



THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

On Location from: High Springs, Florida
(CAVE COUNTRY!!!!)

ISSUE 38

What's New

Welcome to the **March 2014** edition of The **COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter**.

February was a slower month for courses!! Joe was away with work in **Goose Bay Labrador** so no diving for him!! Connie kept things going around the shop with courses and seminars. Special thanks to **Alastair Klima** for his **rebreather** seminar, **Juanita Power** for her **PADI Project Aware** Course,



Doc Octo, **John Prendergast** for his **I've Got You Under My Skin** presentation about the bends and to **Larry and Doug Fairweather** and **Daphne Stafford** for their presentation on **Underwater River Treasures!!** A great month!!!

Joe did manage to run a couple students through their **Open Water** Theory and Pool skills to set them up for their vacations!! Great job to **Eric Cheung** and **Nicki Smith** for completing their **Open Water Pool skills!!!**

March is **BOSTON SEA ROVERS** Month!! Don't miss out on the Boston Sea Rovers. **Joe** will be there at the **Ocean Quest** booth with **Rick Stanley!!** Stop in and say hi!!

Unfortunately Doc Octo couldn't get a column in this month. Apparently he was too busy with work to get it done!! **SURE DOC!!** He'll be back next month, don't worry!!

COJO encourages you to send in your pictures for the **Photo Of The Month**. If your picture gets chosen, your picture and name will be published in the Safety Stop and you could win a coupon redeemable for merchandise or services at COJO Diving.

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Thanks and Safe Diving!!
Connie and Joe
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Courses Completed During February

During **February**, COJO completed the following courses:

- **PADI Project Aware**
- **PADI Open Water Diver (Class and Pool)**
- **PADI Cavern Diver Course**



As we said, we also had some really great seminars on Decompression Sickness, Underwater River Treasures and Rebreathers!! **Great job team COJO!!! Woo Hoo!!!**

Courses To Come

For **March**, we will be doing a few dive courses. We have the following course.

- 11, 12 Mar 14 – **DAN BLS with CPR**
- 17 to 20 Mar 14 – **COJO Equipment Specialty**
- 21 to 22 Mar 14 – **PADI Divemaster Skills**
- 26 Mar 14 – **DAN Project Aware Specialty**

If you are looking for a specific course you don't see here, give us a call!!!





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Excursions During February

For February Joe went down to High Springs Florida to spend some time with the COJO Southern Connection, Jim Wyatt!!! Joe was teaching a Cavern Course to Alex Brett, while Doc Octo was doing his Cavern and Intro to Cave with Reggie Ross!! What an awesome time!! Next week, Jim and Joe will be diving the Eagle's Nest and a few other great sites in Cave Country!! Be sure to tune in next month too, to hear about the rest of the trip!! It promises to be a totally awesome adventure!!



Alex Brett – experiencing Ginnie's Ballroom

for the first time!!



John Prendergast with Instructor-extraordinaire Reggie Ross
"Laying Line during land drills!!

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John and Alex receiving guidance from
Kristi Bernot (Cave Country Dive Shop)



Joe receiving guidance from Elvis
(Graceland)



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EVENT ON THE HORIZON!!

Coming up in May, COJO will be teaming up with **Akona Rep Michelle Richards** to bring you some Fun in the Sun!! That's right, Michelle will be here to present some of the latest and greatest **adventure gear** that COJO has to offer!! **Kayaks, Stand Up Paddle Boards** and all kinds of fun stuff like that!! Don't miss it!!

Here is a short write up from Michelle!!

What's SUP COJO Divers!

It's been a long cold winter of California dreaming. Now you can look forward to having a memorable summer right here with a new way to thaw out.

COJO will be hosting an introductory water sport clinic during the last weekend of May. Bring along your crew (friends and family) to share in on this fun experience. Let COJO show you what is the latest and most exciting products in water sports. You'll be ready and super styling by the time summer hits.

Joe "the big kahuna" George and the legendary Connie "da bomb" Bishop are STOKED!

Everyone will have the opportunity to try AKONA Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP), NOCQUA SUP lights, EMOTION Kayaks, the RAVE Water Trampoline, DOCKSTART Life Jackets, AKONA Wetsuits, AKONA and GENESIS Masks, Fins and Snorkels.

Michelle "the surf queen" Richards will be available to offer complimentary lessons. Michelle is a water woman, Nova Scotia surfboard champion, Stand Up Paddle Board enthusiast, scuba diver and an experienced certified surf instructor. She looks forward to spreading the Aloha spirit while guiding you through the basics of Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Kayaking.

Spread the vibe. COJO and COJO divers are totally AWESOME!!!!

Michelle Richards



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Here are some of the products you can expect from Michelle!!





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EXCURSIONS TO COME Boston Sea Rovers

That's right!! COJO is headed back to **Boston Sea Rovers** again this year. Joe will be meeting up with **Rick Stanley** from **Ocean Quest** at the BSR conference to help out with the OQ booth and will be taking in some awesome seminars!! No doubt **Jerry Shine** and **Andy Martinez** will be there as well with lots of **copies of their books!!** Come on out to the show and see what all the fuss is about!! It is a fantastic get together!!!



NEWFOUNDLAND 2014!!!

That's right, we are planning another trip to **Newfoundland** for July 19 to 26, 2014!!! If you have never been to Newfoundland and haven't been on these wrecks **now is the time!!** If you have been there, nothing more needs to be said!! It is **World Class Diving** and will be a **World Class Trip**.

We are well into the planning and we have collected deposits. **There are just 3 spots available** so if you are interested, let us know. This is the trip of a lifetime!! We will be offering several courses such as **Advanced Nitrox and Decompression Procedures**. Don't miss out!!

If you are interested, send a note to info@cojodiving.com for details!!





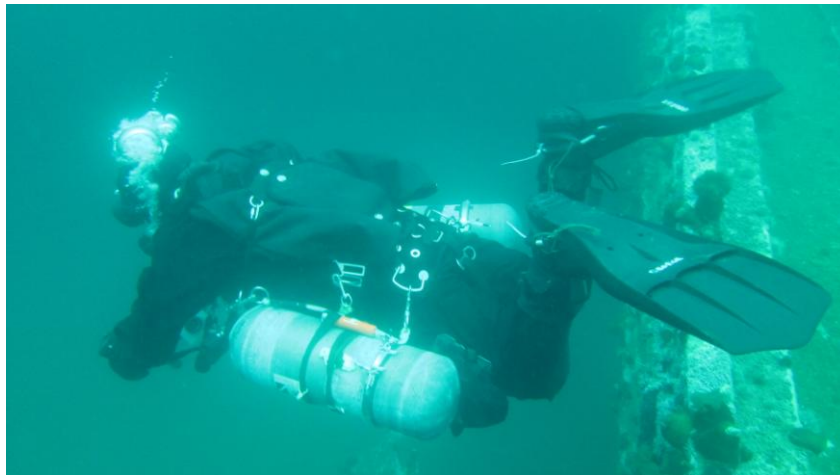
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March's Featured Course

PADI Sidemount Diver Course (24 to 27 April)

The Sidemount Diver Course is designed to train certified divers how to safely utilize side-mounted primary cylinders as an alternative to the traditional back-mounted configuration. We offer Sidemount certification as a stand alone course, or it can be combined with any specialty certification as a training option.



Course Cost: \$250.00+HST



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MARCH'S FEATURED PRODUCTS

COJO Chammyz Jackets!!

Chammyz are soft, yet durable garments, designed to provide the utmost in warmth and comfort — offering the highest level of protection against rapidly changing weather conditions. Their unique design promotes maximum water absorption from your body. Our resilient line of active gear is worn and endorsed by boaters, lifeguards, surfers, water skiers, swimmers, divers, winter sports and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the world.

- Moisture Wicking – Absorbs and Evaporates**
- Fabric Dries Quickly – Keeps You Dry**
- Breathable – Maximum Comfort**
- Lightweight – Comfortable and Breathable**
- Blocks UVA/UVB rays – Sun Protection: Rated at 50+**



1 SURF BOMBER - \$79.00



2 CLASSIC PULLOVER - \$67.00



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Photo of the Month

Our March Photo of the month was taken by Joe (Sidemount) George!!! This picture shows Alex Brett Laying a line into the Ballroom at Ginnie Springs during his recent Cavern Diver course!! Ginnie Springs is one of the nicest places to cave dive in the world and COJO has a "Southern Connection" there, Jim Wyatt of Cave Country Dive Shop that trains our students when they come to COJO for Cave / Cavern training!!

Awesome Job to Alex Brett!!!



Keep sending in those pictures!!



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Other News

Our book "**Sidemounting for the Recreational Diver**" is available online or in our store. We kept the costs low and there are some fantastic lessons in it for all divers, not just Sidemounters.



We would love for you to follow us on Facebook. Become a friend of COJO Diving at <http://www.facebook.com/COJODiving>

Come in and visit us at the **COJO Diving World Headquarters!!** We have a beautiful facility with a nice fireplace to sit and warm up at after a cold day of diving. There is always lots of coffee and hot chocolate and Joe usually has fresh popcorn on!!

Thanks and we are looking forward to diving with you soon!!

Connie and Joe!!