



## Newsletter - May 2010

Hi All,

May already...we are chewing through the year. It will be summer again before you know it.

Keep Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of May free as we are running the

**EDUCATE to ELIMINATE CLEAN-UP**

with the support of;

Forest and Bird

Blue Wellington

Muzzy Printing

Wellington Free Ambulance

NZ Fire Service

Peoples Coffee

MAC'S Brewbar

Island Bay Divers

And

Wellington Waterfront Ltd

See below for more details...oh and I will remind you all again as well ☺

## 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. Just give us a call and let us know you'll be there, Bookings essential!

**Open Water: anytime by arrangement** Confined Water Training Wednesday at Freyberg Pool. Open Water training at a time that suits you! Give us a call for more info. 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 on our website 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: May 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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: Midweek Night Diver (3 Dives)

Cost: \$295 (does not include torches)

Date: May 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Winter is pretty much here which means Night Diving season☺. The best dives happen at night so get night qualified and come and see our nocturnal sea creatures (like crabs, opal fish, and sand fish). 3 dives and great fun...Remember you need RESCUE plus 5 specialty courses if you want to get to Master Scuba Diver.

## 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.

There will also be a Kapiti Island trip coming up...just need a weekend free ☺...so watch this space for more info.



## Not COOL STUFF DOWN THERE: Rubbish - Educate to Eliminate



As most of you know Wellington stormwater drains end in the harbour. This means anything that blows and falls out of your rubbish and recycling bins, as well as anything that is thrown on the ground, will end up in our Ocean, harbour and waterways. So what is Educate to Eliminate?

A lot of Wellingtonians are not divers so they can't see the trash down there. As a result they don't stop and think where that beer can in the gutter is going to end up. So it is up to us divers to help educate them. With the help of the above people, especially Kirstie (Forest and Bird) and Pete (Blue Wellington), we have put together a clean-up that is also designed to show the non-divers what we are all doing to our waterways.

Location - Taranaki St wharf (in front of Circa)

Drop off gear at 9am - I have 30 day passes for the Barnett St car park so get one before you drive off. Finish with some nibbles at MAC'S Brewbar.

All the rest of the information will come out in an email shortly. We need both divers and topside crew so let me know if you are coming. Thanks to those who have already put their names down!



## **More Special Offers!**

### **Camera Stuff**

#### **INTOVA CP8 digital camera**

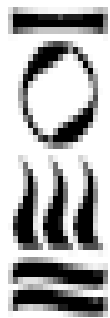
The sports person's solution to digital photography. 8 Mega Pixel Waterproof Camera. Waterproof to 40m with housing (included), shock resistant, video and still shot capability.



Available in store now for only **\$259.99 (Crew special)**

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

....Email Steve or come in for more details



# fourth element

NEW ZEALAND

**Super warm undergarments for wet and dry suits or kayaking, yachting... in fact anything on, in, or under the water.**

**Available in store NOW!**

## Torches



After work night diving season is upon us.....so **10%** off Princeton Tec, INTOVA torches and all light giving thingies...you need to be able to see down there people.

## General Chit-Chat...

- ❖ **FACEBOOK**...yes we are now up on the play a bit more with this. It will become the crew page so.....your page. You can chit chat about diving, swap sites or even get dive buddies. Also don't forget to upload photos (in or on the water) as I will also be re-instating the photo of the month...and I don't want to win all the time 😊
- ❖ Well done to Luke and Jess for not only completing their Emergency First Responder (First aid) course but also their PADI Rescue diver course
- ❖ Congrats also to Kimberly, Sophie and Natalie for completing their PADI Advanced Open Water, and Kevin, Kirsteen and Steven G for completing their PADI Open Water
- ❖ Another plug for Blue Wellington. They will be meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of May from 6pm at Katipo Cafe on Willis St. On the agenda is a talk from WCC Councillor Celia Wade-Brown on the rubbish and stormwater issue. Very relevant to the Educate to Eliminate clean-up!

**HAPPY DIVING**

