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Underwater Archeology Opportunity in Spain



Imagine....
Diving half-way
around the
world on a
Underwater
Archaeological
Field Study
in Spain!

Close your eyes and visualize this with me..... Beautiful beaches, warm breezes, stunning white stucco houses, tempting treasures, above as well as under the water.

Have you ever dreamed of a dive vacation where you could find REAL treasure? How about a vacation that allowed you to dive the restricted areas of the culturally rich Mediterranean waters?

YES... such a place and such an experience still exists, even within the average vacation budget! The tiny Island of Minorca, Spain boasts a diving adventure that is extraordinary in all respects. With the numerous caverns, caves, and abundant aquatic life Minorca has always been a top dive destination to Europeans.

This last November, Tim Pratt, Emanuela Bocancea, Colin de Jong, and Dianna Ungarian left a cold Canadian winter for this

type of awesome adventure.

This dive vacation was actually an Underwater Archaeological Field Study School. The course was offered by the Eco-museum de Cap de Cavalleria on the Island of Minorca. The course took us diving into the ancient Port of Sanitja and off the coast of Cape Cavalleria.

These areas require special permits to dive in due to the significant archaeological artifacts. We had an opportunity to dive and learn from some of Europe's most experienced archaeologists.

We learned how to set up measuring grids and document the artifacts we found. I still get tingles remembering picking up pieces of amphora from 100BC, where you could put your fingers into the grooves made by the ancient potter's fingers.

I will never forget walking through the goat field to enter the water onto our dive sites. Working closely with the instructors, we went on this

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dive armed with cameras and video looking for Spanish anchors from ships that floundered off the rocky shore. On our way up to do a safety stop I saw some different types of pottery. We were able to pick up pieces of amphorae

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⇒ **Diving and Underwater Sports News Articles, Photos, etc, of interest to AUC's Active Members Wanted!! Please submit your contributions to: AUC Office: 780-427-9125 or 1-888-307-8566 or email: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com**

Mark your Calendar now for 2008 Dive Events & see the AUC's Website for Updates just prior to each Event:

- April 26/08**
AUC's AGM In Red Deer
- May 17-18/08**
46th Jasper Aquathon & River Race, Jasper
- June 14/08**
Treasure Hunt—Twin Lakes
- July 20/08**
Bow River Float/Snorkel-Calgary
- Aug 16/08**
U/W Rodeo—Cold Lake
- Aug 23/08**
Bear Grass Dive— Waterton
- Sept 6, 7th**
Banff Lakes Clean-ups
- Sept 13/08**
Gull Lake Cleanup
- Sept 14/08**
Sylvan Lake U/W Clean-up
- Sept 27/08**
Pumpkin Dive —Wainwright

Underwater Hockey Dates:

April 21-26: World's 08 in South Africa

May 17-19th—Canadian Nationals in Guelph, Ontario

Other Important Dates

Mark your Calendar

- May 3/4:** Dive & Travel Expo in Tacoma, Washington
- July 28/08:** PADI Member Forum hosted by NW Scuba
- Aug 16/17:** Diver Enhancement Weekend in Banff hosted by AquaSports & The Dive Shop (Calgary stores)
- Oct 22-25—DEMA (Diving Equipment Mfg Association) Trade Show in Las Vegas for scuba professionals**

AUC MEMBERS' FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Equip Wanted	Used Gear for Sale	Post Date	Description of Used Gear Wanted and/or For Sale
	#1001	Jun 05/07	1 Used AL 80 Scuba Tank, Asking \$150, Moving, must sell info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1001 info
	#1004	Aug 22/07	BCD MARES VECTOR PLATINUM, size XL, Used only once, Best Offer Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1004 info
	#1005	Sept 1/07	Women's Medium 7mm wetsuit (hood, jacket & farmer john pants) , 1 PR—5mm 5 finger Gauntlet Neoprene gloves by Whites. \$40. OBO, Akona Roller Bag (30 x 14.5) made from 600D poly-natural fiber material with rust resistant hardware. Has wheels, carrying compartments, etc. Perfect to carry all your scuba gear! Asking \$250 or OBO Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1005
	#1006	Sept 20/07	WOMEN'S BARE PRESTIGE WET Suit, 7mm Great condition. Like brand new. Size 7/8 (fits approx. 110-125 lbs X 5"2" - 5"5".. Full Jane (overalls) and Separate Jacket. Hood optional. \$100 OBO Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1006
	#1007	Nov 15/07	U/W CAMERA: SeaLife DC 600 -camera was purchased last January and is still under warranty. It comes with the underwater case, 2 batteries and two 1GB SD card. Asking \$500.00. Contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com for seller #1007
	1009	Mar 31/08	UNDERWATER HOUSING - SEA & SEA for NIKON D200, Location: Edmonton, AB, Housing has been used on one dive trip, is in excellent condition, reason for selling - switching to underwater video. Details: Sea & Sea DX-D200 Housing for Nikon D200:\$2495.95. Fish-Eye Dome Port with Shade (SS-56231):615.00, Custom Flat Port (SS-56231): 480. Dome Port Cover - Neoprene (SS21211): \$50.00, AF Nikkor 10.5mm DX Focus Gear (SS-31120): \$230.00, AF-S DX Zoom Nikkor ED 12-24mm F4G Zoom Gear (SS-31107): \$172.00 AF Micro Nikkor 50mm F2.8D Focus Gear and AF/MF Gear (SS51399): \$182.00 Total Value: \$4224.95 in US Dollars, Prices are for the housing, ports & gear sets. Your combined savings with no shipping charges from US company, no brokerage fees, not GST, save approx. \$1000.00. Price for above setup: \$3600 obo. please contact: info@albertaunderwatercouncil.com , seller #1009

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR ALL AUC MEMBERS! PLEASE SUBMIT VIA PHONE OR EMAIL TO THE AUC OFFICE!

DIVER'S TIPS & TRICKS

Do you have a handy dive tip or idea that you would like to share with your fellow divers?

If so, then this is the section for you! All relevant "tips and tricks" are welcome, just send your suggestions to the AUC office, attn: Newsletter Editor & we'll include them in the next newsletter! Here's an example to start us off:

Question: If I am a newly certified diver, or have just moved to a different city, how do I find a dive buddy?

Answer: It may sound like an intimidating endeavor at first but there is actually a variety of ways to meet new dive buddies, whether you do not yet have a dive buddy or your usual dive buddy is simply inundated with household chores for the weekend! Here are some suggestions to consider:

- Check out your local dive shop(s)*.

They often have courses running and know of dive groups going out that you may be able to meet up with.

- Check out your local dive club(s)*. They often have meetings or events you can attend to meet new people and have fun.
- Attend the AUC scheduled dive events. If you arrive alone, the organizers graciously pair you up with a dive pal(s) for the day. Plus the event food and prizes are always good!
- Check out the "Dive Buddy" tab on the AUC website at <http://ws.albertaunderwatercouncil.com/auc/>
- You can add your name to the dive buddy list, see contact info for other dive buddies along with their usual dive spots, post a proposed dive day

to see if anyone else is interested, or join an existing posted dive.

- Search the Internet for other dive buddy websites and discussion forums.

Once you meet one dive buddy, there is typically a domino effect whereby you meet even more dive buddies through them and through participation in organized activities. For example, when my first dive buddy became occupied with construction work, I was able to continue diving through some wonderful divers I'd met through him.Submitted by Rhonda Lee Curran



UNDERWATER CLUBS in Alberta—Both Underwater Hockey & Scuba

AUC welcomes you to the company of underwater enthusiasts from all across the province. Joining a dive or under water sports club offers you a great opportunity to have fun under-water and above water, with a group of similar minded individuals.

Many clubs also offer opportunities to continually improve your diving skills through ongoing training programs or travel. Meet new people and enjoy your sport! Join one today!



ALBERTA'S UNDERWATER HOCKEY CLUBS

CALGARY:

Calgary Underwater Hockey Club Contact: www.calgaryunderwater.ca

EDMONTON:

Edmonton Underwater Hockey Association edmontonunderwaterhockey.com



ALBERTA'S SCUBA CLUBS:



CALGARY—Scuba Clubs

Calgary Sub-Aquatic
Axel Kolleywyn: (403) 285-2340

Scuba Divers Dinner Group—
Tony Lamb: (403) 283-3368
TonyLamb@shaw.ca

Underwater Outlaws
Email: uoutlaw@telus.net
Website: www.3.telus.net/underwater/outlaws/

COLD LAKE: - Scuba Club
4-Wing Cold Lake Scuba Club
Larry Dublenko
Wk: (780)840-8000, Ext.7959
Dublenko.AL@forces.gc.ca
<http://www3.telus.net/public/jjparr/clubs/scuba.htm>

Charles (RED) Ehrich
780-639-4564

EDMONTON: Scuba Clubs:

AquaTek Voodoo Gas Divers
Contact Via Email: Carol or Jeff
voodoogas@aquatekscuba.com
Web Site: www.aquatekscuba.com

Edmonton Aquanauts
Ken Kozak: (780) 960-0263

Edmonton Pub Divers
Brian Nadwidny
email:nadwidny@gmail.com

U OF A Scuba Appreciation Club
Thye Sing, scuba@ualberta.ca
uofascuba.com

Wing Divers
Tom or Cathy Davies: (780) 462-1551
tedavies@telusplanet.net

SPECIALTY RESCUE CLUB:

Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society (NAARS)
Cliff Bergunde: (780) 450-1206
<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3310>
Email: naars-admin@shaw.ca

FORT McMURRAY: Scuba Club

Wet & Wild Diving Society of Fort McMurray
9 Birch Rd, Ft McMurray, AB , T9K 1P2
www.ghptoto.ca/wwscuba/
PH: 780-743-3123

GRANDE PRAIRIE: Scuba Club

Grande Prairie SCUBA Club
Carsten Andersen 780-539-7595
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Email: donwel@telus.net

LETHBRIDGE: Scuba Club

Scuba Group Lethbridge
Marni Anderson: (403) 328-5041
www.awesomeadventures.com

PEACE RIVER: Scuba Club

Jeff Protz: (780) 642-1619 jeff@protz.ab.ca

WAINWRIGHT: Scuba Clubs

Buffalo Divers: Andrew Laschuk ,
Hm Ph: 780-842-6168, crusader@telus.net

Davco Diving Aquamaniacs
Dave & Connie Faas: (780) 842-5559
www.davco.ca



DAN Medical Information Line:
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NEWS FROM CALGARY UNDERWATER HOCKEY

The Calgary Underwater Hockey Club is sending a Junior Team to Guelph in March to compete in the 29th Annual Guelph College Royale UWH Tournament.

Our players are (back row) Sara, Harry, Nico, Gabby, Sam, Josh, Coach Myrna (front row) Vinne (alternate), Thomas, Eric, Haley, Dara (alternate), Allison, Luke, Joseph. This will be the second tournament our junior team has competed in; they also played some exhibition games at the Calgary Tournament in February.

Good Luck, Calgary Juniors!

Our practices are open to anyone who'd like to come out and try our "breathless" sport. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 pm or Sundays at 5:30 at the Talisman Center in Calgary.



See calgaryunderwater.ca for more information & contacts!



NEWS FROM EDMONTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Upcoming Underwater Hockey Drop-In Open House Pools sessions for new or returning players to come out & try underwater hockey on:

Saturday, April 12, NAIT Pool, 12Noon -1 pm

Saturday, May 10th, NAIT Pool, 12 Noon –1 pm

Please RSVP to:

Adam Jocksch: Cell: 267-9610



Gr.Britain VS Australia—Elite Women 2006 Photo by Sol Neelman

⇒ *Best Wishes & Good Luck from EUHC to all Canadian U/W Hockey Players who committed to & made the Canadian teams for travel to the upcoming 2008 World Championships in Durban, South Africa.*



THE EDMONTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

OCTOPUSHERS & AMPHIBIANS - OFFICIAL WEBSITE
(Adult) (Youth)



See edmontonunderwaterhockey.com for more information & contacts!

PLAN TO JOIN THE FUN - DIVERS & FAMILIES!



**ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL'S
46th JASPER AQUA-THON & RIVER RACE
MAY 17, 18th, 2008**

Saturday, May 17th – STARTS at Old Fort Point Bridge - Watch for the road-side “Dive Flag” Signs

REGISTRATION – Meet & register Saturday morning, 9:30 am at Old Fort Point Bridge parking lot or at (if possible) at Jasper Wapiti Campground on Friday evening, Section RR. Aquathon Registration for Divers: \$10 or \$15 for a Family Registration (2 participating adults & 2-3 kids) or for a “Buddy Team Registration” (\$20 pp with AUC Membership Renewal!) Need a Dive Buddy?? Just let the organizers know!

ATHABASCA RIVER RACE EVENT – 11:00 am – Register at parking lot at Old Fort Point Bridge (meet later for a Mass start on the Athabasca River at Marmot Pit road) with a 10 km float down the Athabasca River (exposure suits a must!). Flotation recommended & is limited to devices with no mechanical steering (e.g. inner tubes and air mattresses) BUDDY TEAMS must stay together. Race end location is same as Registration area at Old Fort Point Bridge parking lot. Volunteers needed to help with race & vehicle shuttle.

NOTE: PRIZES FOR THE FASTEST TIMES & BEST DECORATED!!

LUNCH (following the race) at Old Fort Point Bridge Parking lot (see map) Hot dogs and liquid refreshments for registrants (meal tickets available at extra cost for additional adults, kids are free). Balance of day is free for diving, family time, etc.

Sunday, May 18th – Starts with fine eats at the Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30 AM–9:30 AM at the WAPITI CAMPGROUND (Section RR) then Dive Events at LAKE EDITH at 11 AM, followed BBQ at 6 PM usually back at the Wapiti Campground Cook Shelter nearest to Section RR (watch for Dive Flag Signs)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (pre-dive) is included in registration for participants & families, usually in Section RR, Wapiti Campground, 8:30 am to 9:30 am, watch for the road-side Dive Flags & crowds of hungry campers!

AQUA-THON DIVE EVENTS – Bring your gear, pack a snack & meet at shore of Lake Edith at 11 am for fun and challenging events:

Navigation – Test your navigational skills as you and your buddy try to locate the various points around the course, bring your own compass & small diving slate

Mystery Dive – It’s a secret! You and your buddy will be challenged to a fun diving event – so bring your gear & we’ll supply the rest!

U/W Buoyancy Challenge—Try to dive the underwater obstacle course without stirring up the silt or snagging yourself or your gear on the hula-hoops suspended from the bottom.

Golf Ball Snorkel - Wetsuits preferred for easiest use, dry suits are possible (but tricky); buddy teams must snorkel for & retrieve the most golf balls in 6-20 ft of water near the shore of Lake Edith.

BBO (BYOM-Bring Your Own Meat BBQ), SOCIAL & PRIZE PRESENTATIONS – 6:00 pm -Wapiti Campground Section RR (usually at nearest Cookhouse, watch for signs) BBQ, Baked Potatoes, salad and refreshments provided. PLEASE bring your own meat/veggie & utensils to the BBQ plus any special additional refreshments & don’t forget lawn chairs! Monday is a “free day”, plan another dive, spend time with family/friends, take in the sights of Jasper, ride up the tramway, take a hike, etc.

MR & MS AQUATHON: Awarded to the registrants (male & female) best exhibiting the “Aqua-thon Spirit” of fun and participation, including general spirit, participation in number of events and participation with different team members for each event.

JR. AQUATHON: Awarded to participant (male or female) under age of 18 years best exhibiting the “Aquathon Spirit”.

BRING A NEW PARTICIPANT* TO THE AQUATHON & GET BOTH NAMES ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL PRIZE DRAW!!

(*New participant includes divers who have not attended in past three years!)

News from the AUC Board

November Mtg Highlights—Present—Tom Davies, Gord Ross, Dave Pohl, Mike Hussey, Tony Lamb, Brian Nadwidny, Heather Rowe, Absent—Axel Kollewyn, Thye Sing Wong, Gilles Benoiton, Jeff Grimson

President's Report: Tom reports that our meeting with the ARSPW foundation went well and we will continue to receive our grant from that organization.

Treasurer's Report: Our next casino has been scheduled for April 14/15, 2008 which is 6 months sooner than expected which is good as we are having no problem with spending our "Gaming funds" as per Gaming Guidelines

Director at Large reports—Brian Nadwidny: It has proven to be impossible to get a decent venue to hold a Divescapes in 2008. Therefore we will be looking at 2009 for this event.

New Business: Brian Nadwidny—Safety equipment purchase—due to an incident during one of our Discover Scuba classes, a motion was put forth that the Discover Scuba van should be equipped with an Emergency O2 kit and an AED kit. The motion passed unanimously. An application will be made to get a grant to cover 50% of the purchase.

Brian Nadwidny—Minnewanka cleanup—After discussions with Parks Canada in Banff, it was decided to hold an UW cleanup at Minnewanka. A motion was made to hold this cleanup on Sept 6 & 7th. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting January 14. No meeting to be held in December.

January Mtg Highlights Present—Tom Davies, Dave Pohl, Gilles Benoiton, Mike Hussey, Tony Lamb, Brian Nadwidny, Heather Rowe, Thye Sing Wong, Jeff Grimson, Axel Kollewyn, Absent—Gord Ross
Treasurer reports—A couple of the GIC's became due Jan 11/08, \$20,000 was cashed back in and put into the Gaming Account.

Executive Director's Report—Still working on setting up the Remote Network so I can work from home but still access the email & computer from here at the Percy Page Building. The old "computer" is our "back up" and is running very slow & running out of memory. So another computer is being purchased asap to help keep the office running smoothly. Approx cost: \$1200.

Director at Large Reports: Gilles Benoiton—Underwater hockey is going very well. I've made the "Canadian Elite Men's Team" going to South Africa for the World's09. EUHC has a "Open House" planned for

Saturday Jan 19th at NAIT, followed by a course starting every Sat between 12-1pm at NAIT.

New Business—Scuba Film Night: Brian Nadwidny—In lieu of holding Divescapes this year we have an idea to ask the stores/clubs to submit & present Video, DVD or Power Point format presentations to highlight their Underwater Amateur photographers and videographers. The Royal Alberta Museum Theatre has been approached for costs to hold the event in Edmonton. We would also run the same event for the Calgary stores and their people. Venues for Calgary will be checked out.

Alternate fund raising activities—Research will be done into finding out how much commitment is needed to get involved at selling 50/50 tickets at Edmonton Oilers and Oil Kings games as this may prove to be a viable option for additional fund raising. **Next Meeting Feb. 11.**

February Meeting Highlights: Present—Tom Davies, Dave Pohl, Gilles Benoiton, Mike Hussey, Brian Nadwidny, Heather Rowe, Thye Sing Wong, Axel Kollewyn, Absent—Gord Ross, Jeff Grimson, Tony Lamb

Treasurer's Report—Some investments in GIC's have matured & were put into Cons. Gaming Account, plus have purchased new GIC's for \$25,000 from General Funds with maturity date Aug 09. **Executive Director's Report—**The office has been very busy in the last month with many reports finished and sent to the various government bodies— We have set up the new computer & network access so Dave & I can work from home.— Planning for the Boat & Sportsman Shows that are coming up, however not attending the Calgary Boat Show as they didn't receive my fax reserving the booth & unable to get in on cancellation list, however we have secured a booth for the Edmonton Show in March.

Director at Large Reports: Brian Nadwidny—The AUC was represented at the Vancouver Aquarium's "Divers Weekend" show held January 19/20th. As BC is the number one destination for Alberta divers, this event is proving to be an excellent means to keep lines of communication open between the Alberta and BC diving communities. Also Alberta Ice Diving was heavily promoted with brochures that had ice diving dates and the associated shop printed on them. Also I will be attending the Boston Sea Rovers clinic in March. There are people speaking there that will be of interest as presenters for future Divescapes/Film shows.

Thye Sing Wong—the Uof A Scuba club is setting up a "Big Brothers" Discover Scuba Program, They have \$1200 to work with and the club will be donating pool time for this effort. The club is also working on a PR Campaign and membership drive for the club. **Old Business —Brian Nadwidny: Film shows—**Edmonton Film Show – June 7th has been tentatively booked at Royal Alberta Provincial Museum Theatre at \$1300 for rental & AV

fees. Talking to Edmonton Stores – not sure if they will support this. Calgary is still being sorted out with regards to venue, organization, etc.

Next meeting March 10.

March 10th Mtg Highlights -Present—Tom Davies, Gord Ross, Dave Pohl, Tony Lamb, Heather Rowe, Axel Kollewyn, Thye Sing Wong, Jeff Grimson. Absent— Brian Nadwidny, Gilles Benoiton, Mike Hussey. President's Report: The Red Deer Show was well represented by Mike Hussey, Wayne Zimmerman, John & Cathie McCuaig. Our AGM is coming up on April 26th in Red Deer; interested board members should get their nomination forms in soon. Please recruit other able & interested members if possible. As reported by Dave: our global pooling has gone up from \$89 to \$93 and we are now at \$129.11 per worker per event worked.

Vice President's Report—Gord is glad to be back in town! He went up to Twin Lakes & opened up the Wing Diver's Facility for the North West Scuba booking on Saturday Mar 8/9.

Treasurer's Report—The 2007 statement shows that we have +\$10,000. Due to the Casino date coming up earlier than anticipated (April 08), this resulted in an adjustment for the "Per Worker" credit. We now have approx. \$80,000 owing to the clubs, with the Casino Funds spread out over 2 years. Term deposits are \$109,126. - with interest income is \$4000. I am pleased to present this Financial Statement at our upcoming AGM as we are spending money where we should.

Executive Director's Report—Met with the Dive Outfitters, NW Scuba & Ocean Sports about the FILM SHOW – 2 out of 3 support this but want us to keep the price as low as possible. Calgary might be an even be a tougher market to sell this idea to. **Director at Large Reports:** Thye Sing Wong—Have been working with Cathie on Marketing and Public Relations.

Next meeting April 7,

ANNUAL GENERAL MTG: AGM: April 26/08

**COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?
IDEAS? CONCERNS?
PLEASE CONTACT A
BOARD MEMBER!
They are always ready &
willing to talk membership.
REMEMBER THIS IS
YOUR COUNCIL!**

DIVE SAFETY NEWS—BE LIGHTNING SMART!

NEWS REPORT FROM: 23 July 2007:

In a rare occurrence a Florida scuba diver has been killed after his tank was struck by lightning ...Associate Press is reporting that "Deerfield Beach resident Stephen Wilson was diving with three others off a boat near Deerfield Beach when a severe thunderstorm warning was in effect in the area.

When he surfaced, "Lightning struck his tank," said Deerfield Beach fire Chief Gary Fernaays. "He was approximately 30 feet from the boat at the time." Wilson's three diving buddies got the injured diver into their boat and called for help. A Pompano Beach rescue crew could not revive the diver and he was pronounced dead. An autopsy determined that the man had died of **electrocution**.

Lightning is an electrical discharge caused when static electricity builds up between thunderclouds, or thunderclouds and the ground. Lightning strokes carry up to 100 million volts of electricity and leap from cloud to cloud, or cloud to ground and vice versa. Lightning tends to strike higher ground and prominent objects, especially good conductors of electricity such as metal.

Thunder is the noise caused by the explosive expansion of air due to the heat generated by a lightning discharge. Thunder may have a sharp cracking sound when lightning is close by, compared to a rumbling noise produced by more distant strokes. Because light travels at a faster speed than sound, you can see a lightning bolt before the sound of thunder reaches you. To judge how close lightning is, count the seconds between the flash and the thunder clap. Each second represents about 300 meters. If you can count less than 30 seconds between the lightning strike and the thunder, the storm is less than 10 km away and there is an 80 percent chance the next strike will happen

within that 10 km. If you count less than 30 seconds, take shelter, preferably in a house or all-metal automobile (not a convertible top) or in a low-lying area. Lightning may strike several kilometres away from the parent cloud and precautions should be taken even if the thunderstorm is not directly overhead.

Learn the 30-30 rule!

Take appropriate shelter when you can count 30 seconds or less between lightning and thunder.

Remain sheltered for 30 minutes after the last thunder. If caught outdoors:

Keep a safe distance from tall objects, such as trees, hilltops, and telephone poles. **Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape.** Seek shelter in low-lying areas such as valleys, ditches and depressions but be aware of flooding.

Stay away from water!

Don't go boating or swimming if a storm threatens and land as quickly as possible if you are on the water. Get out of the water, it's a great conductor of electricity. Stay off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, crouch down in the center away from metal hardware.

Swimming, wading, snorkeling and scuba diving are *NOT SAFE!*

Lightning can strike the water and travel some distance from its point of contact.

Don't stand in puddles even if you are wearing rubber boots.

Stay away from objects that conduct electricity, such as tractors, golf carts, golf clubs, metal fences, motorcycles, lawnmowers and bicycles.

Avoid being the highest point in an open area. Swinging a golf club or holding an umbrella or fishing rod can make you the tallest object and a target for lightning. Take off shoes with metal cleats.

You are safe inside a car during lightning, but don't park near or under trees or other tall objects which may topple over during a storm.



Be aware of downed power lines which may be touching your car. You are safe inside the car, but you may receive a shock if you step outside. **In a forest**, seek shelter in a low-lying area under a thick growth of small trees or bushes. **Keep alert for flash floods**, sometimes caused by heavy rainfall, if seeking shelter in a ditch or low-lying area. **If caught in a level field far from shelter and you feel your hair stand on end, lightning may be about to hit you. Kneel on the ground immediately, with feet together, place your hands on your knees and bend forward. Don't lie flat.**

If you are in a group in the open, spread out, keeping people several yards apart.!

Indoor Precautions:

Before the storm hits, disconnect electrical appliances including radios and television sets. Do not touch them during the storm.

Don't go outside unless absolutely necessary.

Keep away from doors, windows, fireplaces, and anything that will conduct electricity, such as radiators, stoves, sinks, and metal pipes. Keep as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

Don't handle electrical equipment or telephones. Use battery operated appliances only.

Note: Persons who have been struck by lightning receive an electrical shock but do not carry an electrical charge and can be safely handled. Victims may be suffering from burns or shock and should receive medical attention immediately. If breathing has stopped, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be administered. If breathing and pulse are absent, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation is required.

(Reprinted from Environment Canada Website)

Underwater Archeology Opportunity in Spain—Cont'd

and take photographs of them for documentation.

Tim, Colin, Emanuela and I all felt the same when we were able to put our fingers into the grooves made by the ancient potter's fingers. ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!!! Some of the pottery is from 100 BC and no one has touched it for over 1700 years. I had my picture taken with it and very carefully replaced it in its spot. Placing it back down, I also noticed a stamp on the side. When we returned to the museum Fernando got very excited about the find. Through some excited translation to English, we found out the piece was very significant. It definitely connected the ancient Roman city that they were excavating on the hill to the harbour waters below.

Next trip (6 spots left): Nov 15-30/08

If you would like to learn what the stamp meant or more about the upcoming trip -Please contact Dianna at dianna@oceansports.ca.



Photo: Tim, Emanuela, Colin and Diana



DIVE HUMOUR



"What did you think I meant when I said I was going outside to try out my new dive gear?"

Signs that your Dive Buddy is a lawyer:

- He threatens to sue *Smuckers* for his jellyfish stings.
- He exclaims, "The only Bends that I'm going to get is a Mercedes."
- He doesn't need a cage to dive with sharks because of professional courtesy.
- He reminds you not to leave your dive gloves behind, saying, "If only O.J. had listened."
- He actually reads every word of the Scuba Liability Waiver Form.

U of A Scuba Appreciation Club: Trip to California

Reading Week Trip to Santa Catalina

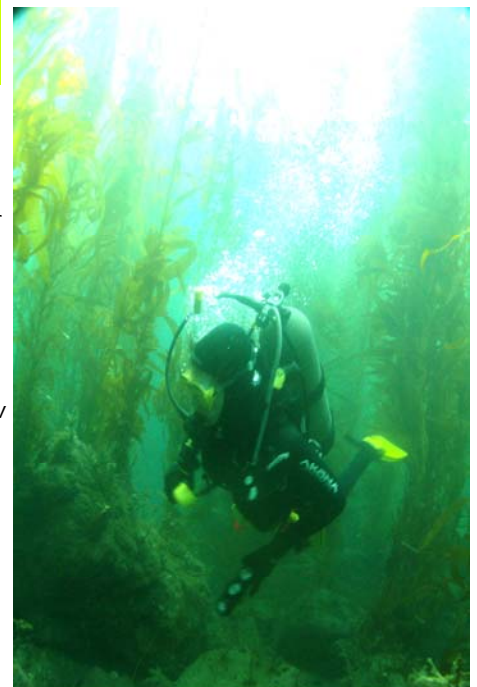
Our second annual Reading Week Trip to Santa Catalina was an even better event this year with nine people and great weather. Five of us drove down while four flew. We all met up at a hotel in LA and spent the night at Huntington Beach.

The second day we took the ferry over to Santa Catalina and got suited up for our first dives. All of us couldn't wait to get in the water especially since it was the first time for a few of us. They certified three students on this trip with them accessing the Grant U-21.

The next few days it was just shore diving and boat diving galore, some of it at night. For the three students their first dive as certified divers was a night dive in perfect conditions with a full moon out, calm seas, and high tides. We saw moray eels out in the open, octopus, lobsters, and a lot more. To top all of that off, our first day boat diving, a friendly seal (some say it was a sea lion) came up and played with us for quite some time.

This could have possibly been the best trip yet. Everyone on the trip was absolutely fun and couldn't wait to get back out on another trip.

Please visit our website for updates: uofascuba.com



Diving the California Kelp Forests off Catalina Island.

DIVE ALBERTA 2008 EVENTS—Mark your Calendars & Make Plans to Join Us!

Dive Alberta 2008

AUC's Dive Alberta 08 Events:

May 17/18th—JASPER AQUATHON & River Race, May Long-weekend, Jasper

June 14—TREASURE HUNT & Lake Cleanup at TWIN LAKES, near Winfield, hosted by Wing Divers Club

July 20th—BOW RIVER Float & Snorkel at Bowness Park, Calgary

Aug 16th—U/W RODEO & Lake Cleanup hosted by: Wet & Wild Club of Fort Mac and the 4-Wing Cold Lake Scuba Club

Aug 23rd—WATERTON BEARGRASS Dive Event & Lake Cleanup—hosted by Lethbridge Scuba Group & Anderson Aquatics

Sept 6 & 7th—NEW EVENT—U/W Lake Cleanups in BANFF at both Two Jack Lk and Lake Minnewanka

Sept 13th—Nick Young Memorial GULL LAKE Underwater Cleanup at Wilson's Beach, Gull Lk, AB

Sept 14th—Sylvan Lake U/W Clean-up hosted by the AUC, Northwest Scuba & local dive centres

Sept 27th—PUMPKIN DIVE & Lake Cleanup, hosted by Buffalo Divers Club & Davco Diving at Clear Lake, near Wainwright

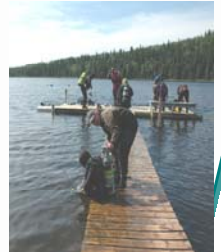
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CREATURE FEATUREby Andy Lamb

ONE FISH, TWO FISH. THREE FISH, MORE FISH!!

Divers tend to notice fish. Perhaps, this is due to a general familiarity with these finned creatures. Or is it that they usually move? Or is it because many are large or colourful? Or maybe it is a combination of all of these factors – and more?

Historically, spearfishing was a primary interaction between divers and fish. More recently, with the availability of inexpensive and small underwater cameras, many SCUBA enthusiasts shoot photographs of these wonderful animals instead. Take only pics, leave only bubbles is the mantra in this new era of ecological awareness & consciousness.

During a recent trip to the Sunshine Coast, B.C., the three accompanying photographs were shot by Alberta diver John McCuaig while diving with his wife Cathie and Joe Fowler. These nice shots were apparently taken between 40 and 80 ft. Congratulations John —



Fish are often difficult to photograph because they move and frequently try and avoid the entire process.

The striped species appearing in image above is a painted greenling *Oxylebius pictus*. While it only grows to a maximum length of 25 cm (10 in.), this active bottom dweller usually shows little fear of divers. Indeed, it often confronts observers and may even appear to follow them around. The brightly coloured individual pictured may actually be a breeding male. When courting or guarding an egg mass, the male

painted greenling usually adjusts its alternating dark/light striped pattern. In this scenario, the light bands become darker and somewhat obliterate the basic pattern.



In image #2, an adult quillback rockfish - *Sebastes maliger* rests upon a boot sponge extending from a vertical wall. This is a very typical quillback

with a dark posterior end, a yellowish 'saddle' and deeply notched spiny dorsal fin. Its raised dorsal fin indicates that John was able to 'snap' this shot just before the threatened specimen moved off its perch. Incidentally, another concerned fish had already decided to flee the scene. Exiting below, is a juvenile yellow eye rockfish — *Sebastes ruberrimus*. The characteristic striped pattern of the juvenile disappears upon adulthood. Then this fish (incorrectly called red snapper) assumes a yellowish orange and usually moves deeper, away from comfortable sport diving depths.

Introducing.....

Bio of Our "Creature Feature"

Author: Andy LambA marine biologist & diver who has worked as chief collector at the Vancouver Aquarium and as fish culturist with Fisheries & Oceans Canada. He is a frequent contributor to many publications including Diver, Western Angling, Northwest Dive News, Nature Canada, Pacific Search and Skin Diver Magazine. He is a very funny & popular speaker appearing at many dive conferences including several of AUC's Divescapes conferences in the past.



This dramatic 3rd photograph above features a head-on pose of an adult tiger rockfish *Sebastes nigrocinctus*. Solitary and aggressive, this rockfish seldom strays far from its home shelter. The individual classically confronts John, showing its characteristic pink and striped colouration. Even if this bold fish would have backed down and retreated into its cave, it would likely have re-emerged and provided John with a second chance. Good fish photography requires patience together with an understanding of species behavior.

This article is meant to introduce a regular series in "UNDERWATER ALBERTA" newsletter whereby Andy Lamb will answer reader's questions about experiences with aquatic creatures they have encountered. Help with Pacific Northwest species identification is the primary focus for this column.



Andy & Virginia Lamb

Obviously photographic submissions work best but sketches and/or descriptions may also suffice.

Send questions and/or photos to EDITOR@albertaunderwatercouncil.com

COME to the AGM in Red Deer—Vote & Enjoy Lunch & Film Show



ALBERTA UNDERWATER COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION:

On Saturday, April 26th, 2008

At: Collicutt Centre (Swimming Pool), 3031-30 Ave,

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Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

TIME: 10 AM SHARP to 2 PM

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Film Show: Sunken Train Cars & Ferry Boats of Kootenay Lake, DVD Presentation by John McCuaig AND Ritchie Kohler's 2007 Peconic Wreck Expedition, a DVD by Ken Thate. The SS Peconic is an 1881 English built 270' steamer which sank in 70' of sea water during a hurricane in August 1905 off the Georgia Coast.

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(See enclosed for Nomination Forms, And Map)



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NEWS FROM ALBERTA DIVE CLUBS:

CALGARY:

SUB AQUATIC SCUBA CLUB. This year's events included the (difficult task this year) of replacing & removing the "Dive Marker Buoys" at Lake Minnewanka, in Banff in 2008. The lake is a reservoir, operated by TransAlta Utilities so the ever-changing lake levels, spring run-off, winds & rains made for interesting & often challenging visibility for diving this year. We are working with the Banff Park staff to re-think, re-design, re-position the dive marker buoys with the diver's safety in mind. **Alberta divers are also reminded not to use the "Boat Launch" area to enter & exit their dives at Lake Minnie as this area is heavy with boat traffic in summer.**

SCUBA DIVER'S DINNER GROUP. Meets: 3rd Mondays each month at: Emerald Garden Restaurant, at the corner of 9 St & 16 Ave, NW, Calgary at 6:15 pm for Dinner followed by a Film Show or DVD Presentation at 6:45 pm. Costs: Dinner: \$15, plus Beer/Wine: \$3.50 extra Usual attendance: 30-50 Divers, All are welcome—especially Tropical Divers!

UNDERWATER OUTLAWS: see their website at: underwateroutlaws.com

COLD LAKE

4 WING COLD LAKE SCUBA CLUB: Co-Host of Annual Event: U/W Rodeo, & Lake Cleanup, Cold Lake usually held on 3rd Saturday of August. see their website at: <http://www3.telus.net/public/jiparr/clubs/scuba.htm>

EDMONTON:

AQUA-NAUTS SKIN & SCUBA DIVING CLUB: Meets Friday Evenings at O'Leary Pool year-round, 9pm-10pm, 8804- 132 Ave, All are welcome.

NAARS: Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society has on-going Public Diver & Rescue Training scheduled throughout the year. See their website: <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3310>, Email: naars-admin@shaw.ca

PUB DIVERS: Usually meets once per month during the off season at a centrally located Edmonton Pub for an evening of meeting, greeting & swapping dive stories with other divers. Contact: nadwidny@gmail.com to be added to contact list—for notification about Pub Nites, pool dives, local summer dives, etc.

U OF A SCUBA APPRECIATION CLUB for more info, see their website for upcoming events: uofascuba.com, see trip report for Catalina Island, CA for Reading Week trip in Feb 08

VOODOO GAS DIVERS

See Aqua-Tek Scuba's website for their calendar of monthly meetings @ aquatekscuba.com

WING DIVERS' CLUB—meets every Tuesday nite at Scona Pool, 7:30-8:30 pm, Sept thru to end of April 08, time changes to: 8:00 pm—9:00 pm for May till end of June. Club report: 14 members travelled to Mexican Riviera for a dive & relax on the beach holiday in Jan 2008

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Wet & WILD DIVING SOCIETY OF Fort McMurray: Living or working up in Fort Mac?? See their website @ www.ghphoto.ca/wwwscuba/ Co-Host of Annual Event: U/W Rodeo, & Lake Cleanup, Cold Lake usually held on 3rd Saturday of August. Monthly Club Mtgs: May 6/08, June 3/08, etc.

GRANDE PRAIRIE

GP SCUBA GROUP meets every third Sunday of the month.—(no news submitted)

LETHBRIDGE

Scuba Group Lethbridge. See Anderson Aquatics' website for upcoming trips: www.awesomeadventures.ca

Galapagos - Nov 2008 , *Three spots left!*

WAINWRIGHT

Buffalo Divers: Canadian Forces, Wainwright , New president is Andrew Laschuk, Phone: Hm: 780-842-6168, crusader@telus.net

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<http://www.davco.cc>

Co-Host of Annual Event: Pumpkin Dive & Lake Cleanup, usually held on the last Saturday of Sept or early Oct.



New technical instructor comes to Alberta!

Dan MacKay, formerly from Kingston, Ontario has moved to Bashaw, Alberta. Our gain is certainly Ontario's loss. Dan is best known in this area as a speaker at Divescapes 2006. Dan began diving in 1992 but in 1997 he began diving in earnest and pursued a career in the diving industry. He became a Global Underwater Explorers (GUE) Technical instructor in the fall of 1999. In the year 2000 he founded Northern Tech Diver in Kingston, Ontario. Dan currently teaches technical diving internationally full time. He is an avid videographer, photographer and author. He typically completes over 300 dives a year, about half of which are mixed gas technical OC or Rebreather dives. In addition to all this Dan has earned his private pilot's license. Dan's latest book "Dress For Success" (available at Aquasport in Calgary) has been wildly popular for those starting out on the technical path.

Dan is currently one of only 8 instructors in the world that can teach the highly in-demand and rigorous GUE Tech 2 course and one of only 4 in North America. Dan's schedule will still have him traveling the world teaching courses but he is happy to now be able to offer them to Alberta divers as well. Classes such as GUE's "GUE Fundamentals" course have proven to be very popular worldwide and now with easier access, Alberta divers now have the opportunity to take advantage of a local instructor. For those interested in taking GUE courses from Dan or just wanting to welcome him to our province, he can still be reached at his Northern Tech Diver email address: dan@northerntechdiver.com For more information on GUE and its' courses go to www.gue.com

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Mon July 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

Hosted by: Northwest Scuba Ventures

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(Please RSVP to PADI)**



NEWS FROM ALBERTA DIVE RETAILERS & TRAVEL AGENCIES

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Adventures in Scuba..... Trips in the Works: Costa Rica: May 08, BC West Coast, Fall 2008. OR Kona Aggressor Hawaii: Nov 15-22/08, Website: adventuresinscuba.com

Aqua Sport Scuba Ltd

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Alberta author & diver: **BILL HALL** announces that his new Guide Book should be available soon. Bill Hall and dive associates travelled to BC to compile this new book titled: **DIVING BRITISH COLUMBIA LAKES & RIVERS**

"The dive guide contains entries on 75 of the top dive sites in the B.C. interior and follow a similar format to my earlier work: *Diving Southern Alberta*". The new dive guide features dives in the Thomson Valley, the Shuswap, the Okanagan and the West Kootenays. There are many entries describing sunken rail cars & boat wrecks from the steam engine era plus dramatic walls, caverns and a very unique site in BC containing a rare form of fresh water coral. Check with your local favorite retail dive centre soon!

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DIVE MAGAZINES

Dive magazines offer the underwater enthusiast an opportunity to broaden his or her horizons. Whether it's a review of a new destination, technique or just brushing up on skills that may not be practiced during the long winter months, these magazines can keep you in contact with the sport during the times that you can't be underwater! A selection of popular titles are listed below:

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Undercurrent

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PADI & NAUI DIVE INSURANCE are both now aligned with DAN Insurance

Happy Diving, Stay Safe!

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The AUC Directors would be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding the Council. Please feel free to call the Executive members, or a Director near you or the Executive Director (in the AUC Office) to help answer your questions or concerns. We hope that your membership in the council is rewarding!

KEEP IN TOUCH ON THE WEB, see us at:
www.albertaunderwatercouncil.com
Visit often and be sure to "REFRESH" often!

NEED A DIVE BUDDY?

Register today on the AUC WEBSITE!

ALSO CHECK OUT WEBSITE FOR YOUR NEAREST SCUBA DIVE CLUB and/or DIVE CENTRE!



EDMONTON BINGOS: At Flamingo Bingo on May 8th: Divers, May 24th: UHW, June 14: UHW, June 16th: Divers

To Volunteer Please Contact: Diver's Bingo Coordinator: Tom Davies at Home Ph: 462-1551

OR Please Contact the UWHockey Bingo Coordinator at Home Ph: 478-8447

CALGARY'S SCUBA DIVERS

DINNER CLUB MEETING:S

DATES: 3rd Mondays, LOCATION: Emerald Garden Restaurant, at the corner of 9 Street & 16 Ave, NW, at 6:15 pm, dinner: 6:45, followed by Film Show with video/DVD presentation of dive resorts, etc. COSTS: Dinner: \$15.00 (inc. gst) Beer or Wine extra. Usual Attendance: 30-50,

All are Welcome—Especially Tropical Divers

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Objectives:

- To effectively represent the needs and interests of the Alberta underwater community
- To be recognized as a leading source of information on responsible underwater activities
- To be recognized as a leader in the preservation of the aquatic environment
- To provide services which recognize and meet the diverse needs of Alberta underwater sport enthusiasts.

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