



# THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What's New

Welcome to the **February 2021** edition of the **COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!!** This month marks the start of **10 years for the COJO Diving Safety Stop newsletter!! Woo Hoo!!**

Well, 2021 has started out. Although we are hoping things are getting back to normal, there is still quite a bit of Covid-19 in New Brunswick and around Canada and the USA. New Brunswick is still in the Orange Phase or beyond, which is really making it difficult to plan courses. Luckily, training can still occur as we have implemented safety protocols for each phase.



This is manageable and is just taking a bit of innovation to navigate through. Let's hope everyone follows the guidelines so we can get the phase back to yellow, then to green!! In the meantime, if you have another diver / divers in your bubble, get outside and get diving!! Obviously, wherever you are, there may be restrictions on travel, gatherings and PPE that needs to be worn while getting dressed but, divers have a way of overcoming!

Most of January was spent in the Red Phase, which meant no SCUBA / in-water training but, there were some courses and some training done such as **Oxygen Provider, Nitrox** and **Neurological Examination**. Woo Hoo!!

The COJO Diving World Headquarters in Lincoln **is open for business**. Please come in, drop your gear for service and, take a look at what's new for 2021!!

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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### Courses During January

During January, training has kicked off!! Here is a list of some of the courses that have started.

- PADI** – Open Water Diver course
- DAN** – Oxygen Provider course
- DAN** – Neurological Examination course
- DAN** – Oxygen Provider Instructor course
- PADI** – Enriched Air Nitrox course

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**, for February, and the rest of the winter, we will be running **Open Water course** pool training every other week!! If you are interested in doing an Open Water course, please let us know now so you can get the online training completed!!

Also, for those of you that are interested in going Pro, this is the season to start a **Dive Master** or **Instructor course!!** Don't miss out!!



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

- **2 Feb – PADI – Enriched Air (Nitrox) Classroom**
- **6 Feb – DCBC – Supervisor Sham Work**
- **6 Feb – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)**
- **20 Feb – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)**
- **4 Mar – PADI – Ice Diver course (Classroom / Zoom)**
- **13 Mar – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)**
- **12 to 14 Mar – PADI – Ice Diver course (Checkout Dives)**
- **12 to 14 Mar – SDI – Ice Diver Instructor course (Checkout Dives)**
- **20 – 21 Mar – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Bathurst)**
- **27 Mar – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)**

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 January

Unfortunately due to the Red and Orange phases throughout the province (New Brunswick), we were not able to travel and host any events. Don't worry, this just means that we will have **more events** as the world opens back up safely!!

In the mean time, if you do something awesome, **send us a note** and we will add it to the Safety Stop!!





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### COJO Ice Diving Weekend



As always, COJO will be carrying out an Ice Diver course. In addition, anyone wishing to come out for a dive under the ice is more than welcome to come on 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 winter's 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 when 2m distancing can't be maintained. Face coverings and hand sanitizer will be available at registration. 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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### Monthly FUN FACT

**In April 2020, a siphonophore that was well over 150ft long was discovered over 2,000 feet down in the Indian Ocean – amazing!**

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### COJO "Throwback" Pic

**February 2015**

Fredericton's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual polar dip dive at Yoho Lake. It was too shallow to cut a hole near the lodge so a big tub of freezing water was brought in for participants to dive into. Interesting! In the pic, Al, Mike and Joe.. a fun day!



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

Connie and Joe!!