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COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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What's New

Welcome to Spring!! And the **April 2021** edition of the **COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!!** So far, 2021 has been an awesome year for diving!! It started off slow but is really coming along!! Spring has sprung...rebounded and resprung!! Let's get out diving!!

COJO has been **crazy busy** teaching TONS of Discover Scuba Diving and Open Water Diver courses!! There have also been tons of other courses, such as First Aid and Oxygen Provider to keep busy!! Don't miss out!!



With most of New Brunswick in the "Yellow", it is time to safely get out and get back to diving!! During March, COJO has been able to get out a bunch, even with the typical Spring weather. The days are getting longer and warmer, and the water is really looking awesome!!

There are still remnants of Winter diving, with the **COJO Ice Diving event** this upcoming weekend!! If you are certified as a recreational ice diver and would like to get out and get a bit of time under the ice, COJO will be at Atlas Park **3 and 4 of April**. Don't miss it!!

There are also tons of courses coming up. If you are interested, do not hesitate to ask!!

It is a great time of year to take advantage of a **COJO pool session** to get in the water and refresh yourself, as well as checking out that dusty gear!!

May is coming fast. May is typically the month for the **COJO Dusty Fin Dive** and the **COJO Swap Meet!!** More to follow on these!! This year will be awesome!! **Woo Hoo!!**

Thanks, Safe Diving, and remember to shop local!!

Connie and Joe
COJO Diving

COJO's Current Store Hours
Monday to Friday – 5pm to 8pm



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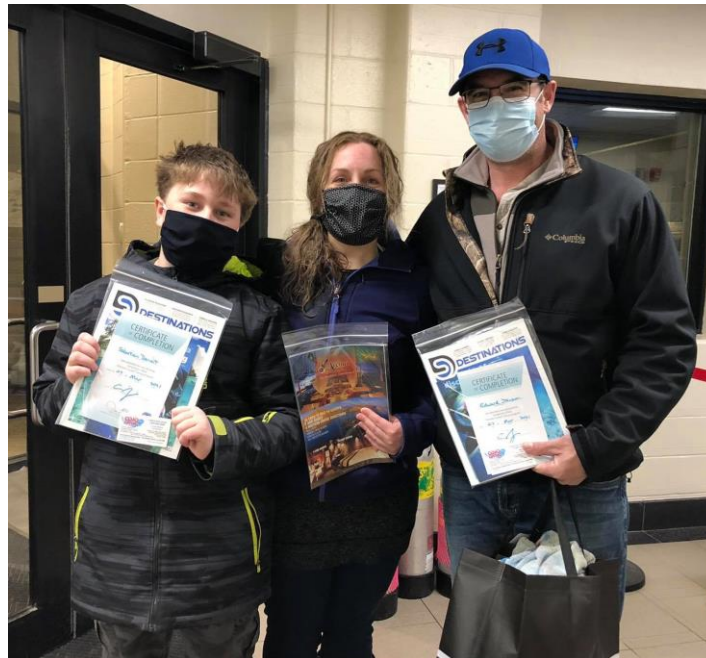
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Courses During March

March usually means training is full-swing. This year is absolutely CRAZY!! Here is a list of some of the courses that we have going on.

- Red Cross** – Emergency First Aid
- PADI** – Open Water Diver course
- PADI** – Open Water Diver Course (Bathurst)
- PADI** – Discover Scuba Diving course
- Red Cross** – Marine Basic First Aid Course
- PADI** – Discover Scuba Diving (Bathurst)
- PADI** – Enriched Air Nitrox course
- PADI** – Open Water Course (Private)

There are tons of courses coming up!! If you don't see what you are looking for, come in to the shop or reach out on e mail / phone for more information!!





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Courses to Come

Looking ahead, into Spring, we will be running **Open Water course** pool training at least every other week here in **Fredericton**. If you need the single weekend option, we will be doing all the pool in a single weekend at our Northern training area in **Bathurst!!** We have tons of options to suit your needs!! If you are interested in completing an Open Water course, please let us know now so you can get the online training completed!!



Here is a list of courses that are coming up, SO FAR.....

- 12 to 15 April – **Holland College** – **SVOP Course**
- 17 – 18 April – **Red Cross** – **Workplace First Aid / CPR course**
- 10 and 17 April – **PADI** – **Discover Scuba Diving Course**
- 19 to 22 April – **Holland College** – **(MED) Domestic Vessel Safety Course**
- 30 April – **DAN** – **Oxygen Provider Course**

Courses available on demand, contact us to schedule:

- **PADI** – **Drysuit Diver Orientation/Specialty**
- **PADI** – **Enriched Diver Specialty**
- **DAN** – **Oxygen Provider**
- **Red Cross** – **First Aid / CPR**

If you see something you are interested in, or if you don't see something you want, send us a note on Facebook or by email!!



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Events in March

Unfortunately due to the Orange phase and moving to Yellow throughout the province (New Brunswick), we still had to limit travel, so no events were held. Now that we are into the Yellow full time we do have events planned for the future so we are able to **get some diving done!! Woo Hoo!!**

As always, if you have a cool dive outing, **send us a note** and we will add it to the Safety Stop!!

Here is a picture of **Tommy Cuddihy** on his recent trip to BC in his new **Bare drysuit**!! Thanks Tommy!!





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COJO Ice Diving Weekend April 2 to 4



Now that we are in the Yellow phase COJO will be hosting an Ice Diver event at Atlas Park! Anyone wishing to come out for a dive under the ice is more than welcome to come out!! Please let us know if you want to come out and dive and, we will make sure you have a spot on the roster!! This is a fun way to spend a Spring day so don't miss out!! In order to dive under the ice, you will need all your equipment and, an ice diving certification (unless you are on the course).

** Participants must follow all current Public Health guidelines for COVID-19. Participants must wear a face covering at all times indoors, and whenever 2m distancing can't be maintained. Face coverings and hand sanitizer will be available onsite. If diving with a buddy "outside of your bubble", please maintain distancing on entry/exit except when both are on regulators.





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COJO "Dusty Fin Dive" Event

Every year, COJO hosts the COJO **Dusty Fin Dive**. This is the perfect opportunity for divers that have not been out since the weather got cold to come out and shake out the cobwebs, and dust off your fins!! There will be assistance to refresh your memory and check out any problems you have, as well as a lot of talk about diving!! Don't miss it!!



COJO Annual "Gear Sale & Swap" Event

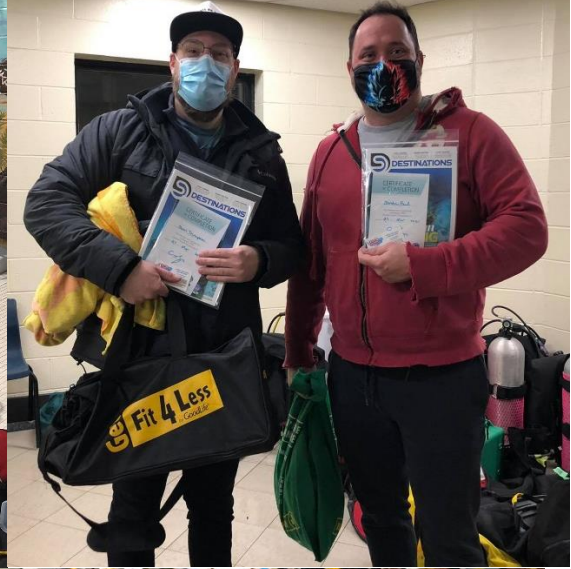
Join us for our annual diver **Gear Sale & Swap** event at the COJO shop in Lincoln! We will also have an **Open House** at the shop, come on in to find out what's coming up for training and events, or just have a coffee and talk diving!!





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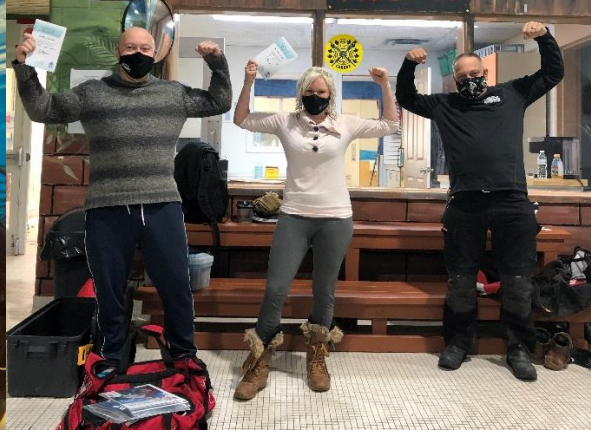
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Monthly FUN FACT

**One of the 2020 new marine creatures discovered –
the E.T. Sponge!**

Republished from: <https://earthsky.org/earth/top-10-new-marine-species-2020>

The E.T. Sponge was discovered in the Forest of the Weird. The round body with 2 openings that look like eye sockets makes it look like the head of E.T.





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COJO "Throwback" Pic

March 2015

Discover Scuba course with Divemasters Matt Towns and Claire LeBlanc.
Participants James and Quentin went on to do the Open Water Diver course!



[Click for COJO YouTube Channel](#)

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

Connie and Joel!!