

M.A.S.T. Underwater Archeological Workshop and Banquet a Huge Success!

By Michelle Ulrich-Thomas

The staff and friends of Aqua Immersion attended the M.A.S.T. (Maritime Archeological Survey Team) workshop on April 21 & 22 in Vermillion, Ohio and had a fantastic time! We all learned a lot in regards to surveying shipwrecks and creating drawings that represent what we see underwater. I for one was not aware of all the work involved in order to recreate what's left of ships that are abandoned on the bottom of the Lakes! Even though it's a lot of work, it is also a total blast! Just the steps prior to doing the actual dives are time consuming and detail oriented, but the history behind these wrecks is amazing! To find out where the wreck was built and what it was originally built for is cool, but then to travel through time and "re-live" its path through the years is just awesome! We learned where to find shipwreck information (the good, the bad and indifferent), how to apply it to what we've see on the bottom and then the final steps in order to make others aware of what we've seen.

Surveying a shipwreck is a whole bunch of fun, but it is also a whole bunch of work, time and money! Just like everything else we like about SCUBA, it's a whole ordeal! From picking the project or shipwreck, to gathering the people to undertake the project, to the actual survey itself and then the accumulation of information, to transferring it to paper and then even to slates and finally mooring buoys on the wreck itself to make it easier for others to find, dive and enjoy, along with making it easier and safer for boats by creating mooring lines and attaching buoys so that the wreck is not damaged from people throwing anchors and accidentally hitting the wrecks, but like I said, it truly is a very enjoyable and satisfying process.

M.A.S.T. is a non-profit organization formed in order to preserve and protect the shipwrecks in the Great Lakes area, along with educating the public in regards to the historical value of the Great Lakes. Since this organization is "non-profit" they rely on people like us for help and funding. The state provides some grants in order to purchase buoys and hire contractors to set the cement blocks, but everything else is done with funds raised through education and donations, so please be generous and help us preserve our Great Lakes History by either donating time or money to M.A.S.T.

The Night Sea

By Brent Mullin

The night sea is a sheet of glass,
Yet none below
Are so still
Constant movement
Is the norm
Of the creatures
Who live amongst
The darkness,
Yet none below
Dare to go
So close
As to disturb
The nearly solid
Sheet of glass
Which is
The surface of the night sea



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http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Don’t forget, you will need to have your passport to go on the St. Lawrence Seaway Trip in August!

Upcoming Events/Products

Trade-In Sundays! Bring in your old gear any Sunday and trade it in for new gear! You show us what you want to get rid of and we’ll quote you a price and if you accept our quote, we’ll credit your account with that amount which will be good toward any purchase!

Earn Free Gear! For every two people you refer to Aqua Immersion who registers for any class you will receive a \$20.00 credit to your account good toward any purchase you make! For every three referrals you’ll receive \$30.00 credit and for every five referrals you’ll receive \$50.00 credit! So be sure you’re friends and family mention that you sent them when they sign up and pay for any class!!!

Discover Scuba Diving We now offer three ways that you and your friends and family can “Discover Scuba Diving!”

1) We are working with local Police Departments in support of the D.A.R.E. program (*Drug Abuse Resistance Education*) so show your appreciation for the DSD course and your Instructor by making a \$25.00 donation to the D.A.R.E. program of your choice (locality.)

2) Reap the benefits of a 100% return on your next fundraising event! Enjoy Scuba diving and raise money for your non-profit group at the same time. Any weekend, invite your friends, family, neighbors and associates to experience our Discover Scuba Diving Program and we’ll donate 100% of the normal course fees from your group back to your organization.

3) And as always, you can enjoy this experience at no cost at all every Sunday, so call or stop by to schedule the start of your new adventure!

Looking for a place to hold a Birthday Party?

Look no further, we can accommodate you and your children’s friends! Kids’ Discover Scuba Birthday Party, bring your friends and Dive in our pool!

Scheduling parties now, for up to 8 children between the ages of 10 and 15. Cost includes pizza, soda, and discover scuba diving. Goodie bags available for an additional cost.

Also available:

Discover Bubblemaker party for up to 6 children between the ages of 8 and 10. Discover snorkeling party for up to 8 children, age 8 and up. Swimming parties for up to 10 children (all ages - Must be potty-trained).

Seminar Series... Last month Dr. Bradford Mullin gave an interactive presentation for those interested in rebreathers entitled “**Why a Rebreather?**” About 12 people attended the event and had a lengthy discussion regarding the cost of diving a rebreather versus cost of using open circuit SCUBA which turned out to be about the same or less after the initial cost of the unit. This month’s seminar is with **Mark Thomas** who will be doing a presentation on “**The Bends.**”

Mark had a bout with decompression sickness years ago while cave diving and took a chamber ride. He has volunteered to share his experience with us, so come and listen to Mark's presentation and if the weather is good we may even have burgers and dogs on the grill! So don't miss May's seminar at 6:30pm at Aqua Immersion on Saturday, May 19th. **THE SEMINARS ARE FREE; THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND!**

SOON TO COME...POD CASTING!!! Cant' make it to one of the free seminars? Soon they will be available on our website, so keep an eye out!!!

NEW!!! Aqua Immersion's Dive Club...

Meets every fourth Wednesday of every month at the Winking Lizard on Bethel Road at 8:00pm! We had about 15 people attend our first meeting which made it a success! Michelle Thomas opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking people to please try and think of a name for our club. We don't want to lead a democracy, so we are asking the members to come up with a cool name along with an amount we should collect for dues and nominations for club president, VP and Secretary. Presidential nominations should be people who can be at most meetings by 7:30pm to meet & greet and lead the meeting, VP nominations should be people who are willing to stand in as president in the event they can not attend and the secretary should be someone who can keep records of money in and out and events. Dues should include the individual \$9.00 Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc. fee and a little more to cover costs the club incurs along with some to put back for an annual club campout and BBQ at a local quarry. So please be thinking about these topics and email your ideas/suggestions to either divchik@columbus.rr.com or mthomas@aquaimmersion.com and we will vote on the results at the May meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd at 8:00pm! Also, anyone who completes their open water certification through Aqua Immersion will receive one year free membership to the club, so tell your friends and don't miss the fun on the 23rd!!!

New Products! Aqua Immersion is continually expanding our gear line and is pleased to announce that aqua quest publications will now be carried in our store. Additionally, we have added gear lines such as Cressi-Sub, Tusa, DUI, and Ocean Reef.

As always watch for more new gear lines coming soon such as Tilos, Harvey's, Fourth Element and Pinnacle to add to our already large selection including Aqua Lung, Deep See, SeaQuest, SDS, Diving Concepts and many more!



Aqua Immersion has the largest in-stock dry suit selection in Central Ohio! Come in and try on your new dry suit today!



DUI Dog Rally & Demo Days coming soon! June 1 - 3, 2007 at Gilboa Quarry. What does diving dry feel like? What is different about a DUI drysuit? Which one is right for me? Learn about drysuit diving, what makes DUI different and have fun test diving the world's best diving equipment! \$8.00 per day (advance purchase) \$13.00 per day (on site) Price does not include entrance fee to facility. Advance tickets available at participating dealers or on-line at www.dui-online.com. June 1st is open to all Public Safety Dive Teams, Military and Commercial Divers. Learn about what you need to know to be safer in operational diving situations. All participants will be able to ask questions, get real-life answers and test dive DUI drysuit systems.

NEW!!! Closed Circuit Rebreathers now available in our rental department to help keep your cost down! Must have your rebreather certification in order to rent one, so sign up for a rebreather course today!!!

Store Specials

- MAY -

PADI's Featured Specialty for May is "Night Diver" take 25% off any underwater light with the purchase of the specialty course or get 10% off a Dive Beacon or Dive Alert. Valid through 5/31/07

- JUNE -

PADI's Featured Specialty for June is "Peak Performance Buoyancy" receive either a free gear clip set with the purchase of the specialty course or 10% off the purchase of a buoyancy control device (BCD.) *Valid from 6/1/07 thru 6/30/07*

- ON GOING -

25% off Intova cameras while they last

Ohio Quarry Reports

Circleville Twin Quarries - "Sunday 4/29/07 drove down to Circleville for a morning dive. Water is warming up 55* when you get in with 10 to 12 foot vis. fish are all back at the stairs waiting for a hand out. The only other divers down there on this beautiful sunny 75* day was Andy Silverman and about nine of this friends who all dove wet suits." - *Submitted by Mark Thomas*

Portage Quarry Recreation Club - Unknown (Quarry opens May 28th)

Lakeview Park - "There is a thermocline setting up with the bottom at 44 F and the surface at 60 F. Vis was an average of 15'." - *Submitted by Marty Bailey*

Gilboa Quarry - "Capt. Bob and I, Mark Thomas dove Gilboa on Sunday 4/22/07. Surface temp. was 44* and bottom temp at 135 was 38*. Vis was also very good on the bottom ranging around 50 foot with no lights. We were having such a good time we racked up a 30 foot deco stop. Total run time 80 mins. Please remember diving at depth at Gilboa is DANGEROUS." - *Submitted by Mark Thomas*

Whitestar Quarry - Temp is still in the 50's and vis is over 70ft. as of 4/28/07. - *Reported by Patrix Heschel*

Dive Trips

Africa, Sardine Run/Cycle Safari – June 10th - 24th, \$5499pp includes internal African flights.

St. Lawrence Seaway with Joe McCurry, August 23rd – 27th, 2007. If wrecks are what you want then we have the trip for you! Join us this summer for our annual St. Lawrence Seaway trip. We will dive on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. \$100.00 deposit holds your spot! More info on accommodations soon to come!

Australia Live-Aboard – November 13th – 23rd, Costs beginning at \$4815pp (price varies depending on rooms) includes airfare from LAX, SpoilSport Live-Aboards.

Wakatobi – June 5th – 18th, 2008 - \$4999pp includes round trip airfare from LAX.

Learn Here, Check Out There...Do your classroom and pool sessions here and your open water dives in Grand Cayman (or wherever your heart desires) and save 15%. PADI Open Water Certification fee with Aqua Immersion is great but if you book a trip with your training the cost is even better, call today for more details.

We at Aqua Immersion really want to provide "value added" service to our Tech diver community and cater to their needs whether its equipment, special gases or

trips. The following trip is just the first of our Tech/Rebreather/Advanced trips that we will be offering...

"Join Divetech and Cobalt Coast for a truly phenomenal week of fun diving for both Open Circuit or Closed Circuit Rebreather Diving! Non Divers are welcomed too of course! Packages are available for divers & students wishing to get certified. Dives are available at the recreational, normoxic or advanced trimix level all in the warm, clear waters of Grand Cayman. Tek Week is a week of exploration on the deep walls and shallow reefs of Cayman for divers, adventure to go where no one has gone before. Situated on the pristine NW Tip of Grand Cayman in a unique diving resort, you will be entertained both above and below the water in a special setting of sunsets, the crystal clear aquamarine Caribbean Sea, and hosted to a week of diving and culinary delights. This is a fun filled program for diving couples. Tek Week will not only be a great week of diving, but you will be able to dive with some of the leading experts in the field!

We have a host of sponsors coming to the event to dive with you, entertain you with their knowledge, reward you with giveaway items and a great raffle too!

2007 Tek Week Sponsors

- Test dives using an U/W housing and digital video system from Amphibico! Plus clinics, tips and techniques for underwater video from the guys that made the stuff!
 - Test dives using digital housings and camera from Reef Photo & Video! Plus clinics, tips and techniques for underwater photography from Florida's largest retailer!
 - David from Technical Diving International (TDISDI) will be joining you, the training agency for technical divers on CCR and on Open Circuit with an overview of all courses offered and great gifts for you to take home! Plus a write up in Diving Adventure after the event!
 - Pool dives on the field tested and proven Evolution and Inspiration CCR's complete with CO 2 monitoring from Silent Diving Systems – you might even talk us into a real dive!
 - Curt Bowen from Advanced Diver Magazine, will be shooting you and writing an article for ADM!
 - Kim Smith will delight you with the Sport KISS and Classic KISS to do a try dive on from Jetsam Technologies! You'll see the latest developments on their new Rebreather Monitoring Systems. Jim from Fourth Element will be coming along with a virtual warehouse of "to dive for" thermals from rash guards to socks and no buoyancy thermals! How about that – we can all shed some weight!
 - MicroPore, the manufacturer's of the Extend Air Co2 absorbent cartridges will have an ample supply for CCR divers or for those CCR test dives if you want to try them out and see what everyone is talking about – bubble free diving!"
- www.advanceddivermagazine.com/caymanccr/tekweek.html

Stay tuned...more to come! Contact us for more details or to book your own dive trip today with our on site travel agent specializing in Scuba diving vacations - Caribbean Dive Tours/Worldwide Travel. Also, book your next Aggressor Fleet trip with us and save \$\$\$!

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- 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)

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“M.A.S.T. News (MAST, the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, Inc. is a nonprofit avocational group dedicated to documentation, scientific study and education pertaining to underwater archaeological resources.)

Preserving Great Lakes History One Shipwreck at a Time!

May 19-20, Whitestar Quarry. Training dives to complete the MAST Nautical Archaeology workshop.

All Dates are tentative to change”

For more info regarding MAST, visit: www.ohiomast.org

2007 Class Schedule

**OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE
(CLASSROOM/POOL SCHEDULE)**

MAY

Class # OW0715, 6-9pm, May 1, 2, 3, 4

Class # OW0716, 10am-4pm, May 12 & 13

Class # OW0717, 6-9pm, May 22, 24, 29, 31

JUNE

Class # OW0718, 6-9pm, June 6, 13, 20, 27

Class # OW0719, 10am-4pm, June 9 & 10

Class # OW0720, 6-9pm, June 19, 21, 26, 28

JULY

Class # OW0721, 6-9pm, July 9, 10, 11, 12

Class # OW0722, 10am-4pm, July 14 & 15

Class # OW0723, 6-9pm, July 17, 19, 31, Aug. 2

AUGUST

Class # OW0724, 6-9pm, Aug. 6, 8, 20, 22

Class # OW0725, 6-9pm, Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30

Class # OW0726, 10am-4pm, Aug. 18 & 19

SEPTEMBER

Class # OW0727, 6-9pm, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7

Class # OW0728, 10am-4pm, Sept. 8 & 9

Class # OW0729, 6-9pm, Sept. 11, 13, 18, 20

OCTOBER

Class # OW0730, 6-9pm, Oct. 1, 3, 8, 10

Class # OW0731, 10am-4pm, Oct. 6 & 7

Class # OW0732, 6-9pm, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18

NOVEMBER

Class # OW0733, 10am-4pm, Nov. 3 & 4

Class # OW0734, 6-9pm, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Class # OW0735, 6-9pm, Nov. 13, 15, 27, 29

DECEMBER

Class # OW0736, 10am-4pm, Dec. 1 & 2

Class # OW0737, 6-9pm, Dec. 5, 7, 19, 21

Class # OW0738, 6-9pm, Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13

***OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE
(OPEN WATER DIVE SCHEDULE)***

MAY

Class # OW07-01, 9am-1pm, May 5 & 6, Lancaster

Class # OW07-02, 4-8pm, May 15 & 16, Circleville

Class # OW07-03, 10am-2pm, May 26 & 27, Portage

JUNE

Class # OW07-04, 9am-1pm, June 2 & 3, Lancaster

Class # OW07-05, 4-8pm, June 12 & 14, Circleville

Class # OW07-06, 10am-2pm, June 23 & 24, White Star

JULY

Class # OW07-07, 10am-2pm, July 7 & 8, Gilboa

Class # OW07-08, 4-8pm, July 21 & 22, Portage

Class # OW07-09, 10am-2pm, July 26 & 27, Circleville

AUGUST

Class # OW07-10, 9am-1pm, Aug. 4 & 5, Lancaster

Class # OW07-11, 4-8pm, Aug. 14 & 15, Circleville

Class # OW07-12, 10am-2pm, Aug. 25 & 26, White Star

SEPTEMBER

Class # OW07-13, 9am-1pm, Sept. 1 & 2, Portage

Class # OW07-14, 4-8pm, Sept. 15 & 16, Lancaster

Class # OW07-15, 4-8pm, Sept. 27 & 28, Circleville

OCTOBER

Class # OW07-16, 4-8pm, Oct. 2 & 4, Circleville

Class # OW07-17, 10am-2pm, Oct. 13 & 14, Gilboa

Class # OW07-18, 9am-1pm, Oct. 20 & 21, Circleville

ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER COURSES

MAY

Class # AOW07-01N, 3-9PM, May 26 & 27, Portage

JUNE

Class # AOW07-02, 2-8pm, June 23 & 24, White Star

JULY

Class # AOW07-03N, 3-9pm, July 21 & 22, Portage

AUGUST

Class # AOW07-04, 2-8pm, Aug. 25 & 26, Gilboa

SEPTEMBER

Class # AOW07-05N, 3-9pm, Sept. 1 & 2, Portage

OCTOBER

Class # AOW07-06, 2-8pm, Sept. 13 & 14, Gilboa

RESCUE DIVER COURSES

MAY

Class # RD0701, Lecture: 6-10pm on May 18, Dives: 10am-2pm on May 19 & 20, Circleville

JUNE

Class # RD0702, Lecture: 6-10pm on June 29, Dives: 10am-2pm on June 30 & July 1, Circleville

JULY

Class # RD0703, Lecture: 6-10pm on July 25, Dives: 10am-2pm on July 28 & 29, Circleville

AUGUST

Class # RD0704, Lecture: 6-10pm on Aug. 10, Dives: 10am-2pm on Aug. 11 & 22, Circleville

SEPTEMBER

Class # RD0705, Lecture: 6-10pm on Sept. 21, Dives: 10am-2pm on Sept. 22 & 23, Circleville

OCTOBER

Class # RD0706, Lecture: 6-10pm on Oct. 19, Dives: 2-6pm on Oct. 20 & 21, Circleville

SPECIALTY DIVER COURSES

MAY

Class # EA0704, Enriched Air, 6-10pm, May 25

Class # ND07-01, Night Diver, 7-9pm, May 26, Portage

JUNE

Class # EA0705, Enriched Air, 6-10pm, June 22

Class # PPB07-01, Peak Performance Buoyancy, 2-4pm, June 23, White Star

JULY

Class # DD06-01, Deep Diver, 3-6pm, July 7

Class # EA0706, Enriched Air, 4-8pm, July 14

AUGUST

Class # EA0707, Enriched Air, 6-10pm, Aug. 17

Class # WD07-01, Wreck Diver, 2-4pm, Aug. 7

SEPTEMBER

Class # SR07-01, Search & Recovery, 3-6pm, Sept. 1

Class # EA0708, Enriched Air, 4-8pm, Sept. 8

OCTOBER

Class # DS07-01, Dry Suit Diver, 2-5pm, Oct. 13

Class # EA0709, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Oct. 27

NOVEMBER

Class # ES0701, Equipment Specialist, 10-2pm, Nov. 10

Class # EA0710, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Nov. 17

DECEMBER

Class # EA0711, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Dec. 8

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.



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