes 8th Line immediately north of Division Road. Stay on 8th Line. When you get to County Road 32, turn right and proceed very slowly as you will only be ~100 metres from the Starting Line.

Sherkston Shore, Fort Erie/Port Colbourne

Date: May 12th (Saturday) OR 13th Sunday – weather dependant

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of dives: minimum of 2. All from the Shore

Dive Rating: A

Cost: \$15.00

Description:

This our first scheduled dive of the season. It is a single day dive. First dive is planned around 10am. The Divemaster will give more details. **THIS DIVE IS A PREREQUISITE FOR ALL THOSE MEMBERS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ST. CLAIR RIVER DIVE.** It is a great opportunity to test out your equipment, new and old, test your compass skills, check to see if your dry suit leaks, get to use an alternate air source (that you will need for Dive # 4 and # 5 of the St. Clair River) and possibly experience a thermo cline.

Water temperatures will be in the mid to 50's to low 60's with the depth of 28-35 feet. Sherkston Shore is a quarry that was flooded in the early 1900's. At the time of the flood, the quarry was an active mine. There is a train caboose, railway tracks and an opening to the mine to visit. Sherkston Shore represents an opportunity to improve on your Diver Self Rating.

There is a fee to enter the park. Price is \$10.00 at the time of putting the dive schedule together and is payable at the dive shop inside the park. Bring your diving certification card, as you will need to sign a waiver. The dive site is located on the north east side of the quarry near the 9-hole golf course. Sherkston Shores has built a specific dive site for divers. This includes steps to the water, a platform/dock to assemble your gear and giant stride into the water and submersed training platforms at various depths and locations. Visit www.sherkston.com or call 1 877-482-3224 or 1 80 263-8121 or 905 894-0972. If you wish to stay over Friday night, there are campsites and 50 foot fully equipped trailers to rent. The address is:

490 Empire Road
Port Colbourne, Ontario

Directions:

Take the 401 west to the 427 south. Take the 403 west over the Burlington Bridge and follow the Niagara/ Fort Erie signs. Take exit 16 to Sodom Road West toward Crystal beach, Route 116. Merge onto Sodom Road. Turn right on Hwy 3 west and turn left at Empire Road. You'll see a sign for Sherkston Shore. It is a large park/vacation home area on more than 100 acres of land bordering Lake Erie. Expect about a 2 ½ –2 ¾ hour trip.

OR

Take the 401 west to the 427 south. Take the 403 west over the Burlington Bridge and follow the Niagara/ Fort Erie signs. Take Hwy 406 to Welland. Turn left to go under the canal via the tunnel. Turn right onto route 140. Turn left, east, on Hwy 3. Turn right at Empire Road. You'll see a sign for Sherkston Shore. It is a large park/vacation home area on more than 100 acres of land bordering Lake Erie. Expect about a 2 –2 1/2 hour trip.

Drift Diving in the St. Clair River

Date: May 19th –21st (Saturday – Monday)

Total number of different dives: 5 of various degrees of difficulty. All from the Shore.

Number of divers : 6-8 SUCI divers for all 5 dives (Raimund, Jack, 2 divers from the Sarnia club + 4-6 SUCI divers chosen by Raimund and Jack)

: Unlimited number for divers for dives 1-3. See dive listings below.

**** Qualifications for these dives will be reviewed by everyone in order to ensure maximum numbers of divers can participate with the maximum amount of safety and fun.**

Dive Rating: Experienced fit Rescue diver and up; and A for dive 1-3 with a C diver as a buddy

Cost: \$15.00

Description:

The changing swift currents, the physical conditioning needed, the sighting of various schools (100's of fish), including sturgeon and pickerel makes this a MUST DO DIVE.

This dive will consist of *minimum experienced fit Rescue-certified divers*, also Rescue divers who have extensive experience in drift diving and diving in overhead environments, and who have mastered the art of underwater navigation by compass. Due to the strong current on Dives 4 and 5 it is entirely possible to get separated from your dive buddy... Navigation is paramount.

“Why?” Because of the following including, but not limited to, considerations:

1. We need divers who are trained and experienced in assessing and evaluating dive sites for possible risks to others, and how to best manage and respond to those risks.
2. Like the Niagara River, the current in the St. Clair River is considerable and highly variable in speed and direction; mastery of underwater compass navigation is essential
3. Similar to the Niagara River, good visibility is dependent on the **absence** of heavy rainfall and the **absence** of recent strong winds out of the North / North-East.
4. Unlike the Niagara River, the St. Clair River is an International Shipping channel, and as such must be considered as an “overhead environment” for pretty much the entire dive.

Stuff to see:

Dive #1; Wreck of the Gladstone

Dive #2; OLG Casino Drift Dive (Night or Day). A “Back Eddy” dive. Entry off Private Property, remember to always ask for permission beforehand

Dive #3; Barge Shipwreck and Monarch Shipwreck Drift Dive

Dive #4; Abandoned Municipal Water Intake Drift Dive.

Dive #5; Superman (Sturgeon) Drift dive.

A further detailed Dive Master plan (courtesy of Raimund) hand out will be available at the April GM. Details include topographical maps, entry and exit points and restaurants.

Accommodation:

Chipican Motel

1144 Christina Street North

Sarnia, Ont

1-519 336-4153

Approx: \$55/room/night – two beds in each room – 2011 pricing

Camping (reasonably close)

<http://www.twp.stclair.on.ca/campgrounds.pdf>

OR

<http://www.lakewoodchristiancampground.com/>

Driving Directions:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Scarborough&1s=ON&1y=CA&1l=43.772228&1g=-79.25666&1v=CITY&2c=Saint+Clair+Beach&2s=ON&2y=CA&2l=42.316601&2g=-82.849998&2v=CITY>

O/W and Rescue Weekend – Destination to be determined in 2012

Date: June 9th – 10th (Saturday - Sunday)

Number of divers: This is for the certification of Open Water and Rescue students.

Number of dives: 4 for the O/W students and Rescue students. Certified divers are welcome for a night dive on Friday, the 8th. All from the shore.

Dive Rating: A

Cost: \$95/student.

Decription:

Welcome to the final step in your Open Water and Rescue certification. For some, the first opportunity to see how Mr. Bass, Miss Perch and other marine life live. Also a great opportunity to meet your fellow SUCI members, ask questions and trade stories. **There will be a pot luck Saturday BBQ supper, the 4th or 5th or 6th annual flipper race, Volleyball, live music featuring many SUCI members and a late night camp fire.**

Bring 2 passport type pictures if you have not already given them to your course instructor, your dive log and recreational dive planner/computer.

Each student is responsible for his or her own equipment (BCD, Tanks (2), Regulator, Gauges including a compass, 7mm wet suit, Dive Watch, Mask, Finns, Snorkel and 22-28 lbs of weights).

. Destination to be determine in the next couple of months

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Drift Diving in the St. Clair River

Date: June 16th – 17th (Saturday – Sunday)

Total number of different dives: 5 of various degrees of difficulty. All from the shore

Number of divers : 12-14 for all 5 dives (Raimund, Jack, + the newly trained 4 SUCI divers from the May 21st-23rd + 6-8 others SUCI divers

: Unlimited number for divers for dives 1-3. See dive listings below.

**** Qualifications for these dives will be reviewed by everyone in order to ensure maximum numbers of divers can participate with the maximum amount of safety and fun.**

Dive Rating: C for dive 4 & 5 and A for dive 1-3 with a C diver as a buddy

Cost: \$15.00

Description:

The challenges of the extreme “Superman” dive, the changing swift currents, the physical conditioning needed, the sighting of various schools (100’s of fish), including sturgeon and pickerel makes this a MUST DO DIVE.

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<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Scarborough&1s=ON&1y=CA&1l=43.772228&1g=-79.25666&1v=CITY&2c=Saint+Clair+Beach&2s=ON&2y=CA&2l=42.316601&2g=-82.849998&2v=CITY>

Welland Canal and Niagara River Drift Dive (1) **Plus "Washing Machine"**

Date: June 23rd – Welland Canal & - 24th Niagara River (Saturday – Sunday)

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of Dives: 4 and perhaps a night dive from the shore in the Niagara River

Cost: \$15.00

Dive Rating: A; "Washing Machine" dive will be at Divemasters discretion

Description: Welland Canal Scuba Park

The perfect dive for the beginner. We will do two dives and have lunch in-between the dives. Check out the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9yxFvxLU2I>. The Welland Canal Scuba Park is a beautifully laid out park with a long 200-400 meter beach which we can park on. The Niagara Divers Association, NDA, has maintained it in great condition. Over time they have placed cars, a club made submarine and a guideline, which will lead us from one underwater wreck to the next. It is a sandy entrance into the water. The tugboat is about 150 degrees from the most western part of the beach marked by a buoy. The pink line is off the bow. It does make some turns. At about 5-8 minutes from the tugboat, you'll reach a 25-35 foot man made sub. Continue along the line and off to your right you'll see the first car. There is a separate rope that connects three of the cars. Once at the last car turn around to get back to the pink rope. The other two cars will be along that rope. If visibility is less than 5 feet you may not see any of the cars as they are more than 5 feet from the pink rope. Look for dark shadows. Once you finish following the pink rope, take a compass reading direction of about 260 to 270 degrees will get you back to the entry point. 300 degrees gets you back to shore.

Welland Scuba Park: <http://www.scubaboard.com/forums/ontario-fresh-water-freaks/385376-welland-scuba-park-water-temp.html>

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Dive shops: For equipment rental and tank refills

Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit: tank refills only. See directions below under the Niagara River dive.

Adventure scuba diving in Ste. Catherines

<http://www.adventurescuba.ca/index.html>><http://www.adventurescuba.ca/index.htm> |

<http://www.sherkston.com>

Accommodations: When planning your accommodations remember that your Sunday starts at the Niagara river near the Railway bridge. Staying at Riverside Park campground or in Fort Erie may be best.

Riverside Park, 13541 Niagara River Parkway, Niagara Falls, 905 382-2204

Web site: <http://www.riversidepark.net/>

Email: [Camp @ riversidepark.net](mailto:Camp@riversidepark.net)

Comfort Inn in Fort Erie:

http://reservationcounter.com/hotels/show/126368?TID=sf51BDjkn|pcrid|5861169867&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=comfort%20inn%20fort%20erie&utm_campaign=Hotel+Chain+-+C&mm_campaign=61e23501c3a7666376c173fa44c75e69&keyword=comfort%20inn%20fort%20erie

Shangri-La Camping - <<http://www.shangrilaniagara.com/>>

<http://www.sherkston.com>

Bissell's Hideaway - <<http://www.bissellshideaway.com>. This is the closest but more expensive. Also has cabins for those not wanting to sleep on the ground. Huge pool

Best Western in Welland: http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/CA/ON/Welland-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Rose-City-Suites/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=66042&cm_mmc=GooglePlaces-_-BW-_-ON-_-66042

Description: Niagara River

The Niagara River is a great site for a drift dive, with many entry points (including one that allows you to view a barge if you can hit just right) and good visibility (depending on the weather). Also, there are a lot of large fish to see on this dive. A full 7mm wet suit and hood may not be required as the Niagara River is relatively warm, 21C or 70F, but bring them along just in case. Wearing a hood is suggested for bacteria reasons. You will need gloves and boots because there are plenty of zebra mussels, which will cut your hands and feet. Also, don't forget to bring extra weights (depth is shallow at approximately 30 feet), a dive flag and line, and a dive light (for experienced divers considering a night dive). We plan to do two dives on Sunday and perhaps a night dive on Saturday after the Welland dives. One of the dives may be the "Washing Machine" with a new and perhaps easy entry point that should help with navigation..

Arrangements will be made by SUCI for Riverside Park campground to allow all members to reserve campsites in the same general area of their property. After the second drift dive on Saturday and dropping off tanks for filling, we will proceed to the campsite for our potluck BBQ & picnic. A night dive on the Saturday is a possibility – so plan your air tanks accordingly and brings lights if interested.

Directions:

To get to the Niagara Parks Commission Marina (Saturday's 9:00am meeting place), at 2400 Niagara Parkway, Fort Erie, take the Queen Elizabeth Way West, continue past all of the Niagara Falls exits and take the Netherby Road East exit (exit 12). Follow Netherby Road East until it hits the Niagara Parkway and turn right (south). Continue down the Niagara Parkway until you hit the Marina. We will meet in the parking lot. Estimated travel time from TO: 2 - 2.5 hours. Map below is for the Riverside Park campground. Dive meeting is to the south (right) of "A" <http://www.riversidepark.net/directions.html>



Dive Shops:

We will try to arrange tank fills with the Fort Erie Recovery unit again this year. They have a building right on the water's edge along the Niagara Parkway, not far from Ft. Erie. It's located at 560 Niagara Parkway, on the Fort Erie side of the railway bridge. Bring two tanks with you for Saturday's diving and the tank fill arrangements will be communicated to you.

Accommodations:

Riverside Park, 13541 Niagara River Parkway, Niagara Falls, 905 382-2204

Web site: <http://www.riversidepark.net/>

Email: [Camp @ riversidepark.net](mailto:Camp@riversidepark.net)

Howard Johnson's

http://www.hojo.com/HowardJohnson/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=14643

Comfort Inn

http://maps.google.ca/maps/place?rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&oe=UTF-8&rlz=117ADBR_en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Fort+erie+accomodations&fb=1&gl=ca&hg=accomodations&hnear=Fort+Er ie,+ON&cid=11563549144275648680

Brockville 1

June 30th – July 1st

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Number of divers: Unlimited

Number of dives: 4

Cost: \$15.00

Diver Rating: A

Description:

Galop Canal Drift dive; Drive down Galop Canal road and park in parking area. Walk across the footbridge and enter in the little bay and swim out of the current. Descend and keep the canal wall to your right. You will be swept over a ridge between two landmasses. Once this happens there will be no current or an east to west current. Fin kick your way against this keeping the shore to your left. The current will resume west to east and at a depth of 18 feet lead you to the Conestoga. The Wee Hawk is at or near the entrance. Visit Google maps and enter Galop Canal Drift

Conestoga is a 252-foot long Steamer built in Cleveland in 1878 and sank in 1922 outside lock 8 of the Old Gallop Canal. It is a shore dive in about 20 feet of water. It is accessed from County Rd 2 and Dundas Street in Cardinal.

Rothesay is a twin side-wheeler paddle steamer that was launched in Feb. 1867 in St. John N.B.. It sank on September 2 1889 by colliding with the American tug “Myra”. It is located West of Prescott on Hwy #2.

Directions

All of your driving directions you will find here on Abuc’s Scuba’s website:

<http://www.divebrockville.com/directions.html>

Dive Shop:

Abuc’s Scuba, 12 Water Street East, Brockville (613)345-2800

<http://www.divebrockville.com/main.html>

Accommodations:

St. Lawrence Park Camping:

<http://www.city.brockville.on.ca/index.cfm?ID=193&FAQID=107&showtext=no>

St. Lawrence College Residence: This years prices were as follows: Double Room \$79.20 including taxes. Single Room \$63.80 including taxes. In 2011 the prices are likely to increase just slightly. 613-345-0452 – 60 Magedoma Boulevard, Brockville.

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Kingston

Date: July 7th & 8th (Saturday & Sunday)

Number of divers: 16

Number of Dives: 4 from a Chartered boat

Cost: \$180.00

Dive rating: C

Description

About Kingston and Proteus Diving:

<http://www.proteusdiving.com>

Kingston hosts one of North America's largest concentrations of fresh water wrecks ranging from 18th century paddle wheelers to modern tugs, tankers and ferries. From the absolute novice to the most advanced and experienced technical diver there is a wreck in Kingston that matches your desire. The crew of PROTEUS will get you there safely and comfortably aboard our meticulously maintained.

The Boat:

SPV PROTEUS is a 55 foot steel vessel built to handle all conditions. This safe and stable vessel has the following amenities:

- LARGE 17 x 29 foot open DECK area
- Port and Starboard FIN LADDERS for easy exit
- Two HEATED CHANGE ROOMS
- Comfortable HEAD with HOT and cold RUNNING WATER
- LARGE enclosed and HEATED wheelhouse
- FREE use of ice chests and backyard sized BBQ
(for easy lunches between dives)

Driving Directions:

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<http://www.proteusdiving.com>

OR from Map Quest:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Scarborough&1s=ON&1y=CA&1l=43.772228&1g=79.25666&1v=CITY&2c=Kingston&2s=ON&2a=24+Rudd+Avenue&2z=K7L&2y=CA&2l=44.26006&2g=-76.38064&2v=ADDRESS>

Accommodations:

The following accommodations are available near Kingston (downtown) and PROTEUS (Treasure Is. Marina)

Ivy Lea Campground – in the Thousand Island near Hwy 81 bridge.

<http://www.stlawrenceparks.com/index.cfm/en/camping/campgrounds/ivy-lea-campsite>

<http://www.stlawrenceparks.com/index.cfm/en/reservation/plan-your-visit>

This provincial park has some excellent sites on a first come basis. Sites 106 – 109 are the cream of the crop. You are right next to the water. Reservations open on March 1st at 8:15am. You can go on line 24/7 or by phone at 1 800 437-2233 or 613 543-4328

KINGSTON MOTEL EAST

Hwy 15 (5-7 min from Downtown)

Located on hwy 15 near the 623 exit from 401.

\$114 per room dbl occupancy (+tax)

25 units will not take bookings more than 3 months in advance.

Contact Dale at

613-546-6674

LORD NELSON HOTEL

(ALSO KNOWN AS A1 ACCOMMODATIONS)

Hwy 15 (5-7 min from Down Town)

Located on hwy 15 near the 623 exit from 401.

\$79.99 per room dbl occupancy (+tax),

14 units will take bookings anytime. Recently renovated.

Contact Jody at

613-542-2883

HIGHLAND MOTEL 5

Hwy 15 (3 min from Downtown)

Located on hwy 15 near CFB Kingston/ Fort Henry.

\$89 per room dbl occupancy (+tax), additional person in room \$10

25-30 units, will take bookings anytime and have several kitchenettes available

Contact Andy at 613-546-3121 or 1-800-267-1048

highlandmotel5@yahoo.com

Above Accommodations Have:

CABLE/INTERNET/PHONE/FRIDGE/MICROWAVE/AMPLE PARKING/QUEEN SIZE BEDS
(2/RM)

Morrisburg / Brockville

Date: July 14th & 15th

Number of divers: unlimited

Number of Dives: 2 boat dives on Saturday in Morrisburg on the Eastcliffe Hall at 10am. Pig Roast to follow at 3pm.

2 shore dives on Sunday on the Conestoga / Gallop Canal and the Rothesay

Cost: \$70.00

Dive Rating: Saturday's dives are a C; Sunday dives are an A

Description:

Saturday

Eastcliffe Hall is a 350-foot freighter that used to carry pig iron. It is in 40-65 feet of water. This is a 2-tank dive. Vis can vary from 10 to 50 feet. Water temperature will be around 25C or mid 70'sF. It sank in 1970 after hitting a shoal. The bow of the ship points into the strong current making a dive for C rated divers. There are 2 buoys tied off on the starboard (right) side of the ship at roughly midship. A typical dive involves drifting back to the stern in the swift current and then swimming through the cargo holds (to hide from the current) to reach the bow. Divers can expect to see twisted metal from the dynamiting, bass and pike. Seaway Valley Divers President will use his large boat to bring the initial set of divers (20-25) out to the wreck. He will tie off on the wreck. The boat will be used as a dive platform. Smaller boats, from the membership, will shuffle divers back and forth to shore. The pig roast will begin around 3:30ish. There is a lovely licensed restaurant on site. Seaway Valley Divers will arrange to have 4-5 campsites available on a platform with a tent provided.

Sunday

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Sunday morning the Divemaster will coordinate the most efficient way to get to the first dives.

The plan is two fold depending on whether you will dive on the Eastcliffe Hall. If you leave Friday, I would suggest stopping in the Brockville area to set up your accommodations. Morrisburg is about a 45-minute drive from Brockville. Leave on Saturday to be ready to dive by 10am. After the Pig Roast at 3pm, you can proceed back to Brockville and prepare

to dive on Sunday. If you are not diving on the Eastcliffe Hall and wish to attend the Pig Roast. You can leave Toronto on Saturday, set up your accommodations in Brockville, and attend the Pig Roast with the rest of the SUCI members. Then return to Brockville to prepare for the Shore dives on Sunday.

Driving directions:

Eastcliffe Hall is at Crysler Park Marina in Morrisburg. Take exit 758 Upper Canada Road off Highway 401. Go south on Upper Canada Road to County Road 2. Turn east (left) and follow the signs to the marina.

Dive Shop:

Abuc's Scuba, 12 Water Street East, Brockville (613)345-2800

<http://www.divebrockville.com/main.html>

Accommodations:

St. Lawrence Park Camping in Brockville:

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Lake Ontario – Bowmanville, The Wreck of the Juno

Date: July 21st or 22nd (Saturday or Sunday)

Number of divers: unlimited, shore dive

Number of Dives: 2

Dive rating: A

Cost: \$15.00

Description:

This will be the fifth dive specifically planned for the recent graduates of the Open Water course. It will probably take 4-5 hours in total to do 2 dives so the rest of your day remains free. It is a beach entrance in which you must carry your gear about 200-300 feet to lake Ontario. This dive is weather dependant. For this reason we have set aside two days to get this dive accomplished. Should Saturday's winds prove to be too strong and blowing from the south, we will try to get the dive done on Sunday.

On this dive you can practice your navigation, buoyancy, communication, use of a dive flag and working with your buddy.

A bit about the Juno:

It is an Oak Hull, Propeller driven. Depth: 6' - 12' Length: 139' 7" Built: 1885, Wallaceburg Ontario. It sunk a few years after 1914. Stripped of her machinery in 1914, The Juno was used as a break wall and loading pier for a shore side quarry. After a few years in this role her hull broke-up.

Directions

For map:

http://maps.google.com/maps?oe=UTF8&sourceid=navclient&gfns=1&q=map+cove+road,+clarington+ontario&um=1&ie=UTF-8&split=0&ei=dUauSo_qOtXglAeN17jHBg&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=

1) Be careful of parking, you need to park close to the bridge, no stopping signs posted, local residents are getting concerned over number of divers / cars parked illegally etc. Police sometimes do give warnings vs tickets. You can park at the end of the road. Requires about a 200-300 foot swim & some compass work to get to the wreck, bow 7ft of water, stern 11 ft. Visibility can be mixed.

Waome – Gravenhurst

Date: July 21st -22nd (Saturday and Sunday)

Number of Divers: 8

Number of dives: 2

Cost: \$70.00

Dive Rating: B; Must have dove a night dive

Description

Waome:

“Ojibwa” Indian word meaning Water Lily. Originally named the Mink, the Waome now lies underneath the serene waters of Lake Muskoka. On the morning of October 6, 1934, en route from Port Carling to Beaumaris, a freak storm caught her broadside and left her on the bottom of the lake just west of Keewaydin Island. In about 70 feet of water, this 78’ steel hulled wooden steamer is sitting upright and is still almost fully intact”. Sitting upright and intact in dark, tea-colored water, the vessel's original white paint still clings to her wood in places. The subtle glow of the bit of light that makes it to this depth reflects eerily off the Waome's 78' hull. Penetration of this wreck is possible; from the upper deck past the wheelhouse, the diver can descend down the stairway to the lower deck or head towards the fantail. The cargo doors on the second deck are open on both sides allowing divers to swim through from one side to the other. There are many other areas to be explored on this vessel. Maximum depth of this dive is 70 ft.

This weekend consists of 2 Boat Dives (2 Tanks). There is an option to dive at Bala Falls on Sunday. Divers must commit to the Divemaster on Saturday that they will dive on Sunday. There is no charge for the Sunday dive. The water will be cold - a full 7mm wetsuit or a dry suit, with hood and gloves will be needed. As the water is dark on the Waome, a dive light is needed and a back up light is recommended. Overhead natural light is negligible. The optional second dive, Bala Falls will be the second part of this weekend and will be a scrounge dive for old bottles etc...

Saturday evening offers an opportunity to relive the past and the fantastic view that Muskoka has to offer. The Segwun is the sister ship to the Waome and offers a dinner cruise on board a working steamship. See: <http://www.segwun.com/>. It maybe the intention of the Divemasters to take this dinner cruises Saturday evening.

In the event that the weather hinders the Waome dive on Saturday - it may be the Divemaster / Boat Captain's decision to try again on the Sunday. In that event the Bala dive(s) would likely be cancelled. The fees for this weekend are for the Waome dives only. There is no fee for anyone to join in the Bala dive(s), as it a shore access dive.

Please note that as we are using the services of club members (Thank you to Jack Purchase and Raimund Krob) to use their own boats for these dives - we will issue a refund up to a

maximum of 50 percent (\$35.00) in the event of dives being washed out due to weather, etc... on the day of the dive at the dive site. If in the case that the boat(s) go out and someone chooses not to dive there will not be a refund issued.

Driving Directions:

Provided by Scuba Shack web site. Click on the Waome tab

DiveShop: Scuba Shack - 141 Hotchkiss St. Gravenhurst, Ontario, Phone: 705-687-5879

<http://www.scubashack.on.ca/index.php>

Accommodations:

Hotels: <http://www.gravenhursthotels.worldweb.com/index.htm>

Campgrounds:

- Hillbilly Campgrounds - <http://www.hillbilly.on.ca/campground/rates.htm>

- KOA - <http://www.koa.com/where/on/55102/>

Alexandria Bay / Clayton, New York

Date: July 28th – 29th (Saturday and Sunday)

Number of Divers: 12

Number of dives: 5

Cost: \$180.00 US. Funds will be collected in Canadian currency if the dollar remains at or close to par.

Diver Rating: C

Description

This is the first of two trips to the USA. Clayton (www.1000islands-clayton.com) /Alexandria Bay (Alex Bay) (<http://www.visitalexbay.org/?gclid=CMj3qqzjv6cCFQTNKgodIUvCBw>) is located in the Thousand Islands on the New York side of the Thousand Islands International Bridge about 35 km east of Kingston. There is a toll of \$2.50US or CND to cross the bridge. Clayton and Alex Bay are located on the St Lawrence with populations of 1900 and 1200 respectively. They are beautiful quaint summer towns with plenty of history. Clayton is a US navy port. The two towns are about 30-35 km apart and the state park campgrounds below are closer to Alex Bay.

We will be using two charters, Thousand Islands Dive Excursions (T.I.D.E.) www.divetide.com and Finger Lakes Scuba, <http://www.fingerlakesscuba.com/Dive~DeckII%20Charter%2009.htm> . TIDE will take 6 divers and Finger Lakes will take 6 divers. We will be diving on three wrecks, the Keystorm, A.E. Vickory, America and possibly an Islander Shore dive and even a night dive: The following website has more info on the above wrecks: <http://www.diveseawayvision.com/Dive%20Sites.html>. This is a 5-tank dive weekend with refills available at Hunts Dive Shop on Hwy 12, 5km west of the bridges. There are no Nitrox refills on the US side

Since we are crossing the border and going through customs IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL DIVER AND ANY PASSENGER THEY ARE TRAVELLING WITH TO BRING THEIR PASSPORT, NEXUS CARD, PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU USE TO CROSS THE U.S. BORDER. FAILURE TO CROSS THE BORDER AND/OR MEET AT THE DIVE LOCATIONS WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A REFUND FOR THE DIVES.

Directions:

Take the 401 east to the Hwy 81/Thousand Islands International Bridge exit. (It is about 35km east of Kingston. 2 - 2 ½ hours from Toronto and other 15 –20 minutes after you cross the border). Pay the toll before crossing the first of two bridges. The customs is after the first bridge. Have your cameras ready as you can get some spectacular shots of the islands and their homes/yachts. Exit at 50S onto hwy 12 and proceed west about 5 km to Hunts Dive shop. Grass Point State park is on the way to Hunts dive shop. To go to Alex Bay, take exit 50S and head east. Keewaydin State park is on the way to Alex Bay.

Note: There is an extremely large house to the left (east) on the Canadian side. It is perched up on the ledge of a wall. It is reportedly rated in the top 10 homes as most expensive to be built in Canada.

Accomodations:

Motels: http://www.google.ca/search?q=motels+in+alexandria+bay+ny&rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sourceid=ie7&rlz=1I7ADBR_en . Riveredge Resort and Otter Creek Inn are two motels recommended by our charter captains

Campgrounds: Grass Point State Park; http://www.stateparks.com/grass_point.html, Keewaydin State Park; <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/24/details.aspx> . Cedar Point: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/21/details.aspx>. All three campgrounds are \$24 US and if you want a waterfront site, it is an additional \$6.00. Cedar point is the nicer of the three but is about 30km west of Alex Bay, our departure location on Saturday. Several of us camped here in 2011 and will probably change to Keewaydin State Park, which is about 1 - 2km from Alex Bay

Hotel: www.1000-islands.com/inn and a great package to consider <http://www.1000-islands.com/inn/db&b.htm> . There are 13 rooms. **I would strongly suggest booking early in the new year.** They require a 50% deposit and will refund all of your deposit - \$20.00 if you do not book the dive in April or make the dive in August. Cancellation must be made 30 days prior to arrival.

Niagara River Drift Dive (2) **Plus "Washing Machine"**

Date: August 4th and 5th (Saturday – Sunday)

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of Dives: 4 and perhaps a night dive from the shore

Cost: \$15.00

Dive Rating: A; "Washing Machine" dive will be at Divemaster's discretion

Description: Niagara River

The Niagara River is a great site for a drift dive, with many entry points (including one that allows you to view a barge if you can hit just right) and good visibility (depending on the weather). Also, there are a lot of large fish to see on this dive. A full 7mm wet suit and hood may not be required as the Niagara River is relatively warm, 21C or 70F, but bring them along just in case. Wearing a hood is suggested for bacteria reasons. You will need gloves and boots because there are plenty of zebra mussels, which will cut your hands and feet. Also, don't forget to bring extra weights (depth is shallow at approximately 30 feet), a dive flag and line, and a dive light (for experienced divers considering a night dive). We plan to do two dives on Sunday and perhaps a night dive on Saturday after the Welland dives. One of the dives may be the "Washing Machine" with a new and perhaps easy entry point that should help with navigation..

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Directions:

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Dive Shops:

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Web site: <http://www.riversidepark.net/>

Email: [Camp @ riversidepark.net](mailto:Camp@riversidepark.net)

Howard Johnson's

http://www.hojo.com/HowardJohnson/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=14643

Comfort Inn

http://maps.google.ca/maps/place?rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&oe=UTF-8&rlz=117ADBR_en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Fort+erie+accomodations&fb=1&gl=ca&hq=accomodations&hnear=Fort+Er ie,+ON&cid=11563549144275648680

Brockville (2) Rib Fest

Date: Aug 11th & 12th – (Saturday and Sunday)

Number of divers – 12

Number of dives: 4

Cost: \$165.00

Dive Rating: C

Description

This is a boat diving weekend and is open to **C divers**. Dives will be on the Canadian side of the river. We are diving with Seaway Vision accommodating 12 divers. We have chartered the boat for Saturday and Sunday. There will be 2 dives on both days. Bring a lunch for both days. Brockville host a Rib Fest festival with great food and music. Possible wrecks to see are the Daryaw, Lillie Parsons, Muscallonge, the Gaskin and a drift dive. See the website below for various shipwrecks in the St. Lawrence:
<http://www.diveawayvision.com/Dive%20Sites.html>

Driving directions:

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<http://www.divebrockville.com/main.html>

Accommodations:

St. Lawrence Park Camping: (the boat leaves from there on the Sunday)

<http://www.city.brockville.on.ca/index.cfm?ID=193&FAQID=107&showtext=no>

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See <http://www.brockvilletourism.com/welcome.aspx> for a complete listing of area accommodations and items of interest.

Alexandria Bay / Clayton, New York

Date: August 18th – 19th

Number of Divers: 12

Number of dives: 5

Cost: \$180.00 US. Funds will be collected in Canadian currency if the dollar remains at or close to par.

Diver Rating: C

Description

This is the first of two trips to the USA. Clayton (www.1000islands-clayton.com) /Alexandria Bay (Alex Bay) (<http://www.visitalexbay.org/?gclid=CMj3qqzjv6cCFQTNKgodlUvCBw>) is located in the Thousand Islands on the New York side of the Thousand Islands International Bridge about 35 km east of Kingston. There is a toll of \$2.50US or CND to cross the bridge. Clayton and Alex Bay are located on the St Lawrence with populations of 1900 and 1200 respectively. They are beautiful quaint summer towns with plenty of history. Clayton is a US navy port. The two towns are about 30-35 km apart and the state park campgrounds below are closer to Alex Bay.

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Accommodations:

Motels: http://www.google.ca/search?q=motels+in+alexandria+bay+ny&rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sourceid=ie7&rlz=1I7ADBR_en . Riveredge Resort and Otter Creek Inn are two motels recommended by our charter captains.

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Welland Canal Scuba Park

Date: August 18th OR 19th (Saturday OR Sunday)

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of Dives: 2-3 from the shore

Cost: \$15.00

Dive Rating: A

Description: Welland Canal

The perfect dive for the beginner. We will do two dives here and have lunch in-between the dives. Check out the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9yxFvxLU2I>. The Welland Canal Scuba Park is a beautifully laid out park with a long 200-400 meter beach which we can park on. The Niagara Divers Association, NDA, has maintained it in great condition. Over time they have placed cars, a club made submarine and a guideline, which will lead us from one underwater wreck to the next. It is a sandy entrance into the water. The tugboat is about 150 degrees from the most western part of the beach. The pink line is off the bow. It does make some turns. At about 5-8 minutes from the tugboat, you'll reach a 30-40 foot man made sub. Continue along the line and off to your right you'll see the first car. There is a separate rope that connects three of the cars. Once at the last car turn around to get back to the pink rope. The other two cars will be along that rope. If visibility is less than 5 feet you may not see any of the cars as they are more than 5 feet from the pink rope. Look for dark shadows. Once you finish following the pink rope, take a compass reading direction of about 260 to 270 degrees will get you back to the entry point. 300 degrees gets you back to shore.

Welland Scuba Park: <http://www.scubaboard.com/forums/ontario-fresh-water-freaks/385376-welland-scuba-park-water-temp.html>

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Dive shops: For equipment rental and tank refills

Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit: tank refills only. See directions below under the Niagara River dive.

Adventure scuba diving in Ste. Catherines

<http://www.adventurescuba.ca/index.html>><http://www.adventurescuba.ca/index.htm> |

<http://www.sherkston.com>

Accommodations: May not be necessary unless you wish to arrive the day before.

Riverside Park, 13541 Niagara River Parkway, Niagara Falls, 905 382-2204

Web site: <http://www.riversidepark.net/>

Email: [Camp @ riversidepark.net](mailto:Camp@riversidepark.net)

Shangri-La Camping - <<http://www.shangrilaniagara.com/>> <http://www.shangrilaniagara.com/>

Sherkston Shores near Port Colbourne: <http://www.sherkston.com>

Best Western in Welland: http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/CA/ON/Welland-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Rose-City-Suites/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=66042&cm_mmc=GooglePlaces-BW-ON-66042

Lake Simcoe – Barrie, The J.C. Morrison

Date: August 25th or 26th (Saturday or Sunday)

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of Dives: 2 or more time and weather dependent

Cost: \$15.00

Dive rating: A

Description

This is the 8th scheduled dive for those recently certified Open Water students. This dive site allows all divers the ability to practice their navigation and buoyancy skills.

The J.C. Morrison was built in 1854 at Belle Ewart, and was launched in 1855 for the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Railway Company. The ship was named after the president of the company, Joseph Curran Morrison. One night in August of 1857, she caught fire and was set adrift in Kempenfelt Bay to avoid burning the docks. She burned to the waterline and sank in 30 feet of water.

The wreck of the J.C. Morrison is one of the most popular dive sites in the Southern Ontario region. In part, due to it's shallow 30 ft depth and it's easy accessibility. It is located just off Barrie's Centennial Beach. Typically done as a shore dive, it is a 10 minute swim out to the wreck, guided by a line that runs from shore. From the sandy beach entrance you can snorkel at the surface to the buoy marker or take a compass reading, submerge and head for the marker while counting your fin kicks. Now try returning and see what type of navigator you have become.



Directions – 2 options

- 1-** Take Hwy 400 North to Barrie. Take exit 96/Dunlop St.W. Turn right onto Dunlop St. West. Turn right on High Street. Turn left on Simcoe Street. Turn Right onto Toronto Street which turns into Lakeshore Drive. Proceed about 1.5 Km. There will be parking on the left and right. Look for the washrooms and the large water fountain spouting into Kempfelt Bay. There is a sandy beach entrance between the fountain and the long rock wall to your right as you face the water. The Morrison is about 300 feet out in the bay.
- 2-** Take 400 North to Barrie. Take exit 98/ Hwy 26/Bayfield Street. Turn right toward the water. Turn right on Simcoe/Lakeshore Drive. Turn Left to Toronto Street which becomes Lakeshore Drive. Proceed about 1.5 Km. There will be parking on the left and right. Look for the washrooms and the large water fountain spouting into Kempfelt Bay. There is a sandy beach entrance between the fountain and the long rock wall to your right as you face the water. The Morrison is about 300 feet out in the bay.

Accomodations

No accommodations are required. This is a 4-5 hour dive (including traveling) and then return to Toronto.

Picton

Date: August 25th and 26th (Saturday and Sunday)

Number of Divers: 12

Number of Dives: 2 or more time and weather dependent

Cost: \$185.00

Dive rating: C

Description

The waters around Point Traverse and the Duck Islands contain the wrecks of a number of 2 & 3-masted schooners, steamers, barges and freighters. Ducks Dive charter is available to guests who wish to visit the shipwrecks dating back to storms of years gone by. We will board a 46-foot tug style boat outfitted with a dive platform, ladder, radar and more. Ducks Dive is equipped with a refill station. The waters between Pt. Petre, in Prince Edward County, and the Main Duck Islands claimed more than 2/3rds of the ships that met their fate on Lake Ontario during the schooner and early steam era. A number of two and three masted schooners, barges, and steamers lie scattered around Prince Edward Point, Point Traverse, Timber and False Duck Island and the many treacherous shoals and bars of the area.

A wide choice of wrecks to visit includes: the Annie Falconer, Atlasco, City of Sheboygan and newer wrecks of the Katie Eccles and China and more. Check out the website for more info;

<http://www.ducksdive.com/divegallery.htm>

Directions:

Take the 401 east proceed past Belleville. From the 401, take exit #566 Marysville (HWY. #49) south all the way to the stop sign in Picton (about 20-25 minute drive from the 401), which is just past the Macs Milk gas station on your right. At the stop sign turn LEFT onto Bridge St., whereupon you'll pass the Picton Harbour Inn on your left. Just past the Inn, the road forks, keep to the RIGHT (DO NOT GO TO GLENORA), going onto Union Street. As Union St. goes out of Picton, the road name becomes County Road (CR) #8. Just past a long rectangular square log building on your right, there is a sign on the right indicating a right turn onto County Rd. #17, turn right onto C.R. #17, DO NOT GO ONTO # 8 TO WAUPOOS. The address is 5535 Long Point Rd., Point Traverse RR#3, Picton

Accommodations:

Cottages, motels:

There are various size cottages on site starting at \$120 per night, which will sleep 2. See the attached for more details <http://www.ducksdive.com/cottages.htm>. Their phone number is 1 (613) 476-3764 and email is susan@ducksdive.com.

Comfort Inn in Belleville about 35 minutes away: Room rate is \$127.00/night. Visit:

<http://www.reservation-desk.com/hotel/137960/comfort-inn-belleville/?destination=Belleville%2C+ON&check-in=08%2F24%2F2012&check-out=08%2F26%2F2012>

Days Inn/Ramada in Belleville: \$136 per night

[http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/check_avail?areaCode=&brandCode=DI,RA,BU,MT,](http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/check_avail?areaCode=&brandCode=DI,RA,BU,MT)

HJ,SE,KG,TL,WG,WY,BH&searchWithinMiles=50&areaType=3&destination=Picton, Ontario, CANADA&state=Ontario&country=CANADA&checkInDate=08/24&numberAdults=2&numberRooms=1&checkOutDate=08/26&numberChildren=0&numberBigChildren=0&rate=000&useWRPoints=false&corporateCode=&iataNumber=&variant=caen&id=07845&propBrandId=RA&force_nostay=false&tab=ab1

Camping:

Sandbanks Provincial Park: Bookings will be accepted up to 5 months in advance of your arrival, which means campers can call on November 1, 2009 to make a reservation for April 1, 2010, or for example February 1, 2010 for July 1, 2010. To cancel or change a reservation, call 1-888-ONT-PARK (668-7275), or go on-line at www.ontarioparks.com Camp site fees start at around \$28.00 per night. There are no 2012 fees available at the time of publishing. I have stayed here several times. Very good campsites and outstanding beach. **Reservations should be made on or about the 21st –23rd of March.**

Private campgrounds: <http://www.princeedwardcounty.worldweb.com/Lodging/Campgrounds/>
Eastshore Campark: 1 613 847-7556; Bay Meadows Park: 1 613-399-3486; Bay View Park: 1 613 392-9753

Tobermory

September 1st –3rd (Saturday - Monday)

Number of Divers: 12

Number of Dives : For the Advanced course; there are 4 dives, two of which are on a boat
For the specialty course: Number of dives are dependant on the course chosen.

Cost: \$185 for diving only; \$285 for Advance Course; \$385 for Advanced + 1 Specialty course

Diver Rating: A-C depending on the available spots and courses to be taught.

Description

Reserving for this weekend will take place in the following manner and will only take place after the Open Water weekend in June.

- 1- The Open Water newly certified students wanting to take the advance course
- 2- Those wanting to take a specialty course.
- 3- Any “ C” rated divers wanting to dive for pleasure

This is a 3 day weekend boat charter open to Open Water students wishing to take the advance course and to all other members wanting to take a specialty course such as Deep Wreck diving, Underwater Photography, Night Diving, Underwater navigation, etc... We are chartering the Joseph Simon for a full day Sunday and Monday. Saturdays' dive will be geared to those Open Water students taking the advance course. Saturday's dive will be shore dives. Those wishing to take a specialty course can speak to Mike McCabe as to when the best day to arrive at Toby. Due to the distance, it is highly recommended that you depart Toronto on Friday afternoon at the latest. Upon arrival, do not forget to register with the Fathom Five National Marine Park. The registration fee is currently \$5.80 per day, and 4.90 for seniors, 65+ (as per Parks Canada – Fees may increase after April 01/11). See the Fathom Five Website at http://www.pc.gc.ca/amnc-nmca/on/fathomfive/index_e.asp. You will be fined (and fed to the freshwater sharks) if you are caught diving without a permit.

Some of the wrecks we might visit are the Niagara II, the Arabia, the Forest City, the Sweepstakes (which is on some of our business cards), W.L. Wetmore, and others. For info see:
www.tobermory.org/public/jpage/1/p/shipwrecks/content.do

Please note that the dive shops in Tobermory will not fill any tanks made from the 6351 Alloy (if you do not know if you have one of these tanks – the number will be stamped into the metal near the neck of the tank – otherwise have someone more experienced look at the tank to let you know). This is their prerogative as a businesses not to fill these tanks, you can rent tanks if you have one of these tanks.

Driving Directions to Tobermory:

Visit Google Maps and type in Tobermory. Take 401 and exit at 344 to 410North. Continue onto 10North. Turn left at 10N/89W and look for Shelburne/Collingwood/Owen Sound. Turn right at Owen sound Street and look for Dundalk sign. Turn left at 10th St. East/21S/6N and look for Tobermory sign. Turn Right at 6N. Look for ^n/Shallow Lake/Wiarton. Turn right at Bruce St. Continue to Toby.

Toronto: 4 hours to Toby

Accommodations:

Hotel / Motels:

There are many hotels available in Tobermory – More information can be found at this link:
<http://www.tobermory.org/>

The Coach house Inn is generally where we stay. <http://www.coachhouseinnresort.com/>

Camping:

Tobermory Village Campground Tel.: 519-596-2689 tobermorycamping@aol.com

For those camping Tobermory Village Campground is recommended. For information see:
<http://www.tobermoryvillagecamp.com> Reserve early!

There are numerous motel accommodations in Tobermory to choose from.

Brockville 3

September 8th – 9th

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Number of divers: Unlimited

Number of dives: 4

Cost: \$15.00

Diver Rating: A

Description:

Galop Canal Drift; Drive down Galop Canal road and park in parking area. Walk across the footbridge and enter in the little bay and swim out of the current. Descend and keep the canal wall to your right. You will be swept over a ridge between two land masses. Once this happens there will be no current or an east to west current. Fin your way against this keeping the shore to your left. The current will resume west to east and at a depth of 18 feet lead you to the Conestoga. The Wee Hawk is at or near the entrance. Visit Google maps and enter Galop Canal Drift

Conestoga is a 252-foot long Steamer built in Cleveland in 1878 and sank in 1922 outside lock 8 of the Old Gallop Canal. It is a shore dive in about 20 feet of water. It is accessed from County Rd 2 and Dundas Street in Cardinal.

Rothesay is a twin side-wheeler paddle steamer that was launched in Feb. 1867 in St. John N.B.. It sank on September 2 1889 by colliding with the American tug “Myra”. It is located West of Prescott on Hwy #2.

Directions

All of your driving directions you will find here on Abuc’s Scuba’s website:

<http://www.divebrockville.com/directions.html>

Dive Shop:

Abuc’s Scuba, 12 Water Street East, Brockville (613)345-2800

<http://www.divebrockville.com/main.html>

Accommodations:

St. Lawrence Park Camping:

<http://www.city.brockville.on.ca/index.cfm?ID=193&FAQID=107&showtext=no>

St. Lawrence College Residence: This years prices were as follows: Double Room \$79.20 including taxes. Single Room \$63.80 including taxes. In 2010 the prices are likely to increase just slightly. 613-345-0452 – 60 Magedoma Boulevard, Brockville.

See <http://www.brockvilletourism.com/index.cfm?ID=79 &showtext=no&BusCard=467> for a complete listing of area accommodations and items of interest.

Niagara River Drift Dive (3) **Plus "Washing Machine"**

Date: September 15th and 16th (Saturday – Sunday)

Number of Divers: Unlimited

Number of Dives: 4 and perhaps a night dive from the shore

Cost: \$15.00

Dive Rating: A; Washing Machine dive will be at Dive Master's discretion

Description:

The Niagara River is a good site to do a drift dive, with many entry points (including one that allows you to view a barge if you can hit just right) and good visibility (depending on the weather). Also, there are a lot of large fish to see on this dive. A full wet suit and hood may not be required as the Niagara River is relatively warm, 21C or 70F, but bring them along just in case. You will need gloves and boots because there are plenty of zebra mussels, which will cut your hands and feet. Also, don't forget to bring extra weights (depth is shallow at approximately 30 feet), a dive flag and line, and a dive light (for experienced divers considering a night dive). We plan to do two dives on Saturday and perhaps a night dive plus two dives on Sunday, one may be the "Washing Machine".

Arrangements will be made by SUCI for Riverside Park campground to allow all members to reserve campsites in the same general area of their property. After the second drift dive on Saturday and dropping off tanks for filling, we will proceed to the campsite for our potluck BBQ & picnic. A night dive on the Saturday is a possibility – so plan your air tanks accordingly and brings lights if interested.

Directions:

To get to the Niagara Parks Commission Marina (Saturday's 9:00am meeting place), at 2400 Niagara Parkway, Fort Erie, take the Queen Elizabeth Way West, continue past all of the Niagara Falls exits and take the Netherby Road East exit (exit 12). Follow Netherby Road East until it hits the Niagara Parkway and turn right (south). Continue down the Niagara Parkway until you hit the Marina. We will meet in the parking lot. Estimated travel time from TO: 2 - 2.5 hours. Map below is for the Riverside Park campground. Dive meeting is to the south (right) of "A" <http://www.riversidepark.net/directions.html>



Dive Shops:

We will try to arrange tank fills with the Fort Erie Recovery unit again this year. They have a building right on the water's edge along the Niagara Parkway, not far from Ft. Erie. It's located at 560 Niagara Parkway, on the Fort Erie side of the railway bridge. Bring two tanks with you for Saturday's diving and the tank fill arrangements will be communicated to you.

Accommodations:

Riverside Park, 13541 Niagara River Parkway, Niagara Falls, 905 382-2204

Web site: <http://www.riversidepark.net/>

Email: [Camp @ riversidepark.net](mailto:Camp@riversidepark.net)

Howard Johnson's

http://www.hojo.com/HowardJohnson/control/Booking/property_info?property_id=14643

Comfort Inn

http://maps.google.ca/maps/place?rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-SearchBox&oe=UTF-8&rlz=117ADBR_en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=Fort+erie+accomodations&fb=1&gl=ca&hq=accomodations&hnear=Fort+Er ie,+ON&cid=11563549144275648680

SUCI 2012 Dive Schedule

Dive #	Date	Location	Type of Dive	Prerequisite	Dive Operator	# of Divers	\$\$/Diver
1	11-Mar	Ice Floe Race- Peterborough Lock 42	Ice Floe	"Self Rating" A	Ontario Underwater Council	16/team	\$20.00
2	12 or 13 May	Sherkston Shore**** Sunken Train, railway tracks & **** Must attend if diving in the St. Clair River	"Cob Web" Shore	A	SUCI Try out new equipment. Make sure old equipment is working	unlimited	\$15.00
3	19-21 incl. May	St. Clair River-5 different dives Including "Superman" dive	Shore with fast current & overhead traffic & 90+ deep	C C	SUCI 5 different dives	8 for "Superman" unlimited for 3 other dives	\$15.00
4	9-10 June	Sherkston Shores or Brockville or Welland Canal	O/W class Rescue class	A	SUCI \$95.00 for students + equipment	unlimited	\$0.00
5	16-17 June	St. Clair River-5 different dives Including "Superman" dive	Shore with fast current & overhead traffic & 90+ deep	C C	SUCI w/divers from May 19/21 dive 5 different dives	12 for "Superman" unlimited for 3 other dives	\$15.00
6A	23-Jun	Welland Canal Scuba Park	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI - 2 Dives	unlimited	\$15.00
6B	24-Jun	Niagara River (1) Plus "Washing Machine"	Shore; O/W grads	A B	SUCI	unlimited	
7	June30-July 1	Brockville 1	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI	unlimited	\$15.00
8	7-8 July	Kingston	Charter	C	Proteus Saturday Lunch included	16	\$180.00
9	14-15 July	Morrisburg/Brockville	Charter on 14th Shore on 15th	C A	Seaway Valley Divers Pig Roast on the 14th, 3PM	unlimited	\$70.00
10A	21 or 22 July	Lake Ont./Bowmanville - Juno	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI	Unlimited	\$15.00
10B	21-22 July	Waome, Gravenhurst	Charter	C	SUCI Raimund & Jack's boat	8	\$70.00

11	28 - 29 July	Clayton/Alex Bay, New York	Charter	C	Finger Lakes Scuba	12	\$180.00
					Thousand Island Dive Excursions		
12	4-5 August	Niagara River (2)		A	SUCI	Unlimited	\$15.00
		Plus "Washing Machine"		B			
13	11-12 August	Brockville 2	Charter	C	Seaway Vision	12	\$165.00
14A	18-19 Aug.	Clayton/Alex Bay, New York	Charter	C	Finger Lakes, T.I.D.E.	12	\$180.00
14B	18 or 19 Aug.	Welland Canal	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI	Unlimited	\$15.00
15A	25or 26 Aug.	Lake Simcoe - The Morrison	Shore; O/W grads	A	Suci	Unlimited	\$15.00
15B	25 - 26 Aug.	Picton	Charter	C	Ducks Dive	12	\$185.00
16	1-3 Sept.	Tobermory	Charter	A	G&S \$285 for advance course	12	\$185.00
		Advanced/Specialty weekend	& Shore	& C	\$385 advance + one specialty		
17	8-9 Sept.	Brockville 3	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI	unlimited	\$15.00
18	15-16 Sept.	Niagara River (3)	Shore; O/W grads	A	SUCI	unlimited	\$15.00
		Plus "Washing Machine"		B			