



SWODA Guidelines

Providing positive direction to SCUBA divers



September-October 2007 Edition

Next Meeting

October 15th, 2007 at the Elephant and Castle Restaurant.

President's Corner



Happy October!

It seems as though writing about our season opener was only yesterday; oh how the summer has swam by us. Perhaps it is the tryptophan in all the turkey I've been eating, but I'm having trouble remembering where all of the summer days went. Fear not though SWODites, there are still plenty of things to do around the dive community!

Yes it is October and yes Great Lakes diving may slow down shortly but, on the bright side, this is when many of the exciting dive festivals and shows start popping up. Not to mention, we still have great events and dives (think warm, think south) left on this year's club agenda.

So, although the days are getting darker, don't let your diving spirit do the same. To help deal with end-of-the-season diver anxiety, we are holding our first post-summer meeting at the Elephant and Castle next Monday (October 15th) at 8:00pm. Please join us and keep up with what's going on inside and outside the club.

Have a great month and a Happy Halloween!

~Patrick~



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:

October 15th—8pm @ E&C
November 12th—8pm @ E&C



SWODA Executive 2007

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October Meeting

SWODA meetings are back in full swing just in time for you to cope with those off-season blues. Join us this Monday, October 15 at the Elephant and Castle at 8:00pm to see what your fellow members have done this year and to find out what will be happening in the coming months. If you have any pictures from dive trips or functions you've taken part in over the summer, please email them to pbriscoe@rogers.com. A slideshow presentation of these events will be shown at the meeting.



2007 SWODA Holiday Party

Since we know the first thing everyone wants to be reminded of at the end of the summer is the Winter holidays, we bring to you, **The 2007 SWODA Holiday Party!**



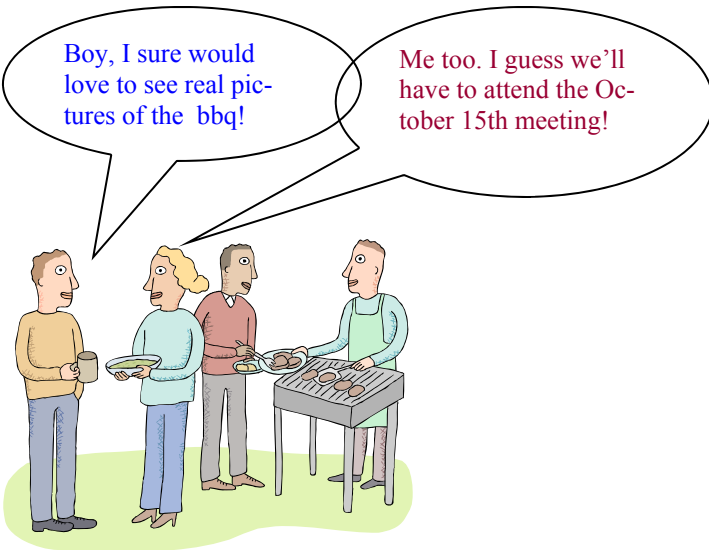
This year's event will be held at the Elephant and Castle once more, since last year's party got a positive response by most people.

Please mark your calendars for the big day: Saturday, November 24th. Keep your goggles defogged for more details in the near future. We are still trying to work out prices for this year's party, but I can tell you that it will be one that you don't want to miss!



2007 SWODA BBQ

A big "thank you" to everyone who showed up for the annual SWODA barbecue this year. Although the weather was a little chilly, we had fine attendance and a great time! Delicious food, good conversation, and friendly faces made for a great day and we're already looking forward to doing it again!



Winter's Get Away 2008

Come join us at Habitat Curacao Resort.

Home of the World Famous "Unlimited Diving Freedom".

Curacao has been voted top three in the Caribbean for shore diving in 2004. At Habitat you can dive Curacao [24/7](#). The pristine house reef is alive with abundant tropical fish, healthy corals and hundreds of species of marine life. Access to the reef is just a few steps from your room.



March 2-9 2008

Trip Includes!

- Roundtrip Toronto—Curacao direct
- 7 nights hotel accommodation,
- Deluxe rooms with kitchenette,
- Unlimited shore dives,
- 3 days of 2 tanks, boat dives
- Free shuttle buses to town 3 times a day.
- Full buffet breakfast daily,
- Full service dive shop on site, with Nitrox
- Restaurant & bar on site
- All hotel taxes and service charges

\$1899. Cdn / person.

Priced as double occupancy

Departure taxes are extra

Deposit \$400 / person

Limited space on flights so first come, first served.



Contact: Marlyn Smith (info on p.1)

Newsletter submissions may be e-mailed to:

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A copy of the release may be obtained from the executive for your review.

Birthday Corner



September 2007

3rd
Dave Atwood
5th
Joseph Palmer
5th
Ann Wilson
9th
Janet Stuart

11th
Paul Starr
20th
Jarrod Hatfield
23rd
Gord Page
October 11th
Bob Orton



SWODA Wear

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



The Gear Bin

- 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
- Two 120 cu. ft. steel tanks for sale. Please contact Don Drager during the evening at 519-227-4059

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.



Dive Description Chart

Level	Description
1	Maximum depth 60 feet. No special conditions
2	Maximum depth 90 feet. No special conditions
2	Maximum depth 60 feet. Special conditions such as strong current or night dive
3	Maximum depth 130 feet. No special conditions
3	Maximum depth 90 feet. Special conditions such as strong current or night dive
4	Overhead environment, (i.e. wreck penetration, ice, cave or extended range, special gas mixtures, i.e. Trimix

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SWODA Dives and Events Schedule 2007 - 2008

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	CONTACT	PHONE
TBA	Bonne Terre Mine	St Lewis, Missouri	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
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
Mar 2-9	Winter Get Away	Curacao	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca

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

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

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