



## Newsletter - January 2010

Welcome to the New Year...full of diving promise. We hope you all had a good festive season. Two crew members had a good time diving at the Poor Knights. The rest of us made do with the South Coast...just as good. Not much news from here apart from the new day and time for Discover Scuba (see below). This means the crew fun dives are now on a Thursday.

### 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:**

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

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<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: **23<sup>rd</sup> January**. We'll be arranging more trips to Wellington's best known wreck this year, and possibly after work dives as well. So get in touch with us for more details.

**FIJI!!!**

Cost: **TBA**

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.

Greta Point - Was once home to the Patent slipway (1873-1985). There is plenty of life and archaeology to see and dive on. True it is a bit of a mud dive but with depths not much more than 8m it is very diveable.

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**

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- **Dive Guys Gift Vouchers** available for those of you still hunting for last minute pressies...give us a call and we can get them sent out to you



### General Chit-Chat...

- ❖ The F69 trip is filling up fast so if you want to be on it you will need to be quick.
- ❖ Congrats to Jason Howards, a visitor from the states, for passing his PADI Open Water course last week. He had a pretty busy week, cramming the course in and helping to clean up a sewer pipe mess at the hostel he was staying at...at least the South Coast stayed diveable for us.
- ❖ Kim " the F69 hottie girl" finally managed to fit the Digital underwater photography course that she won into her busy schedule. Great photos as well...the goodies will be on flickr pretty soon. See the Owhiro Bay tab on our photo page.

