

**New Mexico Scuba Center Seasonal Christmas Special  
will start November 16<sup>th</sup> - Open Water Class \$200.00**

**All 2008 Bare In Stock Wetsuits 20% Off**

**All Amphibious Outfitters T-shirts 20% Off**

Zeagle's Z30 and Oceanic's computer program is back- it's a great time to upgrade / purchase (for you and your loved ones) this Holiday season.

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**What's new:**

- **We have a "Toys for Tots" box out for those who are interested.**
- **New Mexico Scuba Center Seasonal Christmas Special will start November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Open Water Class will be \$200.00.**
- **A new diver asks the Dive Master:**  
"Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"  
To which the Dive Master replies:  
"If they fell forwards they'd still be in the #\*@&% boat." (Thanks Jeff)
- **Zeagle's "Loyalty Reward" – Purchase a Zeagle reg, BC or computer and qualify for a 30% discount on your next Zeagle purchase. "Upgrade" – Trade in ANY BC or Reg for 30% off any Zeagle BC or Regulator. "Referral" – Bring in a new student and receive a 30% discount on your next Zeagle item purchased.**
- **Oceanic – Save on "air-integrated" computers. Save \$200 instantly on your choice of the Atom 2.0 or VT3, Save \$175 instantly on a Pro Plus 2 with HPQD and Compass, Save \$300 instantly on a DataMask HUD Dive Computer.**
- **New Mexico Scuba Center is on Facebook. Become a friend**
- **Dive Master/ Dive Con class will be starting early 2010. If you're interested, we will be having a meeting Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – get together for more information.**

**Training:** Remember we always finish up classes in December – all classes resume in January.

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

**Practice:** Kevin will be at Blue Hole on the 3rd Sunday this month December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Divers That Have Certified in November

**Open Water Divers:** Wendy Brown, Jesus Tios, Amanda Cayton, Erik Loechell, Gina Miranda, Aaron Bays, Jerico Miranda

**First Aid / CPR:** Luis Martinez

**Dan 02 Provider:** Luis Martinez

**Advanced Open Water:** 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](http://www.adulthealthcare.net)

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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.

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## **Captain Si's Pirate Corner:**

### **Sir Francis Drake**

Francis Drake was a privateer rather than a pirate. Born in England around 1540, he became a captain in his early twenties and sailed to the Caribbean, where he was attacked by Spanish ships and survived only because of his ability to swim. He returned to take revenge, plundering many towns, and then set out on a new voyage, sailing his ship the "Golden Hinde" around the world. He defended England from invasion by the Spanish Armada in 1588 and died of dysentery in Central America in 1596.

From Pirateology 2009 calendar

Stay tuned for more next month...argh!

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## **Adaptive Diving**

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

Instructor Class – December 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 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) <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.



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## **Training**

- **Open Water**

- **Advanced Open Water**
- **Nitrox**
- **1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 \$2295.00

Grand Turk – March 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 \$2740.00

Cozumel – June 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> \$1875.00

North Carolina - July

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

BVI (second week) November 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> \$TBA

For more detailed information go to [www.nmscuba.com/travelpackages](http://www.nmscuba.com/travelpackages)

**Travel Tip**

Traveling may become a little different when it comes to your ID. The Real ID Act was passed by the Congress and signed into law on May 11, 2005. The Real ID Act provides that, after May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a federal agency is prohibited from accepting for any "official purpose", a driver's license or identification card issued by a State to any person that did not meet the requirements of the Real ID act. This means that you won't be able to use your drivers' license or a State issued identification card to board Federally-regulated commercial aircraft. There have been extensions given, and now the new date that this will take effect, for New Mexico, is being determined. As of January 1, 2010, for states that do not request the extension or that do not get approved for the extension by the Department of Homeland Security, their driver's license and identification cards will not be accepted as identification by federal agencies for official purposes. This means that if the Act does go into effect, you will have to use a passport for all travel in and out of the country. Pressure has been building on congress to repeal Real ID. Alternative legislation, called PASS ID, has been introduced to the Congress. PASS ID has been endorsed by the National governor's Association. If Congress passes PASS ID before the end of 2009, the deadlines for compliance will be extended and travelers will be able to use existing driver's licenses for travel. As we hear anything, we will keep you updated.

**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 December 20th.

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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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