

Hello fellow divers!

I don't know about you all but it has been a bit chilly these days. I cannot remember how long it has been since it has been this cold this long. So the best thing to do is to start planning dives and looking towards the warmer spring time. We are planning a great dive season this year and we hope to make it one of the best yet! With all the challenges we have with our economy these days we will be looking for the best bargains. I will get you up on the latest.

## **COST OF AIR TRAVEL**

Divers I don't have to tell you what the high cost of fuel last year has done to dive travel by air. The cost is up very high and there is not a trip out there to the Caribbean that will not cost \$1699.00 for a week. I have looked real hard at some locations and it will be hard to get a better deal than this. Also the scheduling on a lot of flights is getting very tough. Flights are over 900 to 1300 round trip. So with this I am looking into other deals for us to do. I wanted to do a Bonaire trip but the cost will be 1699.00 for the week. It does included all diving, breakfast, hotel, tanks and air fills and a vehicle for 4 divers for the week. We can still do this if you want to. Call the shop if interested and I will discuss the details. I am looking at an April 18th trip but we can do other dates.

## **LOCAL TRIPS**

We have been dodging the cold fronts on our local trips and it has been working out very well. Picking the days of no winds is the secret. Once the sun comes up the air warms up quickly and makes for a nice day. We have done Devil's Den, Blue Grotto and Rainbow River with great success. Keeps us divin' and tuned up. This week Sunday we are doing Blue Grotto for shallow or deep divin' and night divin'. Trip cost is just \$50.00 for the day and as always we car pool to save on money. All interested call the shop to get onto this trip. The weather is suppose to be in the 70's and a real nice day.

Weeki Wachee is going through a face lift and they are redoing the beach area. With this the dive area is closed down for now. The state has taken over the park and I don't know what is up with the divin' there. Word goes they suppose to keep the divin' going. I will let you know what is up when I get the news on when it opens again for divin'.

## **CARIBBEAN CRUISE AND DIVE**

Divers I am now working on a more affordable deal to get to the Caribbean without breaking the piggy bank. Carnival has a cruise out of Tampa that goes to the major destinations. Grand Cayman, Belize, Roatan, and Cozumel. The best of the best! This will be a spring time trip in April or May for one week. It will be all inclusive with the cruise, all meals, entertainment, dives, tanks and air fills and all port charges and taxes. When I get the total price with divin' I will let you know the available dates and total price. This will be one way to do some of the best divin' ever at affordable prices. Best of all you get to cruise the Caribbean and have loads of fun! We save hundreds of dollars not having to go to Miami or Port Canaveral. I will try and have this package all together by the next news letter.

## **CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

As I have mentioned in the last news letter there are many winter seasons that we get very slow. This is to be one of them and we plan Wednesday dives every week. The choice is yours where you would like to go. Weather permitting this week we are planning on doing Rainbow river. Again this is just a suggestion and we are open for other dive sites. Call the shop if interested on Wednesday dives. Rainbow trip is just \$50.00 and includes the canoe rental, entry to the park and one tank or fill.

## **WINTER DIVE GEAR**

Actually divers we do have cooler waters 6 months of the year. Hoods and vests are recommended to keep up the body heat. Other options is the Beanie. The Beanie is great for the divers who do not like anything tight around their neck. It is a complete hood but instead of the bib it has a strap that comes under the neck and Velcro's onto the other side of the cap. Very comfortable and does the trick of keeping the head warm and more heat in the body. There is no fun getting cold and once you do it makes it for a miserable day. We have a complete line of hoods, vests, hooded vests and beanies in stock. Stop by and check them out. Cost starts out at \$28.95. We stock from small to the 2X sizes.

Gloves are another important part of your gear to keep you warm. We have the 5MM cold water gloves and the 3MM for the warmer water and right down to the light duty gloves for the summer divers. For the workers or bug hunters we carry

the Kevlar glove. This glove will take a beating and not wear out the finger tips for a very long time. We stock all of these gloves in the small to 2X sizes.

## GEAR SERVICING

I am glad so many of you have brought in your gear for servicing. This is a smart thing to do to eliminate corrosion from building up on your regs and to assure your hoses and valves on the bcd's are in good working condition. Season will be upon us soon. Be ready and be safe! Have your gear serviced! We are still running our special. Regs are only \$40.00 for most and only \$15.00 for most bcd's. Take care of your gear and it will take care of you!

## DEEP SEA QUANTUM STRETCH

For the cold water divers or divers who are always cold winter or summer we have the quantum stretch 5/4/3 suit. This is one comfortable suit that is designed to keep you nice and toasty in the colder temps without all of the bulk! The core area is 5MM and the arms and legs are 4MM with the lower wrist and ankle sections a 3MM. This is a very flexible suit and easy to get in and out of. All the seams are sealed so no water can seep in. The suit is anatomically designed to match the contour of your body. The stitching is flat so no bulky stitches to cut into the body like the cheap suites. And it has a nice set of rubber knee pads. Cost for this quality suit is just \$269.00 and well worth it. Stop on by to check out this great suit. It will definitely keep you comfortable.

## MINI LOBSTER SEASON

Divers this year we are going to plan on something new. I am going to do a 4 day trip for mini season and this year we are planning on renting our own boats. Most of the dive operators get very busy and the boats are packed. And we only get in 4 dives in 2 days. With our own boats we can dive for the whole day. And this gives us more relaxed dive time without the crowds and a chance to find more Bugs! I will be working on this trip and will get back to you on the package price. It will be a 4 day trip from July 28th to the 31st. Mini season to be the 29th and 30th. All interested call me at the shop to get onto the list. Everything books up early in the year for mini season so we have to get commitments now!

Ok divers this gets you up to speed on the latest. I am promising you a great divin' season and the most affordable. This year we face many challenges for our divin' but we will get through it. The Gulf will be opening up soon and we will be venturing out for more spear fishing and adventure. Last year we discovered many new reefs and let me tell you they were awesome. Reefs like you never knew existed in the Gulf and this year we plan on finding more great spots!

*Remember if you are not out divin' or havin' fun, don't blame Sunny Seas!*

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