

Florida Underwater Sports – January 2010 Newsletter



Tyler – Born to Dive!

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Happy New Year!

2009 – A year of growth and change for us. Carl achieved Master Scuba Diver Trainer level. We incorporated the PADI eLearning into our training offerings more than doubled the number of certifications issued through the dive center. The Donut Dives continue to grow in popularity and even have a sponsor, DUNKIN DONUTS. In July we celebrated our two years in business anniversary. Watch us continue to grow in 2010.

Thank you for your support and making this an amazing year for all of us!

Spearfishing Challenge!

Capt Scott & Reef Dog
Sat, January 30th, 8:30 AM
Bay Island Park
\$130

We have been challenged by South Lake Diving to a spear fishing tournament! This is going to be an all day, 3-tank event. Limited to 5 divers from each store. Must have Florida saltwater fishing license. Click here to sign on: [I'll take the challenge](#)

Winter Wipe-Out

We have two package deals (limited to stock on hand) BCD, Regulator and computer packages (no substitutions) that will save you 20-28% on top quality SCUBAPRO

Middle Grounds – not your Normal Diving!

Capt Scott
Sun Jan 24th, 04:00 AM
\$300

This is a serious trip for advanced divers and the diehard adventurer. After this first trip the cost will go up since it is an exclusive and sought after offering.

Scott has been diving local waters all his life and has secret numbers for spots that range in depth from 70 feet to thousands of feet. This is one of the healthiest coral reefs in Florida, and the only one with stony corals.

Be prepared for a very long day and a very long boat ride. To make the trip worthwhile you can also fish these grounds in between intervals for Tuna, Wahoo, Sail Fish, Marlin, Grouper, Snapper...anything and everything! Spear fishing too of course.

Leaves around 4am, run 120nm and be on the grounds at 9am; stay the day and depart around 2pm.

The Everglades will be an escort and support boat.

Bring dry bag with dry clothes and even a sleeping bag for napping in comfort.

Click here to join: [Middle Grounds](#)

Below is a great chance to get the family in the water! Learn to snorkel on Wednesday, Drift Dive the Rainbow on Saturday and snorkel with the manatees on Sunday!

Rainbow River Drift Dive

Sat Jan 23rd
Divemaster Mike
\$22 per drift includes park fee

Do you need a break from limited visibility, 68° water temps and sand? How does 100 ft visibility and 72° sound? Come to Rainbow River for a relaxing 1½ to 2 hr drift dive in constant 72° temperatures and 75-100 ft visibility. See active spring vents and seeps, a variety of fish and beautiful rock formations. This is an adventure suitable for all levels from snorkeler to experienced diver. The average depth is 10 ft and the maximum depth is 22 feet. Drift over grass beds, sand channels, and bedrock formations gently carried downstream by a 1.5 – 2 mph current requiring little more than an occasional fin kick.

[Rainbow River Drifting!](#)

Manatees – Amazing Snorkeling Trip for the Whole Family

Sun, Jan 24th & Feb 14th, 6:00 AM
Bird's Underwater, Crystal River
\$37

You have seen them at Mote, now is

gear. Come in today and get outfitted while we still have your size. All you add is the water!

Family Dive Club

Divemaster Dave
Jan. 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Free

Looking for fun activity for the whole family? Join the Family Dive Club. Meetings are the second Sat of the month and Dave plans fun activities for divers and non-divers. Click here to join: [Family Dive Club](#)

Donut Dive

Divemaster Carl
Sat, Jan 16th, 09:00
Service Club Park
Free

The shark's teeth are out there waiting for us. Join us for the popular donut dive. We meet on the beach, have some coffee and donuts, get a briefing and then suit up and DIVE! Let us know you are coming by clicking on this link: [Save a Donut for Me!](#)

You can also volunteer to do a

your turn to swim and interact with these gentle creatures. A never to be forgotten experience. We go out with the best guide in the area, Bird's Underwater. The trip is early so that we get in the water before the other boats and the waters get crowded.

Be at Bird's at 6:15 AM, for your briefing about what you will experience. Then board the boat for your trip. There are snacks and coffee, tea and cocoa on the boat. You will need a wetsuit, mask, fins and snorkel. Take a towel and your clothes onboard and a jacket to keep

Dominica – Lush Caribbean Island with Healthy Reefs

Divemaster Greg

March 20-27th

*\$1,340.30 diver dbl, \$1,097 trpl,
\$1,040 non-diver*

Dive the underwater pinnacles, canyons and see barrel sponges big enough to hide in and a spectrum of tropical fish.

Sorcière: This wall drops 750 feet and is a favorite haunt of bigeyes and crimson clouds of blackbar soldierfish.

Dangleben's Pinnacle: Starting at 60 feet and rising to within 25 feet of the surface, these five large coral cones are covered with yellow sea fans and black coral.

Soufriere Bay: This wall dive begins near the surface and plunges some 100 feet into the Soufriere Crater. Look for seahorses with their tails wrapped around sponges.

Point Break: Luck and timing when diving this northern site exposed to the wild currents coursing between Guadeloupe and Dominica will reward with beefy coral heads and hero sponges, and the possibility of Caribbean reef sharks.

Spend seven nights at the historic Ft Young, Dominica's premier hotel. A traditional resort with old world charm and modern amenities, It was built around the walls of the old 18th-century fort, many of the original features have been retained.

5 days, 2-tank boat dives, additional dives can be added for extra. Airfare not included. Breakfast daily and airport transfers.

[Click here for more info](#)

[Project AWARE Cleanup](#). If you want to join in, we provide collection bags for you to put debris in. Reef clean-up ensures that you and other divers will continue to have a thriving ecosystem to enjoy. Last year we collected some golf balls, fishing line, a mask and miscellaneous other debris. Even small amounts can make for a healthier underwater environment.

Thanks to Wagner Darosa our popular donut dives are co-sponsored by our favorite - **Dunkin Donuts!**

Charters & Calendar:

Plan your charters now! Here are the January & February schedules with spear fishing, wrecks, deep, medium and shallow options.

January 2010

[1/9 Sat 8:30: Bayronto](#)

[1/10 Sun 08:30: Deep Charter - D6/MD1 - \\$160](#)

[1/17 Sun 08:30: Shallow Charter - Ledges/Silvertooth - \\$90](#)

[1/23 Sat 08:30 RD Medium M7/M1-3](#)

[1/23 Sat Rainbow River](#)

[1/24 Sun Manatee Trip 06:00](#)

[1/28 Thursday Cozumel!](#)

[1/30 Sat Spearfishing Challenge](#)

February

[2/6 Sat 08:30 RD Deep MD1/M8](#)

[2/13 Sat 08:30 RD Medium M8/M4-6](#)

[2/13 Sat 10:00 Family Dive](#)

[2/14 Sun 08:30 RD Shallow M1-3/Silvertooth](#)

[2/14 Sun Manatee Snorkel](#)

[2/20 Sat 09:00 Donut Dive](#)

[2/20 Sat RBWR 2/20/2010](#)

[2/21 Sun 08:30 RD Deep](#)

[M9/Icebox](#)

[2/27 Sat 08:30 RD Medium Ledges/Ledges](#)

you warm on your way back to the dock.

You can drive up that morning or spend the night before in Crystal River. It is approximately 2 hours drive. Let us know if you want us to arrange a room for you.

Sign up for: [1/24 Manatee Trip](#) or [2/14 Manatee Trip](#)

Discover Snorkeling – Special Offering in Time for the Manatee Trips

Divemaster LeeAnn

Wed, January 20, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Classroom & pool

Free

Snorkeling is a popular recreational activity that can be enjoyed by almost anyone who has access to the ocean, a lake, river, pond or quarry. The primary attraction of snorkeling is to enjoy underwater life in a natural setting. Snorkeling is used in underwater sports and spear fishing.

Come to this class and learn the basics in the pool. All you need is mask, fins & snorkel.

Sign me up for: [Discover Snorkeling](#)

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