

Hello fellow divers ! It has been a while since our last letter and I want to get you up to speed on the latest ! The weather is cooling down and so are the water temps. Now is the time to get ready for our Winter divin'. Time to break out the wet suits and hoods ! But this is a great time of year to dive and the viz starts improving big time in the shallow waters. Now, just to get rid of these winds !

NEW STORE HOURS

This time of year the store starts to slow down. So we go into our winter hours. 10-5:30 PM daily Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday. We will be closed on Wednesdays for our mid week dives to the Gulf and the springs. Saturdays' hours are from 9-4 PM. This will continue until the spring time when we start to get real busy again.

VANDENBERG DIVE TRIP

Divers I am planning another Vandy dive trip to Key West. I want to get this trip in before the end of the year and before the rates go up for the winter season for the hotels. I have a great price for this 4 day 3 night trip. It will include hotel for 3 nights double occ, and 2 days diving the Vandy total of 4 dives. This is one exciting wreck to dive on and you hear us boasting about this great dive and anyone you talk to they will tell you the same. The wreck is loaded with fish and just any place you dive on the wreck is exciting and so much to see. And you get Key West ! A great place to visit with all of it's history. Cost is just \$499.00 complete ! The dates will be December 3rd to the 6th. Computers are mandatory on this dive when you do back to back dives on the Vandy. Nitrox is recommended ! Call the shop to get onto this exciting trip and end the year with one of the best wreck dives you will ever do ! WE CAR POOL !

COZUMEL CRUISE AND DIVE

Divers this is one of my favorite trips and needless to say I just love Cozumel. Never had a problem with the swine flu and their business is just booming ! I am planning on a late February or early March for this great trip. I am working on the prices now and will let you know in the next letter what and when it will be. I get the best rates for the weekend that we go. All inclusive with the cruise, all meals and entertainment, 3 dives in Cozumel on OUR OWN PRIVATE BOAT WITH PRIVATE DIVE MASTER , tanks and air included ! Best of all we get to dive the best of the best of the dives in Cozumel. Advanced certification is highly suggested since we are doing wall dives and dealing with currents. If you have never dove the reefs and walls of Cozumel you are missing one of the best dive destinations in the world ! I know I have dove all over including Australia and my favorite is still the divin' in Coz. This is a 5 day 4 night trip and it leaves right out of Tampa. No drivin' to the other coast which saves on hotel and gas ! You just cannot beat this deal. Past years price was just \$799.00 and I will be working on better prices for this year. Need more info? Call me at the shop.

SSS SPEAR FISHING CLUB

Divers this club has taken off fast ! We now have over 50 members to the spear fishing club and what a great club ! The divers are very excited about their spear fishing here and this past summer season has been very good for all but a small time during the summer when the heavy rains came. But in the 50-80' level the viz has held up well and many fish were taken. Grouper and Hogs were top of the list and plenty of Cobia and Aj's also.

Best part of this club is no dues ! Yup ! No dues at all ! it is a free membership and all we ask is you show up for the meetings and this has not been a problem believe me. Divers who have boats share the ride with other divers and share expenses. This keeps the cost of the divin' down and makes it affordable to continue divin' and having fun. Members get a 20% discount on supplies and we also have specials for the club from time to time. We are planning spear fishing trips when the winds settles down to places like Jupiter where the spear fishing is very good. If you are interested in the club stop by on the 18th here at the shop to check us out. Meeting time is from 6-8PM. Just want to dive? Well you don't have to spear fish. Pay for your spot and just go and dive !

CAMO GEAR

Hot this year is the camo gear for spear fishermen. We now have camo wetsuits with loading pads on the chest. This camo suit blends in real well with the color of the Gulf. And we also have long blade fins that are not only for free divers but for scuba divers also and push you along at very fast speeds ! Included in the camo gear is mask, snorkels and gloves all in camo. Stop by and check it out ! It is real cool and the prices are very good also. I just returned from the annual scuba show and everyone is going into spear fishing guns and gear and lots of camo. All sizes are available and many different styles and thicknesses.

GEAR SERVICING

Hanging up your fins for the season and don't like the cooler water temps? Well divers here I am again to haunt you to get your gear serviced BEFORE you stow it away ! Remember that the salt and minerals that deposit on your gear will eat away at it and make costly repairs next season or failures when you dive. This is life support gear divers and you MUST take care of it so it can take care of you. This is safety we are talking about and not just the high cost of repairs. So get in your regs and bc's, have them serviced to they will be ready for next seasons dives without failures and high repair cost. And don't forget to put silicone paste on all of your zippers ! Dive bags, booties etc. Once they seize up you will never get them apart. Just a little maintenance will save you a lot of money in the long run.

PHOTOG SPECIALTY SALE

I know just about every diver has a camera these days. But do you take good pics? For the most of you I doubt it ! You can get the photography specialty kit and it will give you loads of information on how to operate your underwater camera and come up with fantastic pics ! Most dives don't know good buoyancy and this is one of the most important things on taking good shots. Also the approach to your subject so as not to disturb the bottom or the sediment on your subject. This give you many particles in the water that give you that awful back scatter. The photog specialty gives you a specialty card and goes towards your advanced or Master diver rating. Special price right now on this specialty is just \$59.95. Down from \$95.00. Come in and get them while they last. They will not be here very long at that price ! If you need instruction in the water I do give the class and we can work out a price depending on the location.

SALES

Divers like everyone else this is our slow time of the year and we have our sales going on right now and at great prices. Our shop is ALWAYS stocked as you well know and we are now having a 30-50% off sale to reduce our inventory from the summer and getting ready for our winter supplies. This is one great deal and we realize things are tight out there. So we are doing our part by giving you one great sale ! Come on by and check out what we have and stock up for your friends or family for the holidays and even for yourself ! This is one way to save BIG BUCKS ! First come first serve !

ANOTHER TRAGEDY

Will it ever end? Divers as long as I have been divin' I have never seen so much stupidity as I have in the past 5 years or so. Divers going into caves and penetrating wrecks without the proper training. And need I say more about the quickie two day certification classes?

Two divers down for the annual dive trade show had started a search and recovery team I believe from Kentucky. They went to Eagles nest and were 250 down and 500' in. What are they nuts? Word goes they were not properly trained to do cave divin' and this is the results.

Just last November 2 divers divin' in high seas in the Keys drifted down current and came up low on air. They tried to swim back to the boat and one drowned. One week later a diver left his buddy because he was low on air. Surfaces alone and never made it. Now what part of Scuba 101 don't they understand? All this due to poor training and lack of experience. Believe me divers in all the years I have been divin' it takes a lot of

training and lots of dives to make you a very experienced and safe diver. Problem today is people want everything quick and cheap ! Well good training is not cheap, and cheap is not good ! Stick to good training, pay the price for it, believe me it is worth it and a lot of work for the instructors. Dive with good qualified dive buddies and dive within your limits. Be a SAFE diver and enjoy divin' for many years and many dives as I have. Stay away from quick and cheap !

Ok divers I got you up to speed on the latest. We still have plenty of good dive time out there so go out and have fun ! We will be starting our Manatee trips real soon. I just checked today. Now that the water temps in the Gulf are going down the gentle giants will be coming into the springs real fast ! I will let you know when we start our trips.

To all of you and your families have a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday. If you are out on the water, dive safe !

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

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