



Ontario Underwater Explorers SCUBA Club

“Safety and Fun in Diving Since 1965”

2019 DIVE SCHEDULE - FINAL Jan 14, 2019

Dive SignUp Night - Thursday Feb 21st, 7:30 P.M.

Etobicoke Olympium

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2019 DIVE SCHEDULE

The Ontario Underwater Explorers SCUBA Club dive schedule is published to provide assistance for our members to plan the diving during the year.

Please read, understand, and agree to the [Dive Charter Cancellation Policy](#) before booking any event.

There are timing and financial obligations that need to be met leading up to the actual date of the events. These include deposits to secure a spot and final payments.

Know your limits and dive within it.

DIVE ORGANIZATION

Dive Director is an elected member of the Club Executive who prepares and publishes the schedule, maintains the contact with the dive charter operators, and engages the Dive Coordinators.

Dive Coordinator is one of the Club members attending the dive charter that ensures the dive sheets are available and filled, safety equipment is available and any outstanding balance is collected. At the discretion of the Dive Coordinator and the Dive Director, the club's safety equipment does not have to be taken to the dive when the operator provides their own.

Buddy system divers dive in buddy pairs, following the regular safety practice. If the number of divers for a particular dive is odd, a group of three divers may form a dive team.

Individual Divers dive within the limits of their training, experience and comfort. Any diver may decide to withdraw participation of his/her dive at any time, for any reason.

DIVE CHARTER CANCELLATION POLICY

Deposits

The prescribed deposit is due when booking a dive charter. The Dive Director will set the amount of the deposit. This deposit is used by the Club to secure the dive charter with an operator. These deposits are normally collected at Dive SignUp night early in the season.

The deposit will be per person/per day when booking the dive charter.

This deposit secures your spot for the dive charter and commits you to the event unless a cancellation of the charter occurs.

Outstanding Balance

The outstanding balance on the price of the dive charter is due 14 days prior to the event to confirm your spot.

Cancellation By Member

In the case of a member cancellation, the member is responsible for the full price of the dive charter due at the time of cancellation.

- The Deposit amount is due up to 14 days prior to the dive.
- The Outstanding Balance amount is due from that time on.

This responsibility may be transferred to a substitute member, should the member secure one.

This responsibility MAY be waived at the discretion of the Club Executive, partially or in full if the member cancellation; does not result in unused spots on the dive charter and/or is a consequence of unforeseen circumstances (such as, but not limited to: a broken limb, an unforeseen illness, or a death in the family).

Under no circumstances will a refund be given. Any monies collected or due will be applied to another dive charter you have booked or your membership fees for the year.

Club Dive Charter Pricing

The per person price for the dive charter is determined by calculating the total cost for the dive charter divided by the maximum number of divers allowed by the operator minus two.

Example: Total cost of dive charter \$600. Maximum divers 6. Charter price will be $(\$600/(6-2)) = \150 .

Pricing of dive charters may change due to certain operators' fuel charges and depending on distance travelled to specific dive sites.

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION

OPEN WATER / ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

The Advanced Open Water Diver (AOW) is now the second level qualification in the American system, following the Open Water Diver qualification (OW).

The [OW diver is described by the PADI organization](#), divers gain basic knowledge of skills, equipment and theory for diving to a recommended depth of about 18 metres (60 ft).

The [AOW diver is described by the PADI organization](#) as refining these skills, allowing the diver to explore a broader variety of diving to the [recreational SCUBA diving maximum depth of 40 metres \(130 ft\)](#).

[Critics point](#) out that the AOW diver course consists of a single navigation dive, a single deeper dive and a choice of three "adventure" dives whose primary purpose, these critics feel, is to provide an opportunity to sell the student a specialty course rather than to impart any particular level of competence in a new activity.

Prior to entering an AOW diver equivalent course, some organizations have logged dives prerequisites. The course usually contains some mandatory dives and knowledge while a certain portion of the course consists of free elective topics such as drift diving or search and recovery.

TECHNICAL DIVER

PADI, the largest recreational diver training agency in North America, [defines technical diving](#) as "diving other than conventional commercial or recreational diving that takes divers beyond recreational diving limits.

It is further defined as an activity that includes one or more of the following: diving beyond 40 meters/130 feet, required stage decompression, diving in an overhead environment beyond 130 linear feet from the surface, accelerated stage decompression and/or the use of multiple gas mixtures in a single dive."

Club Schedule At A Glance

Thursday February 21st. 7:30 pm Dive SignUp Night. Etobicoke Olympium Committee Room.

At the Dive SignUp meetings you will be asked to provide a deposit of \$40.00 per day for each of the charters you sign up for.

Persons interested in taking the role of Dive Coordinator for a given dive charter will be appreciated. See the [checklist to help the Dive Coordinator](#) (later in this document).

Another source of information on diving in Ontario may be found at the [Ontario Underwater Council site](#).

Dates	Location	
May 25th	Lake Huron	Wexford shipwreck
June 8th 9th	Ontario. Sarnia. Lake St. Clair	St. Clair river drift dives
June 22nd to June 29th	New Brunswick. Deer Island	Canadian salt water dives
Jul 6th 7th	Ontario. Kingston	Kingston shipwrecks
July 20th 21st	Ontario. Georgian Bay	Penetanguishine wrecks
August 10th	Ontario. Port Dalhousie	Tiller wreck
August 24th 25th	Ontario. Tobermory	Tobermory wrecks and dives
September 7th 8th	Ontario. Brockville	Brockville wrecks and dives

**Executive,
Ontario Underwater Explorers SCUBA Club**

The Club Diving

Lake Huron - Wexford Shipwreck		Number of Days: 01
Date(s): Sat May 25, 2019	Price: \$ 95.00 per day	Number of Divers: 8
Level: Openwater	Maximum Depth: 70 feet	Type: Boat
<p>The Wexford with Fully Tek Charters. Info https://divertrek.com/diving-the-wexford-wreck-lake-huron/</p> <p>Consider a stay at the Ontario Provincial Park 'The Pinery' next to the charter launch site. Reserve for the Pinery well in advance online/phone (generally 5 months prior to arrival).</p> <p>Diving the Wexford on Saturday morning.</p> <p>Meet at the docks (Port Frank's Marina, 7574 Biddulph St.) 8:30 am. Note \$5.00 parking fee.</p> <p>Those staying at The Pinery would spend Sunday paddling or hiking from the Pinery.</p> <p>If spots available then potential for another Wexford dive at \$95.00/ pp for those interested.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	Fully Tek Charters	

Lake St. Clair / St. Clair River - Sarnia		Number of Days: 02
Date(s): Sat June 8, 2019 Sun June 9, 2019	Price: \$ 15.00 per diver	Number of Divers: Unlimited
Level: Openwater	Maximum Depth: TBA feet	Type: Shore, Drift
<p>The St. Clair River Sarnia with SUCI (Scarborough Underwater Club Inc) and SUE (Sarnia Underwater Explorers). Average water temp for June 60 F.</p> <p>All shore drift dives, 3 gentle, and 3 faster in the shipping channel. See HUGE sturgeon. http://www.suci.ca/index.php/dive-season/st-clair-river-may SUCI has written up an amazing dive plan.</p> <p>Local camping suggestions: http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca/sites/default/files/attached-files/BROCHURE%20ALL%203%20CAMP GROUNDS%202018.pdf http://www.lakewoodchristiancampground.com/map.html http://www.reservationcounter.com/hotels/show/362177/faulds-motel/?TID=sJTJdf6x2_dc%7cpcrid%7c94800067274&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=fauld%27s%20motel%20sarnia&utm_campaign=Hotel+Chain+F&keyword=fauld%27s%20motel%20sarnia&hotelid=362177&gclid=CJGrwJ_2i8wCFQYlaQod9a4P8g&gclsrc=aw.ds</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	SUCI and SUE SCUBA Club Hosted	

Eastern Canada - Deer Island - New Brunswick		Number of Days: 07 - 14
Date(s): Sat June 22, 2019 TO Sat June 29, 2019	Price: \$ xx.00 per diver, guide fee TBD	Number of Divers: Unlimited
Level: Openwater	Maximum Depth: 60 feet	Type: Shore, Drift
<p>Deer Island New Brunswick for Bay of Fundy drift diving with some of the best marine critters in cool saltwater drift dives. We will be using the services of a local dive guide for a few days until comfortable with the tides and routes.</p> <p>A chance that some experienced divers from from Nova Scotia will join us.</p> <p>Camping will be at Deer Island Campground. We have 2 trailer sites, and 2 tent sites reserved http://www.deerislandpointpark.com/</p> <p>Recommend Campgrounds if there is interest. (King Neptunes has the BEST sunsets!)</p> <p>Write up on the diving there https://divebuddies4life.com/canada-diving-in-the-bay-of-fundys-whirlpool/</p> <p>If we are unable to hire a local dive guide for Deer Island New Brunswick, there is the option of shore diving/kayaking for this period in Nova Scotia with local divers there.</p> <p>Amazing kayaking at Fundy National Park. Shore Diving and Kayaking on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. Shore diving at Paddys Head, Birchy Head and Fox Point Beach.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	OUE Road Trip SCUBA Club Hosted	

Kingston Ontario - The Kingston Shipwrecks		Number of Days: 02
Date(s): Sat July 6, 2019 Sun July 7, 2019	Price: \$ 95.00 per day	Number of Divers: 12
Level: Advanced Openwater	Maximum Depth: 120 feet	Type: Boat
<p>The Dorothy J. is a large comfortable boat that will hold up to 12 divers.</p> <p>Boarding location Collins Bay area, at the docks located directly behind the Royal Canadian Legion 4034 Bath Road, Kingston</p> <p>The dives in Kingston are at depths of 70' to 120'. There are many good wrecks. Here are a few: The Munson, The Comet, The Wolfe Islander II, The Cornwall, The City of Sheboygan, The Davie, ...</p> <p>Campers usually stay at Rideau Acres, and there are a number of hotel choices.</p> <p>Reservations at Wooden Heads Gourmet Pizza for Fri dinner and Kingston Brewing Co. for Sat dinner.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	Charter with Kingston Dive Charters http://www.kingstondivecharters.com/	

Southern Georgian Bay - Penetang		Number of Days: 02
Date(s): Sat July 20, 2019 Sun July 21, 2019	Price: \$ 75.00 per day	Number of Divers: 08
Level: Openwater	Maximum Depth: 50 feet	Type: Boat
<p>This should be a relaxed and warm dive weekend with River Diver.</p> <p>Shipwrecks Marquette, Mapledawn, Lottie Wolfe, Michigan Wawinet, ...</p> <p>Boarding at the Christian Island ferry dock. Dock Lane, Cedar Point, Lafontaine, ON.</p> <p>Tanks may be filled at Neptune's Locker And Dive Shop. 1390 Champlain Road. Tiny. ON. (705) 937-2172</p> <p>A number of Airbnb in the area, and Awenda Provincial Park has car camping. Lafontaine RV Park@ 240 Lafontaine Rd E, Tiny, ON L9M 0S2, is close and offers RV spots and camping for the Fri and Sat night.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	River Diver. Air Fills at Neptunes Dive in Tiny Ontario	

St. Catherines Ontario - The Tiller Wreck		Number of Days: 01
Date(s): Sat Aug 10, 2019	Price: \$ 75.00 per day	Number of Divers: 08
Level: Advanced Openwater	Maximum Depth: 110 feet	Type: Boat
<p>A one-day 2-tank charter to the Tiller on the River Diver. Pack a lunch or snack.</p> <p>Usually a cooler dive even in the middle of summer so drysuits are strongly recommended. This is an excellent old schooner wreck that has not yet been definitively identified. It is known simply as the “tiller” wreck after the tiller arm used to control the rudder, an unusual feature.</p> <p>Info Video1 Video2 http://www.justgottadive.com/dive_resources/travel_articles/tiller-wreck-lake-ontarios-best-kept-secret#.W7qSbGhKiUk</p> <p>Boarding from Port Dalhousie. 28 Yonge Street. St. Catherines. Ontario.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	River Diver	

Tobermory Ontario - The Wrecks Of Tobermory		Number of Days: 02
Date(s): Sat Aug 24, 2019 Sun Aug 25, 2019	Price: \$ 100.00 per day	Number of Divers: 10
Level: Advanced Openwater	Maximum Depth: 130 feet	Type: Boat
<p>The Holy Grail of our dive season, we will be diving from the Joseph Simon with Divers Den.</p> <p>Those that want to go up early for some shore dives can meet up Thurs or Fri, and SUCI will also be doing some shore dives as they are chartering the same weekend. https://www.diversden.ca/activities-services/scuba-diving/dive-sites.html</p> <p>Boarding location from the boat dock in Tobermory.</p> <p>Approximately 4 hours travel from Toronto. Numerous accommodation options. Book early.</p> <p>Attend the Fathom Five Diver Registration Office PRIOR to going on your first dive to purchase a tag to dive.</p> <p>The depths range from about 20' to 150'. A list of some of the usual wrecks we dive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arabia, 110' ● City of Cleveland, 30' ● Forest City, 60' – 150' ● The King, 40' – 90' ● Niagara II, 80' – 90' ● San Jacinto, 80' – 90' 		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	Charter Operator Divers Den	

Brockville Ontario - The Wrecks Of Brockville		Number of Days: 02
Date(s): Sat Sep 7, 2019 Sun Sep 8, 2019	Price: \$ 80.00 per day	Number of Divers: 12
Level: Advanced Openwater	Maximum Depth: 120 feet	Type: Boat
<p>Brockville wrecks with Under Where Charters. A large comfortable boat will hold up to 12 divers. Water is usually over 20C in Sept so wet or dry diving is comfortable.</p> <p>There are a number of wrecks to dive in this area and range in depth. Some examples include the Lillie Parsons, Robert Gaskin and the Muscallonge.</p> <p>The Lillie is one of the areas most popular wrecks, lying upside down in 50' to 70' off of Sparrow Island, in a strong current on the edge of the shipping channel.</p> <p>The Robert Gaskin sank 3 times. The Gaskin initially sank while helping to raise another ship, the William Armstrong. The original sinking was caused by a pontoon used to lift the Armstrong came loose and made a large hole in the Robert Gaskin. The Gaskin was brought to the surface 2 times as part of salvage operations, but sunk each time before it could be brought to dock. This wreck sits at about 60'.</p> <p>The Muscallonge sank on August 15, 1936 after catching fire and then being intentionally run aground by the captain. This wreck sits at about 99'.</p> <p>http://brockvilletourism.com/things-to-do/scuba-diving/shipwreck-locations/ Accommodations on this site.</p> <p>Ivy Lea Camping around the corner which is spectacular, but must be reserved in advance. I will send out a camping reservation reminder for the Parks of the St Lawrence a week before the season opens.</p>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA	Under Where Charters	

Dive Coordinator Pre-Dive Checklist

1. Who's Who

- Dive coordinator is ... Dive recorder is ... Captain and crew are... Member introductions...

2. Dive Site Briefing

- Wreck / site details. Depths.
- Brief history of the wreck / site. What to see on the wreck. (note captains are usually well versed).
- Position of ascent/descent line in relation to wreck / site.
- Read out Buddy Teams. Identify an order of entry.

3. Safety Considerations

- Current? Penetrations?
- Safety stop.
- Follow Lost Buddy Procedures.
- Diver Recall.
- Recommend: plan your dive with sufficient gas for emergency purposes for both you and your buddy.
- Location of first aid kit on boat. Location of O2 kit on boat.
- Tag line at back of boat?
- Line along boat to down line?
- Remember your OK signal upon entering the water.
- Remember OK signal upon surfacing.
- In the event of an emergency, emergency phone numbers are to be provided on the bottom of the diver log sheet in advance of the dive.

4. Dive Profile

- Depth is ...
- Know your No-D limit.
- Divers are reminded that they are responsible for their own dive profiles.
- Plan your dive and dive your plan.
- Bottom time equals descent time plus time at the bottom prior to your ascent.
- If you're planning a bottom time longer than the No-D limit, let the Dive Coordinator know.
- Dive Recorder needs to know Pressure In before the dive.
- Buddy pairs are to call out their names when they are ready to enter the water.
- Dive Recorder needs to know pressure out and maximum depth upon surfacing.

5. Equipment Check

- Make sure you thoroughly check your buddy's gear, weight belt, and air is turned on.

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Date:	Dive Number:	Dive Boat:
Location:		Dive Site:
Dive Coordinator:		Dive Recorder:

Conditions

Surface:				Weather:	
Temperature	Air	C	Water	C	Visibility:
	Water Surface	C	Water Depth	C	
Bottom Description:					

		IN		OUT		Bottom	
#	Diver Team Names	Gas Pressure	Time	Time	Gas Pressure	Time	Depth
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

Nearest Ontario chamber/hospital call **CritiCall 1-800-668-HELP**

“Have an injured diver that needs a hyperbaric chamber” **DAN** collect **1-919-684-8111** or **1-919-681-4326**

First Aid Kit: Yes / No No	Oxygen Kit: Yes / No	Notes:
Nearest Hospital Phone:		Nearest Chamber Phone:

Skeleton Dive Charter Format. One event per page.

<Dive Charter Location - Description>		Number of Days: xx
Date(s): xxxxxxxx xx, 2019 xxxxxxx xx, 2019	Price: \$ xxx.xx per day	Number of Divers: xx/unlimited
Level: Openwater Advanced Openwater	Maximum Depth: xxx feet	Type: shore/boat/training
<general description and references to any dives or features>		
Dive Coordinator: TBA		