



## Newsletter - February 2010

Hi All,

You would have noticed the diving conditions of the last couple of weeks have been fantastic with all day vis off the south coast. I hope you have all been out there enjoying it. Even Scorching and Kau Bay are looking good...the full 3 metres at the last count!

### Upcoming Courses...

**Discover Scuba:** Fortnightly, Wednesdays, 6.45pm 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. Just give us a call and let us know you'll be there.

**Open Water:** 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.

**Advanced Open Water:** 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.

\*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...**

**For more details on any of our dive trips check out  
In Water Adventures 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.

## **White Island...FILLING UP FAST!!!**

**Cost: \$699 - non divers \$299**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**



Includes three nights accommodation at a very stylish bach just out of Whakatane, 4 dives around a live volcano, breakfast and dinner at the bach, air fills, weights and a great time! Let us know if you need gear hire...half price for the weekend! And, as always, non-diver partners welcome...there's plenty of exploring to do above sea-level too in this part of the world.



**F69:**

**Cost: \$75**

**Date: TBA.** As our last trip was such a success (15 metres viz at dusk!) we'll be organising plenty more of these while the weather holds. **Next one to be planned pretty soon with the possibility of completing your Wreck Speciality.** Call us if you're keen!

**FIJI!!!**

**Cost: from \$1,999.00**

**Date: July 2010**

**8 nights,**

**10+ dives, tropical waters**

**And all the Kava you can**

**drink! More details to follow very soon**

**so give us a call to escape those winter blues!**



**DON'T FORGET OTHER DIVE SITES**



Stargazer - Freyberg Marina

Now I know the South Coast is considered by most of us as the premier dive area in Wellington, and you'd be right. We also know in a Southerly we can head to Scorching, Mahanga, Shelly or Kau bays and Point Gordon. All these sites have their own charm and personality plus an array of wild life and seaweeds etc. When we get that horrid situation of Southerly swell and northerly wind most people pack up their gear and wait it out...I say explore.

Another good thing about diving in Wellington is you can put in just about anywhere. So here's the challenge; Get a buddy and find a dive site that neither of you have dived before. Do a bit of research to understand depth, bottom composition (for safety), and any history on the site, and jump on in. If you find somewhere cool let us know and we will write it up.

Steve



### **Special Offers!**

- **Camera Stuff**

- **INTOVA CP8 digital camera**

The sports person's solution to digital photography. 8 Mega Pixel Waterproof Camera. Waterproof to 40m with housing (included), shock resistant, video and still shot capability.



**Available in store now for only \$299.95**

**+ buy it this month and get a PADI digital underwater photography speciality course half price.**

## General Chit-Chat...

- ❖ First up in the honours roll this week...a big congrats to Mike for finally completing all 5 Specialities and his Rescue Course in preparation for becoming our first Master Scuba Diver! All he needs now is to log those dives so hopefully the weather holds for him. He got some shiney new toys to help him along the way too...congrats Mike!
- ❖ Second up is Brett for completing his Deep Speciality on the F69 and somewhere out in the middle of the Cook Strait (as instructor Paul was insistent they get the full experience of a dark and mirky 36metres!). After his initial hesitation at the thoughts of his first backward roll off a boat (and a few sea-sickness pills) he had a whale of time and came up giggling like a girl.
- ❖ Also a congrats to Brigid (Open Water Diver), Rochelle (AOW), Scotty (Open Water), Brendan (Open Water) and so on...if we've left you out sorry!
- ❖ Last thing...Steve finally purchased the shiny new toy of his dreams...a housing for his Olympus camera. He is currently sitting on the floor of the shop playing with it and smiling to himself and making Homer sounds...anyone wants to take him out for a dive so he can try it out please feel free.

