



Newsletter - April 2010

Hi All,

Well another busy month with plenty of diving. Thanks to all who assisted with the clean up at Evans Bay with Blue Wellington and Forest and Bird. A great event and well organised...sadly there is plenty more to do down there. We will be organising our own clean up in the Taranaki wharf area in mid May. After doing part of a wreck specialty down there we saw it was in need of a good going over...even though it had been done several months ago.

The Easter BBQ is on this Saturday the 3rd of April and everyone is welcome. Bring your friends as well. If the weather is bad we will migrate to the Realm after the Easter bunny hunt dive. The BBQ is BYO food and drink but we will provide salads and bread...see you there...there will be confirmed the day before but I am hoping Scorching Bay.

Upcoming Courses...

Discover Scuba: Fortnightly, Wednesdays, 6.30pm at Freyberg Pool...call us to book you or your friends in. Cost is just \$10 plus your pool entry fee. Remember...it's not just for newbies...if you're already a qualified diver you're more than welcome to come along and practice your skills if

you are thinking about Dive Master. Just give us a call and let us know you'll be there.

Open Water: anytime by arrangement Confined Water Training Wednesday at Freyberg Pool. Open Water training Thursday evenings and weekends. Give us a call for more info or if you'd like to arrange other days for training. We can do midweek days if you want your weekends free. We also offer one-to-one training if that is more your thing.

N.B. You can speed up your course and get in the water sooner by doing the theory by eLearning...see the eLearning page for more details

Advanced Open Water: anytime by arrangement. 5 fun dives and no exams! Build up your confidence in the water, fine tune your old skills and learn plenty of new ones in the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course. Times are flexible and we're always keen for a dive so get in touch to become an Advanced Open Water Diver. Remember we do offer one to one training.

PADI Rescue Diver: April 15th Theory then 17th and 18th in the water. The course that everyone rates as the best PADI course out there. Learn self and buddy rescue skills. Become the diver that every one wants to dive with. Become a PADI Rescue diver! The course requires that you have a current first aid certificate so if you don't already have one, we can sort that out too through an Emergency First Responder course (3 hours; \$170)

***Of course The Dive Guys realise that, unlike those of us that work in the dive industry, some of you have real jobs and need a bit of flexibility with course timetables. We are more than happy to accommodate you on this...just ask!**

Dive Trips/Specialty courses...

For more details on any of our dive trips check out In Water Adventures (IWA) on our website...

All trips are subject to dive conditions on the day. All deposits are transferable but non-refundable. If you think you'll need to hire gear please let us know in advance so we can accommodate you as we may have courses running simultaneously.

Specialty course: Night Diver (3 Dives)

Cost: \$295 (excludes torches)

Date: April 24th theory and dives 1 & 2 and 25th final dive

Winter is nearly here which means Night Diving season ☺ The best dives happen at night so get night qualified and you can enjoy them. 3 dives and great fun...Remember you need RESCUE plus 5 specialty courses if you want to get to Master Scuba Diver (like Mike)

F69 Dive

Cost: \$80 (excludes tanks and lead)

Date: No date yet but if you get 5 friends (that is 6 people in total) and give me a date I will organise it for you. The bonus is we will knock the price down to \$70 each! Weekends are best for this.



COOL STUFF DOWN THERE:

Wrecks



Bridge of the F69



Dwarf Scorpion fish
in the Yung Penn



Under the Yung Penn

The South coast of Wellington is littered with Ship wrecks. Some are well known like the F69 and Yung Penn but any good dive chart will give you a whole lot more targets to dive on. The best known shore diveable wrecks in the Wellington area are in Owhiro bay. There you will find the Yung Penn, Cyrus, Wellington and the Progress. The entry and exit point is a concrete boat ramp, on the quarry side, which leads down into a sheltered bay. The bay has a gravel bottom and leads around to the right to a channel heading out to sea.

The remains of the Yung Penn are in this channel. She has barely a metre of water over it at low tide. 50m to the west is the wreck site of the Cyrus, for which there are no obvious remains. A further 50m to the west is the site of the Wellington where there is a donkey boiler and two anchors. 50m to the south-east of the Yung Penn are the remains of the Progress. There is a boiler, drive shafts and bottom ribs visible. There are other bits and pieces, probably from any of these wrecks, in the sheltered bay to the east of the Yung Penn.

The four wrecks of Owhiro Bay

Yung Penn:

Steel fishing vessel, built in Taiwan in 1970. On 12 December 1982 drifted on to the rocks in the early morning. It is believed that no lookout was on watch, and by the time the drift was noticed it was too late. It further broke up in later storms.

Progress:

Iron steamer, built at Port Chalmers in 1882. On 1 May 1931 was blown on to the rocks while un-maneuvrable through breaking her tail shaft and losing her propeller, four crew drowned. Her recovery was botched by the Wellington Harbour tugs.

Cyrus:

Three masted barque, built at Prince Edward Island in 1874. On 7 March 1874 was blown up on rocks during a terrific gale while sailing from Wellington to Australia in ballast. 50m to the west the Wellington was being wrecked at the same time.

Wellington:

Full-rigged wooden ship, built at Maine, USA, in 1854. On 7 March 1874 was blown up on to the rocks while sailing from Wellington in ballast. The Cyrus was being wrecked 50m east of her at the same time. Her foreign name was HELIOS.

Taken in part from - <http://wdg.rexedra.gen.nz/>

Wreck information - <http://wdg.rexedra.gen.nz/sites/southcst.htm#Owhiro Bay Shipwrecks>

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Torches



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We are also getting in 4th Element undergarments. Perfect for the winter and great under wet and dry suits. Give us a call for more details

General Chit-Chat...

- ❖ Congrats to Mike for completing his PADI Wreck Specialty and in doing so becoming a MASTER SCUBA DIVER. This is the highest rating for a recreational diver and represents a lot of

work and diving. He is off to the UK with his wife for a couple of years. We wish him all the best and a speedy return etc etc etc...

- ❖ Also congrats to Jess, Luke, Rochelle and Liam for completing their PADI Wreck Specialty. Also Liam for completing his Advanced Open Water
- ❖ Just a note about Blue Wellington. Blue Wellington is a forum to encourage the sharing of ideas and improve the health of our coastal and marine environment. They meet at the Southern Cross on the first Wednesday of the month from 6pm. If you are interested in getting in behind them get on down to the Cross
- ❖ The Beacon Hill weather camera, looking at Breaker bay, is back up and running and it looks better than ever. If you don't already know about the cameras go the weather page of our website. There you will find links to the Met office plus weather cameras and swell maps so you can plan your diving week.

HAPPY DIVING

