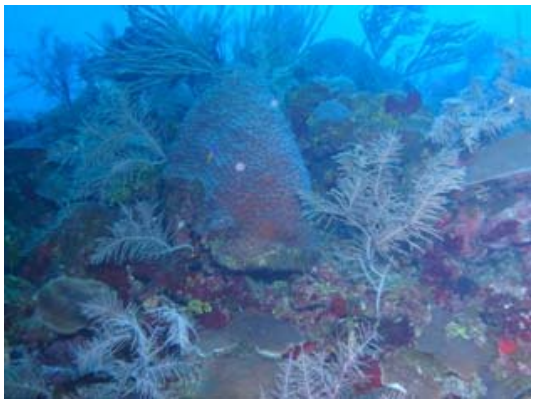
Aqua Immersion

Dive N' Travel Center

Aquatude!

"Winter is a great time of year to plan a trip to a warm dive destination. If you enjoy a slower pace of life and excellent service, I recommend diving on the East End of Grand Cayman. I recently spent four days diving at a small, beach-front condo development called Compass Point. The local dive operator, Ocean Frontiers, is located on property.

This is truly a stress free experience: From setting up your gear before you even step onto the boat, to providing detailed drawings of each dive site as a part of the pre-dive plan, to changing your tanks during surface intervals, to storing your gear until your next dive, the staff does it all. The white sand beach with hammocks and lounge chairs is steps away from your ocean view condo with balcony. My 3rd floor condo was so close to the dock that I didn't need sandals for the walk to the dive boat!



Like most Caribbean destinations, the water around Grand Cayman has so many beautiful shades of blue and turquoise and the clouds seem to slow dance their way across the brilliant blue sky. What sets the Cayman Islands apart is the crisp, far reaching water clarity and the sheer walls that drop from 40 feet to over 1500 feet deep. At 100 feet deep, I have seen the sun and clouds in the sky above me.

This kind of clarity provides innumerable opportunities to photograph the underwater world and its beautiful creatures. To capture some memories of this fantastic underwater environment, I use a SeaLife Reef Master Mini camera with optional external strobe light and wide-angle lens. For a compact, digital camera, the Reef Master Mini provides excellent pictures for any recreational diver. Not only does it provide exceptional photo clarity with 6.0 mega pixels, it has settings for all types of subjects and environments. I used my camera on all my dives and then after a good rinse used it at Rum Point and the Kaibo Yacht Club during my surface intervals.

To me, diving is the most peaceful experience that I have found on this planet. My Reef Master Mini provides me with constant reminders of that peaceful feeling, even when I am miles and months away from my next dive trip. The staff at Aqua immersion can help you plan a fantastic dive trip to the destination of your choice. They can also fit you with all the gear and training that will allow you to dive safely and enjoyably. " *~ Tom M. Columbus*

Tom thank you for the photos and article. Tom will receive a $25 gift card for providing our lead story this month. If you would like to receive a $25 gift card, submit your photos and/or story to us and if published you too will receive a gift card.

If you would like to dive the Caymans, join us January 19 – 23, 2008. Not certified, no problem we will provide training for those who are not certified.

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TOP TEN TOYS DIVERS WANT THIS CHRISTMAS…

1. Rebreather
2. CompuMask Heads Up Display Mask
3. Scooter
4. D-9 w/Titanium Bracelet
5. VR3 Color Computer
6. TEK 3 Regulator System
7. DUI Dry Suit
8. Trip of a Lifetime (think Wakatobi)
9. Full Face Mask w/Communications
10. Ultimate Underwater Camera (the **SeaLife Reef Master Mini** is the perfect camera at a perfect price!)

Travel Info

Curacao, Sunset Waters – All Inclusive packages for as little as $1395 pp plus air until **December 19, 2007**. Call or stop by for complete details!
Bonaire, Plaza Resort – 7nights/6 days for as little as $1224.00pp plus airfare. **December 25, 2007 thru January 1, 2008. Christmas in Bonaire – what else could a diver want!**
Grand Cayman - January 19th – 23rd, 2008 $1025pp plus airfare. We only have a few spots left – call today!
Wakatobi – June 5th – 18th, 2008 - $4999pp includes round trip airfare from LAX.
Future trips… Grand Cayman, Key Largo, Turks and Caicos, Truk (Chuuk) Lagoon, Crystal River, New Jersey, North Carolina, St. Lawrence, Belize.

Winter Time Is A Great Time To Get Certified. Save 15% off you PADI Open Water Certification fee when you book your trip with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

December 20th - Dive Club Meeting/Holiday Party!

December 22 we will close at 4:00 and will remain closed until January 2, 2008. We wish each one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!! DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON WE WILL HAVE LIMITED HOURS.

DEC. 21ST CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

DEC. 22 HOLIDAY STORE HOURS 10AM – 4PM

DEC. 23 thru JANUARY 1 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS. WE WILL RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 2, 2008 AT 10:00am.

Aqua Immersion's Aquanauts Dive Club Meeting Report

Our next dive club meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Winking Lizard Bethel Road location. This meeting will also be the Christmas Party for the Aquanauts. We invite everyone to bring an unwrapped toy that our club president, Jeff Dye, will be delivering the toys to the local fire departments for distribution. There are much-needed gifts for preteen girls. Last months meeting brought together 20 Aquanaut members for a good time. Not a member yet… we invite you to attend one of our meetings to see what the Aquanauts are all about.

2008 Dive Club Calendar – All meetings will be held at the Winking Lizard on Bethel Rd. at 7:00pm. The dates are as follows:

January 24	**July 24**
February 28	**August 28**
March 27	**September 25**
April 24	**October 23**
May 22	**November 27**
June 26	**December 18**

AQUA IMMERSION NEWS

New Orders Arriving Daily. If you have not been in the store lately now's the time to stop by. **Aeris** products are now in stock as well as **Sea & Sea** cameras and housing. We also offer a full line of SeaLife camera products. Aqua Immersion offers one of the largest Dive Rite and DUI Dry Suit selections.

For all you specialty gas divers, Aqua Immersion is the only shop in Central Ohio to offer nitrox, trimix, argon or oxygen (up to 100%) If you need technical dive gases we have you covered. **Compare our fill costs to other locations, you'll be surprised at the difference.**

IT'S DRY SUIT SEASON

Aqua Immersion has the largest in-stock dry suit selection in Central Ohio! Come in and try on your new dry suit today! We even have financing available for your dry suit purchase. Now thru December you can receive up to 12 months same as cash - no interest and no payments! (With approved credit). What a better way to dive. Stop in today to order yours! We guarantee the best price in town on our dry suits as well as everything else in the store. In addition, with your dry suit purchase you will receive a FREE Dry Suit Specialty!!

Seminar Series… Our next seminar will be on January 26, 2008. The topic for discussion will be Dry Suit Diving. Food and drinks will be provided.

Did You Know…… there are several specialties that you can earn during the winter months that don't require open water dives such as equipment specialist, nitrox specialty, CPR, and gas blending just to name a few. We will be holding these classes on a regular basis. If there is a certain class you would like to take contact us and we can get it scheduled.

Aqua Immersion Dive Literature Library is growing!!!!

Come in and browse our books and take one home for your reading pleasure. We have Children's books, fiction and non-fiction. Honor system check-out process.

Store Specials

Discover Scuba Diving …… Know someone who is interested in learning to dive? They can come in and "try it" free of charge. Then when they sign up for a class they will receive a discount and you will receive a referral point

December special - Project Aware *Get coral or small shell Pendant free*

BOGO – Buy One Certification Get Another One for Half Price!

Aqua Immersion strives to be a dive center with the best customer service, quality and lowest prices in the area. If you find a better deal at another store let us know and we'll do our best to match it or beat it! Come in for details!

Ohio Quarry Reports

Circleville Twin Quarries – Temperature is in the low 40's with excellent visibility. *http://www.twinquarries.com*

Portage Quarry and Recreation Club – Surface temp: Low 40's, Visibility: 20-30 feet. *http://www.portagequarry.com*

Lakeview Park – Lakeview's temperatures are in the low 40's.

Gilboa Quarry – Temp is upper 30 – low 40's. - *http://www.divegilboa.com*

Whitestar Quarry – Water temperature is in the 40's.- *http://www.whitestarquarry.com*

Training

- Bubblemaker & PADI Seal Team
- Junior Open Water
- Junior Advanced Open Water
- Open Water
- Advanced Open Water
- Specialty Diver - Night Diver, Dry Suit Diver, Wreck Diver, Peak Performance Buoyancy Control, Underwater Photography & Videography, Boat Diver, Drift Diver, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Navigation, Altitude Diver, AWARE Coral Reef Conservation, AWARE Fish Identification, Enriched Air Diver, Deep Diver, DPV Diver, Multilevel & Computer Diver, Solo Diver, Gas Blender, Decompression Theory & Advanced Nitrox Diver, Rebreather Training (closed & semi-closed), Trimix Diver
- Scuba Tune-up
- Emergency First Response/Medic First Aid
- Oxygen Provider
- Master Scuba Diver
- Rescue Diver
- Divemaster
- Open Water Scuba Instructor
- Master Scuba Diver Trainer

Training agencies utilized: PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors,) **TDI** (Technical Diving International,) **SDI** (Scuba Diving International,) **ERDI** (Emergency Response Diving International)

Service

- Air, nitrox, trimix, argon and oxygen fills **Nitrox fills are only $12.00 (up to 40%) and there is no need to have your tank O2 cleaned to get a Nitrox fill.** Ask about our fill card special!
- Cylinder visual inspections, valve repair, eddy current, oxygen cleaning, tumbling and hydrostatic testing
- Rental gear
- Our service technician is trained to service all lines of gear.

Now that the dive season is winding down why not bring in your dive gear to be serviced and be ready when the next season starts.

Just a reminder if you are planning a dive trip, have your gear serviced first so you have less to worry about.

2007/2008 Class Schedule

OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE (CLASSROOM/POOL SCHEDULE)

DECEMBER

Class # OW1201, 10am-4pm, Dec. 8 & 9

Class # OW1211, 6-9pm, Dec. 11, 13, 18, 20

JANUARY 2008

Class #OW010801, 10am-4pm, Jan. 5 & 6

Class #OW010802, 6 – 9 pm, Jan. 8, 10, 15, & 17

Class #OW010802, 10am-4pm, Jan. 19 & 20

OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE (OPEN WATER DIVE SCHEDULE)

REFERRALS ARE PROVIDED IN THE WINTER MONTHS OR JOIN US ON ONE OF OUR MANY ISLAND TRIPS.

ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER COURSES

Advanced Open Water Training will resume in the Spring. However, if you are interested, we will be providing open water training on our monthly trips this winter.

RESCUE DIVER COURSES

DECEMBER

Class #RD1214, 6-9pm Dec. 14 Lecture
10am-5pm, Dec. 15

JANUARY 2008

Class #RD0125, 6-9pm Jan. 25 Lecture
10am-5pm, Jan. 26

SPECIALTY DIVER COURSES

DECEMBER

Class # ES1205, Equipment Specialist, 6-9pm, Dec. 5

Class # EA1215, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Dec. 15

JANUARY 2008

Class # ES0109, Equipment Specialist, 6-9pm, Jan. 9

Class # EA0112, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Jan. 12

Class # ET0106, Equip Service Tech, 1pm – 5pm, Jan. 13

Class # GB0119, Gas Blending, 10AM – 3PM, Jan. 19

Class # AGB0120, Advanced Gas Blending, 1-6PM, Jan. 20

Class # EA0122, Enriched Air, 6 – 10pm, Jan. 22

Class #EFR0126, Emergency 1st Aid/CPR, Jan. 26, 1-4pm

Class #MFA0119, Medic First Aid, 1 – 5pm, Jan. 27

If interested in any other type of course not scheduled here, please call or come by the store; many courses are not pre-scheduled, they are set up on an as needed basis.

DISCOVER REBREATHERS

Our next Discover Rebreather class will be offered January 13th . Limited space available so call today to schedule your spot.

WATER AEROBICS

Now offering Water Aerobics!!!

Join us for fitness and fun! Water Aerobic classes are being held 4 times each week in our pool. Come in today to pick up a schedule or call to schedule a class! $15/class or $75/six classes.

PADI SEAL TEAM

PADI Seal Team – Now in session for ages 8 -12. Meeting once a month, the Seal Team is working on the history of diving timeline for the showroom, building an artificial reef for the pool to use for photography courses, and on just having fun in the water. Call for more info.

Oceans for Youth Foundation was founded by Wayne Hasson, a SCUBA diver of 40 years and an advocate for the protection of all aspects of the oceans, as most SCUBA divers are. He has put together a program for the volunteers of the foundation to present educational materials about the oceans to groups of kids of all ages to understand the importance of protecting our seas.

Oceans for Youth is a 501 (c) (3) non -profit organization that inspires youth to care about our oceans and marine creatures. The more children and young adults understand about the ocean and the ocean environment, the more prepared they will be to make decisions to protect it. As these children grow and become the leaders of our society, they will be more apt to choose the policies and programs that will do the most good for the environment, having had the exposure to the information at a young age.

Many notable people are on the advisory committee for the foundation, including Jean-Michel Cousteau and Dr. Guy Harvey. Some of the sponsors are AquaLung America, Dive Training Magazine, Aggressor Fleet Ltd., DEMA, PADI, Tabata, SDI/TDI International, AERIS, and many others.

Aqua Immersion has an Ocean for Youth Foundation volunteer on staff, ready to come to your school, organization, or group, to present the educational materials available. The program can be as long or short as you need it and about any aspect of the ocean and its environment. We have had positive feedback from the presentations so far and are looking forward to many more in the future.

"The future lies in our youth and their understanding of our oceans."
-From the Oceans for Youth Foundation brochure

DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR SUCCESS POSSIBLE. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT OUR STAFF HERE AT AQUA IMMERSION SAY.....

THANK YOU!

WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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