

New Mexico Scuba Center
November, 2009

**New Mexico Scuba Center Seasonal Christmas Special
will start November 16th - Open Water Class \$200.00
All 2008 Bare In Stock Wetsuits 20% Off
All Amphibious Outfitters T-shirts 20% Off**

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What's new:

- New Mexico Scuba Center Seasonal Christmas Special will start November 16th. The Open Water Class will be \$200.00.
- Casio Dive Watches are now in!! Rated to 200 meters (656 feet). Come in and check them out.
- **Flamingo Flocking – See what it is in the adaptive diving section.**
- New Mexico Scuba Center is now on Facebook. Become a friend
- Dive Con class will be starting early 2010 (Jan – Feb). If you're interested, let us know. We will be having a meeting – get together for more information.

Training: Open Water, 1st Aid /CPR/O2, Search & Recovery, Stress/Rescue, and Nitrox

Travel: Cayman Brac **January 23rd – 30th, 2010**, Grand Turk **March 22nd – 29th, 2010**, Cozumel – **June 12th – 19th \$1875.00**, N. Carolina – **July, BVI (1st week) November 6th – 14th, 2010 (ONLY 1 SPOT LEFT) BVI (second week) November 13th – 21st**, and anywhere else you want to go.

Practice: Kevin will be at Blue Hole on the 3rd Sunday this month November 15th.

Divers That Have Certified in October

Open Water Divers: Andrew Ramkowsky, Barbara Sherrill, Isreal Romano, Elicia Lujan, Justin Robinson, Bradley Morris, Alex Griego, Amanda Kroof, Henna Griego

Stress Rescue: David Olson

Dry Suit: Timothy Brown, James, Arnold, Kevin Jameson

Advanced Open Water: Bradd Schulke, Timothy Bielek, Mark Yerkes

Nitrox: Patricia Jenkins

MASTER DIVER CHALLENGE 2009

*****ITS FREE*****

Enroll for the Master Diver challenge. When you achieve your goal of Master Diver (Advanced Open Water Diver, Stress & Rescue Diver and a total of 50 Dives) – you automatically receive at no cost to you –

- A Master Diver Patch
- A Master Diver Card
- A Master Diver Diploma
- A Master Diver T-shirt
- A chance to win one of 2 trips from SSI
- A chance to win a give away from NMSC, trips from Laguna Beach Resort, and Cobalt Coast.

Let us help you map out your training program on how to become a Master Diver (remember if you certified here you already have at least 1 specialty towards your Advanced Open Water).

MASTER DIVERS - 2009

Janet Clark
Cheryl Smith
David Smith
Dave Cox
Rocky Siirola
Larry Martinez
Ron Paiz
James Baptiste
Mark Yerkes

Remember Diving is not an Adventure of a Lifetime – But a Lifetime of Adventure.

Kathy Finch MD - She is recognized as a DAN physician and is going to be accepting several different insurance policies. She can be reached at 244-0640.

www.adulthealthcare.net

Understand shooting underwater digital photos. Learn how to use your camera and strobe. We have a photography class every month.

Remember if you get your camera here; the tuition for the class will be 30% off, and the photography special counts towards becoming a Master Diver.

Captain Si's Pirate Corner:

Life on Board a Pirate Ship

When pirates are not fighting or helping to sail the ship, they spend their time eating, drinking, and sleeping. Vices such as gambling are often forbidden aboard pirate ships, as they can all too easily lead to fights.

Pirate food consists mainly of hard ship's biscuits, salted meat or fish, and whatever fresh food they can catch, with little in the way of fruit or vegetables.



From Pirateology 2009 calendar

Stay tuned for more next month...argh!

Adaptive Diving

If you are interested in becoming and Adaptive Buddy let us know.

Instructor Class – December 11th – 13th, 2009

We are assisting Dive Pirates with gear donations for Disabled divers. If you have anything to donate; you can just drop it off here at New Mexico Scuba Center and you will get a receipt from Dive Pirates for your tax deductible donation (Including any cash donation – pennies / nickels / dimes / quarters).

Visit Dive Pirates at www.divepirates.org <http://www.divepirates.org/>

Flamingo Flocking – For only \$100 donation to Dive Pirates, you can rent 50 pink flamingo's to put in someone's yard (we can provide someone if you'd like) and surprise them when they get home, or get up in the morning. Imagine looking in your yard and finding 50 pink flamingos!! All donations are tax deductible and donations are used to train divers here in Albuquerque.



Training

- **Open Water**
- **Advanced Open Water**
- **Nitrox**
- **1st Aid / CPR / O2**

Xtreme Excitement

SSI's TechXR is a well founded Technical Diving program and it was created to take the recreational diver to an extreme level for their diving adventures.

Whether you are looking for the excitement of deep reef diving or the thrill of exploring wrecks located well past 40m (130 feet), SSI TechXR is a way to learn the training and experience necessary for you to complete every new adventure with confidence and skill.

Whatever your current diving ability, extended range diving will challenge you with environments, depths, bottom times, procedures, and equipment not commonly encountered by recreational divers. You will be experiencing advanced levels that require extensive knowledge, enhanced diving skills, and considerable experience.



Tech XR Class: **(Not just for Techies, Great for recreational divers too!)**

As we know the words “Tech” & “Extended Range” come with visions of excessive equipment and training. How can the recreational diver benefit from this advanced training without the excessive training and equipment? Increase your bottom time and safety all at the same time.

Advanced Nitrox: All you need is 24 dives (6 of them Nitrox).

- Increase your understanding of diving physics, physiology, and decompression theory
- Select and configure the diving equipment system that is best for you
- Get an introduction to advanced dive planning and gas management procedures
- Select an optimized gas blend and minimize potential decompression obligation.
- Be introduced to the use of decompression gasses.

Travel 2010

Cayman Brac – January 23rd - 30th, 2010 \$2295.00

Grand Turk – March 20th – 27th, 2010 \$2740.00

Cozumel – June 12th – 19th \$1875.00

North Carolina - July

BVI (first week) – November 6th – 14th, 2010 **(ONLY 1 SPOT LEFT)** - \$TBA

BVI (second week) November 13th – 21st \$TBA

For more detailed information go to www.nmscuba.com/travelpackages

Travel Tip

Whenever you arrive in any country, whether it's by boat, plane or whatever you are vulnerable. You have all your cash, cards, documents and anything else valuable on you right at that moment. It is even worse if you haven't been there before and it looks like you haven't, there are always people who are willing to "help". Every precaution you take will help to avoid any potential problems. After all you do not want someone to "help" themselves to your belongings, when you have just arrived. Here are a few tips that should help.

- Before leaving for your trip, try to get some prior information as to the rough layout of the airport where you will be arriving. This will help, to have a vague sense of where you should be going and where the taxis are located etc.
- Whenever possible, especially in certain countries we recommend taking either the airport limousine, or a hotel pick up.
- Never take a taxi that seems just to be hanging around, offering its services when there is a taxi queue available.
- Try to keep your wallet and valuables safely secured in a handbag or in one of your hand luggage.
- Change some money into the local currency before you depart. This gives you one less thing to worry about, and will stop you from pulling a large amount of money out at the airport arrivals.
- Keep a small amount of this local currency, easily accessible in a pocket or something, and away from the majority of your well earned money. You will need sufficient for the ride into town, a tip (perhaps) and a little for unforeseen needs, like toll ways or a bottle of water.
- If you have not been able to find anything out about the airport that you are visiting then ask one of the airline staff, or the government tourism booth (if they have one at the airport) for some assistance, or tips on the best way of traveling.

Most countries really are very safe, but in others it is really very advisable to take to take as many precautions as possible. No matter what, the most important is that you have a great holiday.

Diving:

Need some pool time or just want to blow some bubbles? Come join us in the pool or in Santa Rosa. Give us a call so we can reserve a spot for you.

Kevin will be at Blue Hole the 3rd Sunday this month November 15th.

Check out our **class schedule** for more info on training and events

Thank you for spending a little time with us
and please come in and see us!

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