



**2025**

**OUE**  
Dive Schedule

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# OUE Dive Schedule at a Glance

The Ontario Underwater Explorers dive schedule is published to assist our members in planning their 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 limit and dive within it!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dive Sites</b>	<b>Certification Level</b>
21 June 2025	Warton	Cedar Hill Park	Open Water
5 July 2025	Crystal Beach	Lake Erie: Raleigh & Finch	Open Water
19-20 July 2025	Tobermory	Tobermory Shipwrecks	Advanced Open Water
23 August 2025	St. Catharines	Lake Ontario: Tiller	Advanced Open Water
13 September 2025	Toronto	Humber Bay Park West	Open Water



DATE : 21 JUNE 2025

DIVE SITE : **CEDAR HILL PARK, WIARTON**

PRICE : FREE

NO. DAYS : 1

NO. DIVES : 2

TYPE : SHORE

LEVEL : OPEN WATER

MAX DEPTH: : 60' / 18M

**Celebrate our 60th Season Opener** @ Cedar Hill Park with us. Located in Wiarton, near Owen Sound, Cedar Hill Park has a stony shore and grassy beach, slow-dropping bottom full of "diver donations" - the dome, the rocket, the Eiffel tower, 4x4 cemetery, to name a few. Because of its gradual slope and lots of things to see at various depths, this site is fun and ideal for divers of all levels. A great place to spend a day.

Visibility is usually over 35'/10m and water temperatures are higher than in Tobermory - usually over 15°C in the summer. 7mm wet or dry diving is comfortable.

And after we've worked up an appetite, it's time for the best part - a BBQ! Feel free to bring your favorite dish or something to throw on the grill as well.



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DATE : 5 JULY 2025

DIVE SITE : **RALEIGH & FINCH WRECKS, LAKE ERIE**

PRICE : \$115 + TAX

NO. DAYS : 1

NO. DIVES : 2

TYPE : BOAT

LEVEL : OPEN WATER

MAX DEPTH: : 40' / 12M

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The Raleigh is a 235' Steamer, sitting on the bottom in 25-30'. The Raleigh has a lot to look at, including a pair of boilers, anchor chain and windlass, propeller, engine room anchor, driveshaft and of course the scenic, yet broken remains of the ships hull.

The Finch is a 105' long wooden tow barge built in Quebec City in 1871, the boat was undertow when it began to take on water in a heavy storm. The wreck features much wreckage and is a great dive site with lots of fish life and great for navigation.

- Departure Time: 9:00AM (arrive at 8:30AM)
- Boat: Gideon Brown
- Meeting and Departure Point: [Crystal Beach Waterfront Park and Boat Launch](#)
- **All divers must arrive 30 minutes early to load.** Paid parking available on site.



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DATE : 19-20 JULY 2025

DIVE SITE : **THE WRECKS OF TOBERMORY, TOBERMORY**

PRICE : \$285 FULL WEEKEND (OR \$175/SATURDAY; \$115/SUNDAY)

NO. DAYS : 2

NO. DIVES : 6 (4+2)

TYPE : BOAT

LEVEL : **ADVANCED OPEN WATER - WITH COLD WATER AND DEEP DIVE EXPERIENCE**

MAX DEPTH: : 110' / 33M

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The Holy Grail of our dive season! We will be diving with Blue Heron Adventures in Tobermory, the shipwreck diving capital of Canada. The Fathom Five National Marine Park comprises over 115 sq km of clear water and an archipelago of 19 islands. The remains of over 20 historical shipwrecks lie beneath these crystal clear waters of Georgian Bay. Priority to member/divers that sign-up for the full weekend.

**Important:** Prior to your first dive, visit the [Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park Visitor Centre](#) to purchase your annual tag or daily wristband. Every diver must be registered with the park.

The depths range from about 20'/6m to 130'/40m. Some of the wrecks we dive are the Arabia, City of Cleveland, Forest City, The King, Niagara II, etc. There are numerous accommodation options but you should **BOOK EARLY**, as Tobermory is a popular destination and books up quickly. **Not Included:** overnight accommodations, tanks, scuba gear, gratuity.



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**DATE :** 23 AUGUST 2025

**DIVE SITE :** **TILLER WRECK, PORT DALHOUSIE**

**PRICE :** \$115 + TAX

**NO. DAYS :** 1

**NO. DIVES :** 2

**TYPE :** BOAT

**LEVEL :** **ADVANCED OPEN WATER - WITH COLD WATER AND DEEP DIVE EXPERIENCE**

**MAX DEPTH: :** 115' / 35M

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**Book directly with Dan's Dive Shop:** [info@dansdiveshop.ca](mailto:info@dansdiveshop.ca)

The Tiller Wreck is a beautiful and fragile wooden schooner 100' long by 25' wide. The ship is in great shape and even features 2 beautiful masts, a gorgeous rudder, cargo holds, a picturesque bow, windlass, anchor and stove. The wreck is located only 6 kms from shore, just a short ride from Port Dalhousie in St Catharines. Drysuit or good quality 7mm wetsuit recommended.

**Departure:** [Fish & Game Club, 61 Lighthouse Road, Port Dalhousie](#). Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to departure to load your gear. The boat leaves at 10:00AM.

**Cancellation Policy:** All charters are non-refundable. If we are able to fill your spot, you will receive a store credit for your charter fee. If the charter is cancelled by Dan's Dive Shop or the boat operator due to unforeseeable circumstances, a full refund will be provided. Not Included: tanks, scuba gear, gratuity.



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**DATE : 13 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**DIVE SITE : HUMBER BAY PARK WEST, TORONTO**

**PRICE : FREE**

**NO. DAYS : 1**

**NO. DIVES : 2**

**TYPE : SHORE**

**LEVEL : OPEN WATER**

**MAX DEPTH: : 60' / 18M**

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Come join us in closing our 60th dive season with a splash! Humber Bay Park West offers a beautiful view of Toronto's downtown skyline on the surface and many fun things underwater: concrete swim-through storm pipes, platforms, boats (run by a local skeleton guide), superheroes, the treasure chest (pictured below), and more.

The fun starts at 8:00AM.

Drysuit or good quality 7mm wetsuit recommended.





## 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. **For this OUE Dive Season, the Dive Director has set the deposit to be \$100.** This deposit is used by the Club to secure the dive charter with an operator. These deposits are normally collected at Dive Sign-up night early in the season.

The deposit will be per person/per activity 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 15 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 30 days prior to the dive.
- The Outstanding Balance amount is due 15 days prior the dive.

1. This responsibility may be transferred to a substitute member, should the member secure one.
2. 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).

If you feel, for health reasons, you need to cancel dives, there will be no penalty. **Please reach out to the Dive Director as soon as you know.**

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 Open Water Diver (OW) diver qualification is described by the PADI organization as gaining basic knowledge of skills, equipment and theory for diving to a recommended depth of about 18 metres (60 ft).

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

### 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.”

## DIVE COORDINATOR

### BE A DIVE COORDINATOR

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.

## 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 your dive buddy thoroughly checks your gear, weight belt, and ensures your air is turned on.



