



GUIDELINES

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October 2008

President's Corner



With only a few sleeps left until a gang of us SWODites head to the Bahamas for our Blackbeard's cruise, it is hard to contain the level of excitement going around!

If you are not joining us this time, don't be too sad—there are plenty of opportunities to dive just around the corner! Yes, even in the cold winter months SWODA is planning dive trips. Keep an eye out for this year's trip to the Bonne Terre Mine... details of which will be released soon!

Also, we have a few events coming up shortly which everyone will definitely want to attend. For one, this year's Holiday Party is coming up on November 29th... mark your calendars!

Another important update is the introduction of our SWODA Member Satisfaction Survey. Your SWODA Executive is always looking for ways to improve the club and we are seeking your help in telling us what will make this club the best. See page 3 for more details.

The snow has started to fall, but that doesn't mean the fun has to freeze. Many great ideas are flowing about what can be done over the Winter season, so stay tuned; you won't want to miss it!

~Patrick Briscoe~



2008 Holiday Party

The date and location are set, the tickets are ready to be purchased, and fun is ready to be had. Join your fellow SWODA members at this year's **SWODA Holiday Party!**



This year's event will be hosted by the Elephant and Castle once again, since last year's party got a positive response by most people. There is one minor change, and that is that the dinner will be held on the other end of the mall where Rockwater's used to be. E&C will cater the food to us at that location.

Also, we have a special surprise for members who attend the party this year. You won't want to miss it...

The Details:

Where: The old Rockwater's Restaurant in Galleria Mall (hosted by Elephant and Castle)

When: Saturday, November 29. Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm

Why: Great food, great fun, and a great surprise!

How Much: \$20

Buy your tickets online now:

<http://swoda.ca/trippayment>



Beyond Blue Magazine

Hello,

My name is Courtney Graham and I am a fellow diver in the USA. I just wanted to spread the word to dive clubs and their members about a new online magazine that recently launched. The magazine is called “Beyond Blue” and it is an action packed magazine focusing on marine research, conservation and exploration being conducted around the world.



It is an interactive and reader friendly magazine that is best described as a unique fusion between elite marine scientists and environmental journalists. The magazine is a free download at beyondbluemag.com. There is also a Facebook group that members can suggest topics and vote in polls. Thank you for your time and I hope enjoy the magazine.

Courtney Graham

November 10th Meeting

December of 2008 marks the end of the current Executive's second term, which means that positions are up for grabs. Although I'm sure some of our exec members would like to continue to help in one way or another, we are also looking for new faces and fresh ideas!

If you are interested in a position and have the initiative to help further SWODA's growth, we want you on our team! Please express your interest to one of the current executive members or email Patrick at president@swoda.ca. Election night will take place at our November 10 club meeting.

Also!

Returnees from SWODA's Blackbeard's trip will be bringing pictures and stories from their trip to this meeting for all to see and hear. You don't want to miss this!



SWODA Membership Satisfaction Survey



Your SWODA Executive is always looking for ways to improve the club. This year we have created a brand new website, introduced online payments, and broken the 50-member mark among other achievements. However, we are never satisfied!

We want you to help us make SWODA even better. So, we are asking that you please take some time to fill out our Member Satisfaction Survey. Taking about 15 minutes to complete, this completely anonymous survey will ask you various questions about your experience with club SWODA—what you like, what you think could be improved, and what needs to be added.

Time and effort has gone into creating this survey, so we would appreciate it if all members took the time to fill it out. Remember, this survey will help make your SWODA experience more enjoyable!

You can take the survey by typing this link into your web browser:

<http://swoda.ca/survey>



Newsletter submissions may be e-mailed to:
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Diving Gilboa

The Comet: Kingston

In October, SWODA took a couple trips to Gilboa Quarry in Ohio. Here are some of the photos taken by SWODA members during their trip:



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Birthday Corner



Fall 2008

Dave Atwood Sept 3
Ann Wilson Sept 5
Joe Palmer Sept 5
Janet Stuart Sept 9
Paul Star Sept 11
Kathy Dowsett Sept 12
Gord Silverthorn Nov 3
Rod Tompkins Nov 9



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

- **Bare Tri-laminate Drysuit:** Owner is 6'1", boot size is 12, and weight is approximately 225-250lbs. Neck and wrists are neoprene. Contact: Marlyn—mar@divewithmar.on.ca (519-672-3100)
- **New Dive Set:** Tank, BC (large), gloves, reg set, gloves (large). Pad almost \$1150.00, asking \$895.00. Contact Marlyn for more information or larger pictures. **Pictures:**



- **Well Cared For BCD:** Mares Frontier Expedition. Size is XS but it fits like a Medium (I'm 5'10" 150lbs and just outgrew it with my dry suit). This is a great BC and has been taken care of. It has also had a new inflator mechanism installed. \$300.00
- **Contact:** Patrick (patrick@swoda.ca or 519-902-0727)

Pictures:



****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.****

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SWODA Dives and Events Schedule 2007 - 2008

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	CONTACT	PHONE
Nov 1-7	Blackbeard's Trip	Bahamas	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Nov 29	Holiday Party	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	islandhopper@amtelecom.net

Remember: You can always check our website for our most up-to-date Interactive Calendar!

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!

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

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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