

Hello fellow divers !

Sorry for not being in touch but Verizon cut me off 2 weeks early and I could not get reconnected. I am so glad to be rid of them and I don't wish Verizon business or for that matter Verizon upon anyone. Customer service just sucks and they don't know what they are doing. My new e-mail address is sunnyseasscuba@tampabay.rr.com. So far Roadrunner is doing great and the customer service is very good and they are open 24/7. If you are fed up with your IPO then try Bright house.

As you all well know I have closed down the New Port Richey location. The area was getting worse with the hotel next door letting in the druggies and the prostitutes. Cops were there constantly and drug deals were being done in the area all the time. Along with that needless to say the economy has been getting worse and worse. We had a good year but the last quarter dropped off very bad. Winters are our slowest time and after the last year and a half with the failing economy I did not want to just keep spending money without covering the expenses. That is bad business.

I will continue my training classes and doing local and our of the area trips. I will look for another location further south near Tarpon Springs and plan on reopening in the spring time. That is when business just comes in the door and we don't have to worry about not meeting the overhead. Dive shops are very expensive to run and behind the scenes the expenses are very high. I will let you know when and where we will reopen.

Now back to business. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. I enjoyed mine and it was too much fun and way too short as usual. I miss living in the islands. The holidays start December the 1st and don't end until 3 kings day on January 6th. Now that is how to party ! I also wish you all a very happy and prosperous new years.

Our first venture of the year is our Cozumel cruise and dive out of Tampa. It will be March 4th to the 8th. 5 days and 4 nights aboard the inspiration. Complete trip is just 699.00 and that is 100.00 less than last year. Everything is the same. Cruise, 3 dives on our own private fast dive boat, in water dive master, lunch on board the dive boat, tanks and air fills. All upgrades are included along with port charges and taxes. For the non divers the cost is just \$499.00. I know there are a lot of great deals out there today but when you add it all up you don't get what you get on our trips .Fun and Camaraderie ! Plus choosing your own dive sites which are the best Coz has to offer. It has been a tough enough year and now a very cold winter and what better way to start out the year then by going on a great cruise and dive trip to the Caribbean with warm air and water temps. Great way to break up the winter ! If you want to get onto this fun filled trip call me on my cell or e-mail me. My cell is my business number for now. 727-534-5929.

Of course until this record breaking cold weather is gone we will not be doing any diving locally. We are waiting for the warmer temps and then we will be venturing back out for some great local divin'. You all probably did not hear but Weeki is closed again ! Yup ! The state has eliminated all divin' in all of the state parks. No reason given at this time and no word if they will allow it ever again. That is a bummer since Weeki was close for us and a great place to just get wet and have fun and do training dives. That leaves us with Rainbow, Devil's Den, and Blue Grotto. I will also be checking out some other springs to see if it will be good for divin'. Crystal river is good for snorkeling with the manatees but not good for divin' anymore. The vis was lost up there many years ago due to construction and from what I hear sewer problems. So the main basin is out. It is also called kings bay.

Trips to the Keys will begin as soon as the weather breaks. They have also been slammed with cold temps and lots of winds which leaves the boats at the docks. Once it gets back to normal we will be going back for some great Keys divin'.

The spear fishing club we started in September has taken off real well. The club now has 50 members and it is very active. We dove quite a bit until the end of October when the winds picked up in the Gulf. Then we were limited. If any are interested in spear fishing just let me know and I can get you into a class and show you how it is done. It is easy and fun ! And you get to bring home dinner ! Spear fishing is good for most of the spring time to the late fall until the winds pick up. Even though there are some crazies that go out all winter long ! They have no blood !

As you may know this is the coldest winter here in Florida for many years. We can complain about it all we want but the worse of it all is the fish and turtles that are dying off from it. They just cannot handle the very cold water. One of

my commercial divers said he saw over 50 fish just lying on the bottom dead. And that was just on one canal alone ! This is going to be devastating to say the least.

Now that winter has set in it is a good time while you are waiting for the warmer weather to come back to get out your dive gear and get it inspected. Make sure everything looks good or get it to me for servicing. We will still be doing servicing and also filling of tanks I will be set up in a few weeks to pump air again. During this down time we have had the compressor out for it's tune up and also inspection on our storage cylinders. Soon we will be up and running ! Don't wait until the spring or summer to check out your gear. Do it now and it will save you plenty of money ! And these days it is at a premium !

Since we do not have the overhead of the shop right now we will be discounting prices a whole lot to save you money. All goods, services and fills will be discounted deeply. The new sunny seas shop will have a whole new outlook on the divin' industry. We will concentrate on service, travel, and spear fishing. We will also be doing dive training but only the best as we have always done. No short cut dangerous go kill yourself classes. We refuse to get into that type of market. We have always been interested in divers that want good dive training not cheap dive training. After all your life depends on it. In the Keys alone just since June there have been over 11 deaths in divin'. Believe me good dive training is what you want !

Ok divers I think I got you up to speed on the latest. Any questions call or e-mail me. I will also be doing a trip to West Palm in the near future. I will let you know when that one is scheduled.

Take care and stay warm !

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

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