



SWODA Guidelines

Providing positive direction to SCUBA divers



March 2007 Edition

Next Meeting

Signup Night is March 19, 2007 at the Elephant and Castle Restaurant.

President's Corner



March has arrived and, with it, so will spring. We are one step closer to hitting open water. Well, that applies to most of us. As for others in our club, they are presently enjoying the warm rays and clear blue water of Belize.

Meanwhile, many of us stuck here in the Great White North have gotten to blow some bubbles during monthly pool nights that the club has been putting on. These events have been well attended, and we look forward to seeing everyone out again on the 16th of this month.

In addition, a few of our members were able to make it to Toronto on the Feb. 24-25 weekend to attend the Outdoor Adventure Show and represent our club at the Ontario Underwater Council booth. Thanks Mar, Dave, and Steve.

The big event this month is Signup Night which is taking place on March 19th at the Elephant and Castle Restaurant. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting as club trips will be advertised and it will also be the last night to take advantage of SWODA's \$5 Due Discount.

Now, on to the rest of the content...

~Patrick Briscoe~

2007 Club Meetings

Just a quick reminder that SWODA will not be having meetings every month this year. Meetings will take place on the following dates:

- March 19th—7pm @ E&C
- April 16th—7pm @ E&C
- October 15th—7pm @ E&C
- November 12th—7pm @ E&C

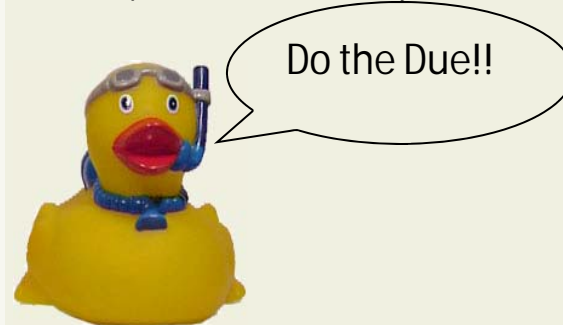


Do the Due

The incessant bothering continues as dues slowly roll in. Remember that March 19th (Signup Night) is your last chance to receive \$5 off your yearly dues. After that date, all prices are bumped back up to their regular prices.

One change is taking place this year with dues. That is, we are encouraging members to submit a void cheque with their payment so that the club can automatically transfer dues in future years. This will save the club and its members time and effort in the following years by making the payment process more streamlined. And we all know how important it is to be streamlined!

Of course, this isn't a requirement, but it is encouraged to make the process easier on everyone.



March Pool Night

So far our pool nights have proven very successful this year. 23 people were able to make it out in February and we are looking forward to our next pool time which is on Friday, March 16th at the downtown YMCA at 8:30. Please be there 15 minutes early as the back door only opens briefly to let all our gear in. Otherwise you'll need to lug your stuff up and down many stairs.

February Pool Night Pictures >>>

February Pool Night Pictures



Diver Log

A new addition to the SWODA Guidelines is our Diver Log section. This section will be devoted to our members who have reached personal goals, have had a memorable dive, or have hit a new achievement. If you've had such a dive recently or even want to share one of your memorable experience, please send us your story and dive info so it can be shared with the rest of the club!



Scuba Humour



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Kitty!**

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Christmas Party

No, this isn't a typo. Yes, Christmas is a long way away. The exec just wanted to let you know that we have booked the SWODA Christmas party for next year. We will be gathering at the Elephant and Castle Restaurant once more on November 24th, 2007. Okay, now stop thinking about snow...



2007 Season Opener

This year's season opener will be taking place at the quarry in Gilboa, Ohio. With varying depths and lots to see (boats, a plane, platforms, school bus, tons of fish, etc), Gilboa is a great place to dive early in the year while many other sites are not at their peak.

The Club will be heading down on the May 5-6th weekend. More information will be provided during Signup Night.



SWODA Gets a Virtual Face Lift

A big "Thank you" goes out to Luigi who has been fiddling around with SWODA's online headquarters. The site has taken on a new look and has adopted photo galleries. Check it out at www.swoda.ca and stay tuned for further developments..



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Birthday Corner



March 2006

17th
 Randall McDonald
18th
 Mike Parsons



SWODA Executive 2007

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The Gear Bin

Looking for used Gear!

- L-XL Neoprene dry suit. 170-190 pds.
 Dan Varewyck- (519) 686-8208



The Gear Bin

- UK 1200 underwater light.
 Mar Smith -(519)-672-3100
- Black Military Viking Dry suit - Men's med/large, bag/repair kit included \$800; Whites black neoprene dry suit 10 dives \$500...or \$1000 for both! Jeff Lindsay lindsaycave@gmail.com
- Canister dive light, with both long and sort batteries for long or short dives options with 2 charges.
 Mar Smith. 519-672-3100



Please inform us of your progress so we can keep this column current. If you're not using your gear or wanting to upgrade, keep watching this column for dive gear you might be after.

Mar Smith



SWODA Wear



Proud owner

Steve Brandow is your guy with the smart SWODA wear. Steve and Sean Dunn from Tommy White's Source for Sports in St Thomas are really coming up with great options this year. Steve can get SWODA wear with our logo on almost

anything, so ask to see the catalog for all the great SWODA gear.. Come out to our next meeting to see what cool SWODA wear options we have.



SHARKS!

We also have the **Happy Sharks** available now. Great for stocking stuffers. These Happy Shark are for your vehicle or dive gear boxes, it is a dive flag too. We have them now so if your are interested.

Contact:
 Steve & Cathy 519-773-5143
 or email: scubasteve@amtelecom.net



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SWODA Dives and Events Schedule 2007

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	CONTACT	PHONE
Feb 16	Pool Night	Downtown YMCA	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
Feb 23-25	Toronto's Outdoor Adventure Show	Toronto	Everyone	Executive Member	pbriscoe@rogers.com
March 1-8th	SWODA Winter Trip	Belize	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
March 19	Trip sign up night	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
March-April TBA	Bonne Terre Mine	St Lewis, Missouri	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
April 16	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
May 5-6	Quarry Diving	Ohio	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June TBA	River Drifting	Forte Erie	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June—TBA	Shore & boat diving	Tobermory	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
July –TBA	Great lake wreck diving	Toby & North channel	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
July –TBA	Great lake wreck diving	Alpena Mic	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Aug 11th-12th	Wreck Diving	Kingston	Everyone	Steve Brandow Patrick Briscoe	scubasteve@amtelecom.net pbriscoe@rogers.com
Aug –TBA	Wreck Diving	Toby	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Sept 7-9 th	Wreck Diving	Brockville	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Sept—TBA	SWODA BBQ	TBA	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	islandhopper@amtelecom.net
Oct 15	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
Nov 12	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
Nov 24	Christmas Party	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	islandhopper@amtelecom.net

This schedule may change as the season comes closer. If Dive Masters *do not get commitment or interest* on promoted trips. This will bring changes to our coming dives and events calendar. Please contact the DM running the trip or event so we can plan great things for *Your Dive Season!* Help us help you!

Other Non-Club Dives and Events In our Area

THIS CHART WILL BE TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS INFORMED OF OTHER DIVE RELATED EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
March 10	OUC Ice Flow Race	Peterborough	Raimund J. Krob ouc.president@ontariounderwatercouncil.com
April 14 2007	Hamilton & Scourge event	Museum of Ontario Archaeology	Don McLeod 457-4557 donm357@sympatico.ca
July 14-15 2007	Kingston Dive Weekend	Kingston, Ontario	Ron Sisson ronsisson@rogers.com

OUC—Newsletter—<http://www.underwatercouncil.com/news.htm>

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