

Scuba Diving in Negril, Jamaica- August 2008

Nearly eighteen hours after earning my open water scuba diving certification through Aqua Immersion, I found myself anticipating my first dive in the beautiful waters surrounding Jamaica.

Although I was slightly nervous with anticipation, my overwhelming excitement trumped my nerves as we set out on the rustling waves.

After suiting up and preparing our equipment, we set sail on the pristine North Atlantic Ocean. The 20-minute cruise to the dive site permitted me to absorb the pure serenity and majesty of the waters while simultaneously sparking my curiosity of what we would discover underneath the surface. This mystery was soon uncovered as we descended sixty feet encountering many tropical sea life, including coral, squirrel fish, neon gobies, parrot fish, a snake eel, angel fish, lobsters, a sting ray, and- saving the best for last- two nurse sharks!

To be less than ten feet from two live sharks was an amazing experience! Interestingly, they appeared to be unaffected by their human observers. What made the situation more frightful was the fact that the two sharks were family- one being the baby- making the encounter more intimate, yet also more dangerous. Needless to say, seeing the sharks and the sting ray were two of the highlights of my scuba diving escapade.

Even though the Jamaican waters were gorgeous and observing life in the ocean was incredible, I missed the up close and personal interaction I had during my very first diving experience swimming along side the many friendly blue gill in the Circleville Twin Quarries. It was amazing to have the blue gill look me right in the eye merely inches from my face! They appeared to have no fear and seemed to be just as curious of me as I was of them. As it was in the ocean, it was an honor to be a part of their territory.

So, I will conclude by thanking new friends at Aqua Immersion for a job well done. A big thank you goes to both Joe and Melissa for their patience, understanding, sense of humor, and wonderful personalities! All of this made my learning experience great. I have already made memories that will remain with me for a lifetime. I hope to continue to make diving memories and friends along the way. All in all, my diving trip in Jamaica was truly unforgettable! I plan to take more vacations in the future where I will apply my knowledge and lessons learned through the awesome staff at Aqua Immersion.

~Holly C.



Thanks Holly for the wonderful story from your trip to Jamaica. We are glad you had such a wonderful experience.

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Travel Info

Tahiti – September 6th – 13th, 2008 - \$3995 includes airfare from LAX

St. Lucia – September 20th – 27th, 2008 - \$1749pp Call today!

Grand Cayman – March 21st – 28th, 2009 - \$1838pp. Call today to reserve your spot for Spring Break 2009

Future trips... Grand Cayman, Key Largo, Turks and Caicos, Truk (Chuuk) Lagoon - 2009, Crystal River, New Jersey, North Carolina, Belize.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

September 1 - Labor Day

September 15 - Put-In-Bay Clean-Up

September 25 - Dive Club Meeting

Aqua Immersion's Aquanauts Dive Club Meeting Report

Our next dive club meeting will be on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 25th at 7:00 pm at the Winking Lizard - Bethel Road location. If you have not attended one of our meetings we invite you to do so. We have a great time - Good Food, Good Drinks and Good Friends. The dive club has there own website so we invite you to send over your club pictures or trip pictures and we will add them to the site. The website address is <http://aiaquanauts.angelfire.com>

2008 Dive Club Calendar - All meetings are 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 20
June 26	December 18

Store News...

SEPTEMBER Special – Buy one specialty at regular price get a second one for half price. AOW only \$179 (Course materials not included).

We would like to introduce the following new employees to the Aqua Immersion family...



Dan Cutlip - Dan joins our staff as a sales coordinator. Dan has many dives under his belt and will soon start training as a divemaster. We are glad to have Dan working with us.



Scottye Cash - Scottye joins us as an Instructor. We are excited to have Scottye as an instructor.



Keith Striblin - Keith recently joined us as an Assistant Instructor. Keith is an avid diver and has traveled to many exotic dive destinations.

HELP WANTED - We are looking for Instructors who want to stay busy. Not an Instructor yet - sign up for the IDC and come talk with Joe. We are also accepting applications for retail sales - experience preferred. Swim Instructors needed. Call today to talk with Melissa or stop by the store.

Ohio Quarry Reports -

Circleville Twin Quarries - Temperature was 75. The fresh water jellyfish are back! <http://www.twinquarries.com>

Portage Quarry and Recreation Club - Surface temp: Low 70's, Visibility: 35 feet. <http://www.portagequarry.com>

Lakeview Park - Lakeview's temperatures are in the upper 70's with visibility between 10-20feet. <http://www.lakeviewrvpark.net.com>

Gilboa Quarry - Temp is 78 at the surface with 40 ft. visibility. <http://www.divegilboa.com>.

Whitestar Quarry - Water temperature was 70 on the surface 57 bottom temp and visibility @ 20ffw is 45 - 55ft.- <http://www.whitestarquarry.com>

TUESDAY NIGHT DIVES @ CIRCLEVILLE -

Join Jeff and the rest of the guys at Circleville on Tuesday nights for the Tuesday Night Dives. First group goes in around 5:00pm and the second group enters the water at 6:00pm. If you need a buddy or directions just ask.

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 \$14.00 (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 including drysuits
- Our service technicians are trained to service all lines of gear.

Dive Season has begun – have you had your gear serviced yet.

2008 Class Schedule

DISCOVER SCUBA

Discover Scuba Diving Know someone who is interested in learning to dive? They can come in and “try it” for a minimal fee. Then when they sign up for a class they will receive a discount and you will receive a referral point.

SEPTEMBER 11, 29

OCTOBER 5, 15, 19

ALSO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE (CLASSROOM/POOL SCHEDULE)

SEPTEMBER 2008

CLASS #OWQS080906 SEPTEMBER 6 & 7 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS #OW080910 SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24, OCT1 6:00PM-9:00PM

CLASS #OWQS080913 SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS #OWT080916 SEPTEMBER 16,18,23&26 6:00PM- 9:00PM

CLASS #OWQS080920 SEPTEMBER 20 & 21 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS #OWQS080927 SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 10:00AM- 4:00PM

OCTOBER 2008

CLASS # OWT081001 OCTOBER 1, 6, 8 & 13 6:00PM- 9:00PM

CLASS #OWQS081004 OCTOBER 4 & 5 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS #OW081009 OCTOBER 9, 16, 20, 27 6:00PM-9:00PM

CLASS #OWQS081011 OCTOBER 11 & 12 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS # OWT081014 OCTOBER 14,15,21,& 22 6:00PM- 9:00PM

CLASS #OWQS081018 OCTOBER 18 & 19 10:00AM-4:00PM

CLASS #OWQS081025 OCTOBER 25 & 26 10:00AM-4:00PM

OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE (OPEN WATER DIVE SCHEDULE)

SEPTEMBER 2008

DIVES 1 & 2 SEPTEMBER 6,13,20,27 CIRCLEVILLE @ 9:00AM

DIVES 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 7,14,21,28 CIRCLEVILLE @ 9:00AM

OCTOBER 2008

DIVES 1 & 2 OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25 CIRCLEVILLE @ 9:00AM

DIVES 3 & 4 OCTOBER 5, 12, 19, 26 CIRCLEVILLE @ 9:00AM

ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER COURSES**SEPTEMBER 2008**

CLASS #AOW080913 SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 9:00AM

CLASS #AOW080927 SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 9:00AM

OCTOBER 2008

CLASS #AOW081004 OCTOBER 4 & 5 9:00AM

CLASS #AOW081018 OCTOBER 18 & 19 9:00AM

RESCUE DIVER COURSES**SEPTEMBER 2008**

CLASS #RD080912 SEPTEMBER 12 LECTURE 6:00-9:00PM

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14 DIVES 10AM - 5PM

CLASS #RD080912 SEPTEMBER 26 LECTURE 6:00-9:00PM

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 DIVES 10AM - 5PM

OCTOBER 2008

CLASS #RD081010 OCTOBER 10 LECTURE 6:00-9:00PM

OCTOBER 11 & 12 DIVES 10AM - 5PM

CLASS #RD081024 OCTOBER 24 LECTURE 6:00-9:00PM

OCTOBER 25 & 26 DIVES 10AM - 5PM

SPECIALTY DIVER COURSES**SEPTEMBER 2008**

CLASS #PK080903 Peak Performance, September 3, 6 - 9pm

CLASS #EA080905 Enriched Air, September 5, 6 - 9pm

CLASS #WD080909 Wreck Diver, September 9, 6pm

CLASS #ES080913 Equip. Spec., September 13, 6 - 9pm

CLASS #EFR080915 EFR, September 15, 6 - 9pm

CLASS #EA080919 Enriched Air, September 19, 6 - 9pm

CLASS #EFR080929 EFR, September 29, 6 - 9pm

OCTOBER 2008

CLASS #WD081003 Wreck Diver, October 3, 6pm

CLASS #ND081007 Night Diver, October 7, 6pm

CLASS #WD081017 Wreck Diver, October 17, 6pm

CLASS #GB081019 TDI Gas Blending, October 19, 1pm

CLASS #ND081022 Night Diver, October 22, 6pm

CLASS #EA081029 Enriched Air, October 29, 6pm

CLASS #EFR081030 EFR, October 30, 6pm

*If interested in a course not scheduled here, please call or come by the store; many courses are not pre-scheduled and are set up on an as needed basis.***DISCOVER REBREATHERS****Our Discover Rebreather class can accommodate your schedule. Limited space available so call today to schedule your spot.****ARTHRITIS FITNESS****SEPTEMBER 2008**

SEPTEMBER 3, 5, 11, 12, 15, 19, 22, 23, 29, 30

OCTOBER 2008

OCTOBER 1, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 20, 24, 27, 28

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 information.**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER.....****PADI Specialty of the Month – Night Diver – receive 10% off any light when you sign up and pay for any class.****Dive Club Meeting – October 23****October 31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

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