

Handicap SCUBA Association  
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Mid-Ohio Divers hosted their second annual HSA Fund Raiser and Dive Weekend at Portage Quarry, near Bowling Green, Ohio the weekend of September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Winking Lizard catered a dinner of ribs and chicken the night of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Following the dinner, raffle drawings were held for gear donated by event sponsors such as Cressi Sub. Prizes included a new BC, regulators, gear bags and an underwater camera. A 50/50 drawing was held to raise money for installing a lift at Portage Quarry for the aid of helping handicapped divers in and out of the water. In addition to the lift, the money has been used to train and certify thirty-three HSA instructors and dive buddies from Mid-Ohio Divers and to help raise awareness for the HSA and handicapped diving opportunities in the Central Ohio area.

Saturday's event was well attended by thirty plus people with two handicapped divers in attendance. One of which was doing her open water certification dives, the second was the author, an SSI Master Diver.

Jim Rice, Portage Quarry operator, is also making improvements to the walk-in area at the east end of the quarry by installing a concrete ramp to provide access for wheelchairs entering and exiting the water.

Evan has earned a \$25 store credit for his contribution to our newsletter. Thanks, Evan!!!



Evan(the one seated) and George



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## Upcoming Events

## CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW

**“THE GREATEST FREE SHOW ON EARTH”**



### White Star Quarry Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest!

- October 28 at 11am

White Star Quarry invites you and your fellow divers to participate in the First Annual White Star Quarry Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest. Enjoy a fun day of diving and the challenge of carving a pumpkin underwater. If you participated in similar events in past years, you know how much fun it can be. With your help and promotion, the White Star Quarry Underwater Pumpkin carving contest will be just as much fun. On Sunday, October 28th everyone will gather together at the scuba concession pavilion at 11am for an Orientation. The diving will be starting shortly afterwards. Details will be posted on the website but the basics will be:

- Quarry rules apply
- The contest will be free to any participant who brings their own pumpkin
- There will be a limited edition t-shirt available for \$10 with pre - registration
- If you donate a prize you will get a t-shirt and recognition at the event
- The scuba concession will donate free hotdogs, soup and hot chocolate.

White Star Quarry has already received a number of prizes. Pre Registration is required before October 23 if you want a commemorative t-shirt.

**AQUA IMMERSION** is a proud sponsor of this event. For more information stop by the store or go to

[www.whitestarquarry.com](http://www.whitestarquarry.com)

**JOIN US EACH SATURDAY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL ON THE BIG SCREEN IN THE SURFACE INTERVAL LOUNGE.**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> Joe McCurry took his son Dalton and 14 other divers on a 4 day trip to the St. Lawrence Seaway. Everyone enjoyed 3 days of diving where they were able to get in 12 dives. A good time was had by everyone. But don't take our word for it read below for George Coomers take on the trip....

*“Ah, another trip to the Thousand Islands, another opportunity to dive the wrecks of the St. Lawrence Seaway; what more is there to say?”*

*We left early on a Thursday morning. After a quick stop at Timmy Horton's we were on our way to Brockville, Ontario which is a solid day's drive from Columbus. We arrived in Brockville just in time to get checked in at the hotel, get a full belly at “Buds on the Bay”, and hit the sack to get rested up for 3 full days of primo wreck diving.*

*Friday morning came early; we all met at the dive shop then on to board the boat. We dove all 3 days with Abucs Scuba, aboard several of their boats, 40 & 50' converted Riverqueen houseboats. Abucs offered great service with 2 dives each morning and 2 dives each afternoon. They prepared and served burgers and dogs on the grill each day for lunch. Just a hint, keep a close eye on your cheese burger if Capt. Bob is on the boat. I swear that guy has a hollow leg just for cheese burgers.*

*The dives of the trip were almost as varied as the divers on the trip. Most of the dives were in the depth range of 80 to 110' feet, 70 ish degree water, with great visibility. The wrecks that we dove varied from wooden schooners, war ships of the early 1800's, to the Keystorm, a 256' steel freighter which sank in 1912. The Keystorm is my personal favorite. Some of the other wrecks that we dove were the The Daryaw, The Gaskin, The Muscallonge, the The King Horn, The Ash Island Wreck, and the Twisted Sisters; as well we did a drift dive along the Rockport Wall. There were a total of 16 divers on the trip, a great group, with experience ranging everywhere from rather newly certified Open Water Diver all of the way to experienced tech divers.*

*Just as spectacular as the diving in the St. Lawrence is just the sheer beauty of the Thousand Islands region, what better way to see the sights like Boldt Castle than from the deck of a 50 footer as it navigates the river.*

*All said, the company was good and the diving was great. As I began; what more is there to say, for what more could I ask ??”*

Thanks George for your article and as always George will receive a \$25 gift card for just submitting his article to us.

Next year we plan another trip to dive the St. Lawrence. Sign up early to ensure that you will have a spot on the boat and a great time.

**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, 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...** October's Seminar will be on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Stacey Mullin, our in-house travel agent, will be presenting. She will be speaking about dive travel and, specifically, about our upcoming trip to Wakatobi.

**THE SEMINARS ARE ALWAYS FREE; THERE IS  
NO COST TO ATTEND! SO COME AND ENJOY  
GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FUN AND GOOD FOOD  
ON US!**

## Aqua Immersion's Aquanauts Dive Club Meeting Report

The Aqua Immersion Aquanauts meet every fourth Wednesday of each month at the Winking Lizard on Bethel Road at 8:00pm! Our last meeting was on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We watched a DVD made by Mark Thomas of the St. Lawrence Seaway trip which was in late August. A first aid kit and an Aqua Immersion t-shirt were given away in the raffle to Capt. Bob. Jeff Dye won the 50/50 raffle. On the agenda was the election of our new president, Jeff Dye. Jeff has lots of fun things planned for the dive club. Join today so you won't miss all the FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SOON TO COME...POD CASTING!!!** Can't make it to one of the free seminars? Soon they will be available on our website, so keep an eye out!!!

Aqua Immersion is constantly looking at new ways to bring you the latest industry news and information and this is just another way to keep you informed even if you are not able to attend some of our activities.

### **NEW!!!! Aqua Immersion Dive Literature Library!!!!**

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.

### **ATTENTION TECHNICAL DIVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Aqua Immersion is the only dive center in Central Ohio to offer you a complete line of technical gear featuring Dive Rite, SDS Inspiration/Evolution Rebreathers, and Aqua Lung. If you're looking for certain items and we don't have it in stock we will do our best to get it for you! Come in and check out our full line of technical gear and accessories today!

**Our In-House Financing allows you to purchase your Closed Circuit Rebreather and get trained in the Turks and Caicos with Central Ohio's only Inspiration Rebreather Instructor Brad Mullin.**

Whether it's nitrox, trimix, argon or oxygen (up to 100%) If you need technical dive gases we have you covered. We are the Columbus area's only **tech gas** supplier. **Compare our fill costs to other locations, you'll be surprised at the difference.**



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

## Store Specials

### October special - Dry Suit Diver!

Get 25% off Dry Suit rental when you sign-up for and pay for the Dry Suit Diver course! **Our next Dry Suit class will be held on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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 drysuit purchase. Now thru December you can receive 6 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 drysuits as well as everything else in the store.

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 mid 70's and vis was good this week at 15 - 20 feet. <http://www.twinquarries.com>

**Portage Quarry and Recreation Club** - Surface temp: Low 70's, Visibility: 20-30 feet. <http://www.portagequarry.com>

**Lakeview Park** - Lakeview's temperatures are staying steady in the low 70's.

**Gilboa Quarry** - Temp is mid 70's to about 50 feet and vis is around 20 feet. <http://www.divegilboa.com>

**Whitestar Quarry** - Surface water temperature is in the upper 60's with bottom water being in the upper 50's. Viz is around 20 feet as of 10/05/07.- <http://www.whitestarquarry.com>

## Travel Info

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

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

**Curacao, Sunset Waters** – All Inclusive package for as little as \$1395 pp plus air until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Call or stop by for complete details!

**Bonaire, Plaza Resort** – 7nights/6 days for as little as \$1224.00pp plus airfare.

**Future trips.....** Grand Cayman, Key Largo, Turks and Caicos, Truk (Chuuk) Lagoon, Crystal River, New Jersey, North Carolina, St. Lawrence.

**Learn Here, Check Out There...**Do your classroom and pool sessions here and your open water dives in Bonaire (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.

For all you current and future rebreather divers/photographers - you can join Amos Nachoum and Peter DenHaan on a trip to the Cocos Islands on the *Undersea Hunter*. This trip is a dedicated rebreather only trip and will be June 26 - July 9, 2008. Call now to reserve your spot! (\$6,900.00) Take your rebreather class now and receive a discount on the cost of the trip.

**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. (Book your next Aggressor Fleet trip with us and save \$\$\$!)**

## 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
- BCD and regulator repair & service (all brands)

## 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)

## 2007 Class Schedule

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

#### OCTOBER

Class # OW1002, 6-9pm, Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11

Class # OW1006, 10am-4pm, Oct. 6 & 7

Class # OW1015, 6-9pm, Oct. 15, 17, 22, 24

Class # OW1027, 10am-4pm, Oct 27 & 28

#### NOVEMBER

Class # OW1103, 10am-4pm, Nov. 3 & 4

Class # OW1107, 6-9pm, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Class # OW1113, 6-9pm, Nov. 13, 15, 27, 29

#### DECEMBER

Class # OW1201, 10am-4pm, Dec. 1 & 2

Class # OW1205, 6-9pm, Dec. 5, 7, 19, 21

Class # OW1210, 6-9pm, Dec. 10, 11, 12, 13

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

#### OCTOBER

Class # OWD1006, 9am-2pm, Oct. 6 & 7

Class # OWD1013, 9am-2pm, Oct. 13 & 14

Class # OWD1020, 9am-2pm, Oct. 20 & 21

Class # OWD1027, 9am-2pm, Oct. 27 & 28

### ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER COURSES

#### OCTOBER

Class # AOW1013, 10am - 5pm, Oct. 13 & 14

Class # AOW1020, 10am - 5pm, Oct. 20 & 21

### RESCUE DIVER COURSES

#### OCTOBER

Class # RD1013, Lecture: 2-6pm on Oct. 13, Dives: 10-2pm on Oct. 14 & 21

### SPECIALTY DIVER COURSES

#### OCTOBER

Class # DS1013, Dry Suit Diver, 2-5pm, Oct. 13

Class # EA1027, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Oct. 27

#### NOVEMBER

Class # ES1110, Equipment Specialist, 10-2pm, Nov. 10

Class # EA1117, Enriched Air, 10am-2pm, Nov. 17

#### DECEMBER

Class # EA1208, 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.*

### DISCOVER REBREATHERS

Our next Discover Rebreather class will be offered October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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. Classes are filling up fast so 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. The next mission is on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

**A Few of Our Favorite Links:** (send us some of your favorites so we can share them!)

<http://www.ohiomast.org/>

<http://www.ocssdi.org/>

<http://www.padi.com/padi/default.aspx>

<http://www.scubafest.org/>

<http://www.eriewrecks.com/>

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're planning a dive trip, have your gear serviced first so you have less to worry about.



We now have an [Oceans for Youth Foundation](#) Volunteer on staff. Call and schedule a visit for your school or other organization. These presentations are for ages 5 and up.

#### **WHAT'S COMING NEXT MONTH.....**

OUR TEAM WILL BE GOING TO ORLANDO AT THE END OF OCTOBER TO ATTEND THE **DEMA** CONVENTION. NEXT MONTH WE WILL TELL YOU WHAT ALL IS NEW AND EXCITING COMING TO THE SCUBA INDUSTRY.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THAT MEANS..... THE GUYS ARE WORKING – **THE AFTER THANKSGIVING SALE!!!!!!!** MAKE YOUR LIST NOW AND WE WILL HELP YOUR LOVED ONES GET THE RIGHT GIFT FOR YOU!

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Monday through Friday 10am - 8pm  
Saturday 10am - 6pm  
Sunday 1pm - 6pm