



THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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What's New

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and welcome to the **Dec 2018** edition of the **COJO Diving Safety Stop** newsletter.

November was a **busy** month!! The weather has been less co-operative for diving so **Connie** headed to **Florida** with **Claire** again!! There was still time to complete a PADI Nitrox course and, Project **PADI Project Aware** specialty as well as a **PSI Cylinder Inspection** update.



Discover SCUBAs are starting up and, Open Water courses are starting in the new year!! If you know someone that would be interested in learning to dive, why not get them a Discover SCUBA to see if they would love it?

NEWFOUNDLAND 2019 IS NOW FULL!! Woo Hoo!! This is going to be an awesome trip!!

Coming up in December, don't miss the annual **COJO Christmas Party** and the **COJO SCUBA Santa**!! Again this time, Santa will make the rounds and will be in Fredericton and Bathurst!! Don't miss out and, be sure to bring the kids!!

Ice diving season is also coming up!! There will be a few dates this year for ice dive courses as well as some times available that COJO will have ice dives for certified divers to come out and do a couple dives!! Don't miss the fun!!

COJO's Fall and Winter Store Hours:

Monday	5pm to 9pm
Tuesday	5pm to 9pm
Wednesday	5pm to 9pm
Thursday	5pm to 9pm
Friday	5pm to 9pm

Thanks and Safe Diving!!
Connie and Joe
COJO Diving



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Courses During November

During **November** it was busy but, more with trips and COJO Rescue operations than with courses. COJO did manage a few awesome courses but, with Connie gone to Florida and, Joe gone to Little Cesar's for most of the month, it slowed down a bit!! During November, we did manage the following courses though.

- **PADI – Discover Scuba Diving**
- **PADI – Enriched Air Nitrox**
- **PADI – Project Aware Specialty**
- **PSI – Cylinder Inspection Update**

Awesome job to all the students this month!! **Woo Hoo!!**





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Courses To Come

Looking ahead for the winter, the **Training Calendar** is starting to get populated with tons of courses and options for classes for all levels!! If you know someone who is interested in learning to dive, don't miss this chance!! **Courses are filling up!!**

If you are interested in any of them or, if you don't see what you are looking for, just send a note to us at cojodiving@gmail.com or on **Facebook** for more information!!



- 1 Dec – **PADI** – **Discover Scuba Diving**
- 1 Dec – **PADI** – **Full Face Mask course**
- 5 Dec – **PADI** – **Going Pro Info night**
- 12 Jan – **PADI** – **Open Water Diver Course**
- 21 to 24 Feb – **PADI** – **Ice Diver Course**





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Events in November

Blue Heron Bridge!!

Connie and **Claire** made their annual trip to **Blue Heron Bridge**, at Riviera Beach in Florida. Conditions were amazing!! This site is often referenced as "**The Best Shore Dive in the World**". A great variety of life, easy shore entry and months of tropical warm water make this a great dive location. They also met up with Janna Nichols from REEF (thanks to Janna for the pic!). **Claire will be offering an in-shop presentation in February** for anyone interested to learn more about this dive destination, and would like to join the **next trip** in **November 2019**!





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SCUBA SANTA!!

That's right, it is that time of the year again!! Once again, COJO will hold the annual **Underwater Christmas Tree Decorating** and **SCUBA Santa!!** There will be one date in **Fredericton (Dec 15)** and another in **Bathurst (Dec 22)** that Santa Clause will visit all the good divers who have been playing and diving all year long!! This is open to any divers and Seal Team divers from the past that would like to come and tell Santa what they are hoping for this year!! Don't miss out!! **Woo Ho Ho Ho!!**



COJO Christmas Party and Customer Appreciation Night!!

Don't miss the **COJO Customer Appreciation Night** and **Christmas Party December 14th!!** This will be at the COJO World Headquarters in Lincoln, NB. There will be tons of fun and gifts for all!! Woo Ho Ho Ho!!





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2019 Training, Events, and Trips

We are now fully underway planning training, events and trips for **2019**! Below is just a sample of what's coming up!

Jan – May

We will be running **Open Water Diver** courses in Fredericton and Bathurst all Winter with the first student certifications scheduled Jun 1-2 at Atlas Park.

Feb – April

We will be running **Ice Diver courses**, Feb 21-24 with the dives at Atlas Park, and Apr 11-14 with the dives in central/southern NB. Stay tuned for details!

May 25 – Sep 7

COJO is now running recreational dive charters!! We will start in May and run charters every month in the **Bay of Fundy** partnering with **Huntsman Marine!!** Don't miss out on the fun, contact us for dates & info!

May 18-25

We will again join the **Paddlefest** festival in St. Andrews with dive events!

June

Our first **Advanced Open Water** Diver course of the season will be paired with a Fundy dive charter! We will also have our **Pirate Dive** event in June!

June 29 – July 6

Our highlight will definitely be our return to **Newfoundland** with **Ocean Quest Adventures**. We have an amazing group of divers heading there with us to explore the **Bell Island Wrecks**, discover sea caves, kayaking, icebergs & more!

July 20 – 21

PADI Women's Dive Day plus the **REEF Great Annual Fish Count** events.

Aug 17 - 18

We will again participate in the **Great Fundy Coastal Cleanup** event with our partner **Nature Trust of NB!** For 2019 we are considering a return to **Grand Manan**, and make a weekend of it!

Stay tuned for more dive trips in 2019! Are you interested in a location but don't see it on our calendar? Contact us and let us know!



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Update on COJO Environmental Stewardship



NATURE TRUST
of NEW BRUNSWICK
Fondation pour la
PROTECTION DES
SITES NATURELS
du NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Each year COJO and the Nature Trust of NB partner in events to promote and survey underwater sites. Members of the Nature Trust of NB benefit from a 10% discount on most products & services we offer to show our appreciation for their volunteer efforts.



We are pleased to support Huntsman Marine Science Center with their "Debris Free Fundy" program! We have pledged to eliminate our use of "single use plastics" from all of our dive events, and to work with our suppliers to minimize debris used & discarded at our shops. Jackie Walker is the outreach coordinator at Huntsman and we will include an article soon with more info on the program!



We are pleased to continue to provide our support to the REEF programs as a Conservation Partner! We help our divers to actively participate in REEF programs through education and events.



We have committed to be a 100% AWARE partner with Project AWARE! This means we are supporting the protection of our ocean by agreeing to make a donation on behalf of EVERY recreational student certification we process through COJO Diving. Our students will all receive an AWARE version of their



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certification card, and know they are taking their training from a facility that is committed to conservation efforts.

MISSION



We have joined Mission 2020, which is a collection of pledge support from dive organizations to change their business practices in order to help protect and preserve our oceans for the future. The focus is on eliminating use of single-use plastic with changes to be made before World Oceans Day 2020.

FREE Drysuit Orientation with every Drysuit!



Did you know... purchase any new drysuit from COJO and we include no charge a Drysuit Orientation in the classroom and pool.
Upgrade to the full Certification Course for just \$75!

Ask us about discounted accessory packages for drysuit underwear, fins, hood and dry gloves!



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Fall Feature Product Fourth Element X-Core



Experience the feeling of a heated vest, without the batteries! This sleeveless vest has minimal impact on buoyancy and bulk, and is extremely comfortable with your existing layers. The vest uses your body's own heat and retains it, making it the warmest undergarment yet from Fourth Element.

Only \$164.00 + HST



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COJO Christmas Specials



Shop Specials that last until Christmas!

** Up to 20% off all in stock regulators

** Up to 20% off all in stock BCDs

** 20% off all in stock dive luggage and dive lights

** 15% off all in stock neoprene products including 7mm full suits, 3mm and 5mm suits, travel shorties, boots, gloves hoods and more

** 15% off all in stock drysuit underwear

Individual prices too low to list, drop in to see the selection available!



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COJO "Throwback" Pic! July 2014

Our last visit to Newfoundland was July 2014, this pic with Joe and Rick Stanley on board the Mermaid. Can't wait to go back in July 2019!!



COJO also has a YouTube Channel where you can view some of our dives as well as training videos. It is constantly being updated so don't miss out!!

[Click for COJO YouTube Channel](#)

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

Connie and Joe!!