



# THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

On Location from: **COJO World Headquarters, New Brunswick, Canada**

**ISSUE 120**

## What's New

**Happy New Year!!** and welcome to a whole new year!! That is right, It is finally **2021** and welcome to the January edition of the **COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!!**

2020 has been a very hard year for a lot of people. Loss of jobs, worries of pandemics and tons of other problems happening that caused us all to learn words like self-isolate, social distance, non-medical masks and all other kinds of terms and expressions that seemed to be the theme of the year.



Let's make **2021 an awesome year!!** Let's get outside and get diving and get our health back!! 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!

December and the work up to the holidays was busy at COJO. The shop was open and the service department was extremely busy!! There were very few courses in December, and the Christmas Tree dive was moved outdoors but, it sure was an awesome month with tons of diving for all!! Woo Hoo!!

Great job to all who finished their courses this year and, for those getting ready to move to Commercial Diving College, Good Luck!! 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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## Courses During December

During December, there is usually so much work up for Christmas and the holidays that we don't really complete that many courses. The weather turns quite windy and cold, and the days are the shortest of the year. This being 2020, we had days that were 17°C (63°F) and winds that were mild or blowing perfect for diving!! This enabled COJO to finish up a couple open water students to get them ready for their commercial diving courses and, to get out for some fun dives!! Here are the courses we completed during December:

- **DCBC – Unrestricted Surface Supply Supervisor course (Joe took)**
- **PADI – Open Water Diver course (Private 1 St Stephen)**
- **PADI – Open Water Diver course (Private 2 Tracadie)**
- **PADI – Open Water Diver course Checkout Dives (St Andrews)**

We appreciate all of the COJO family that came in to say hi this year. It has been a crazy long year but because of our **loyal customers**, **awesome dive masters and instructors**, and all who came out this year, COJO has had a safe and successful year! **Woo Hoo!!**





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## Courses to Come

**Looking ahead**, for January and into first of the year, it is time to start the **Open Water Diving** courses again!! **Woo Hoo!!** We will be starting new **Open Water course** pool work this month so, 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.....

- **9 Jan – PADI – Rescue Diver Skills Review (Pool)**
- **23 Jan – PADI – Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)**
- **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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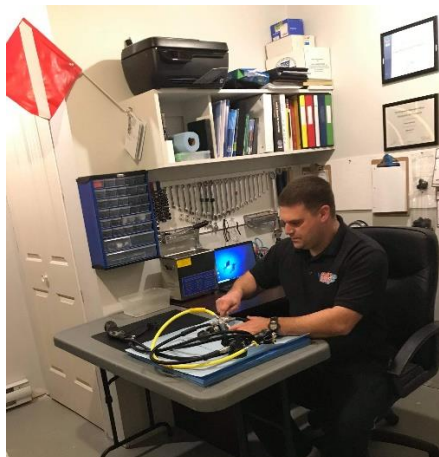
### Events in December

#### COJO Underwater Christmas Tree Decorating



This year COJO couldn't do the indoors Santa Dive so we moved back to one of our old favorites!! On December 19<sup>th</sup>, COJO held the **Underwater Christmas Tree Dive** at McCann Head!! There were a few divers out and taking part in the day, and a ton of fun was had by all!!

A very special thank you to Katelynn Chase for the awesome gifts and, thanks to all who were out to enjoy the day in the water!! Woo Hoo!!





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Joe's son Trevor and Grandson Zander giving a **Diver Ed**,  
Superhero Pose!! Woo Hoo!!



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## COJO Rescue Mock Search (Woodstock)

In order to keep the COJO Rescue team trained and ready to respond for police and emergency services operations, it is necessary to train from time to time on different techniques and procedures used in the set up and execution of operations. This time, the team received permission from Woodstock, NB to carry out a small weapon search in one of their local waterways!! The training included a refresher on ice diving and working in cold weather and was a very big success!! A very special thanks to Woodstock Police, Woodstock Fire and to all the counsellors and public that came out to see the operation!! And a very big Job Well Done to Mike Maynard, Alexis Levesque and the entire COJO Dive Team!!





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### Events to Come

#### New Year's – Fun Dive



We will host a New Year's Dive on January 1! We plan a dive at Kelly's Cove on Greens Point Road. This is a tidal dive site, we will plan to go in for the slack high tide. The site has a few side areas for vehicle parking, please be careful to not block the road. Information on the site is available here: <https://www.cojodiving.com/greens-point/>

Come out for a splash and help us celebrate the end of a crazy year, and to welcome a new year of promise & diving in 2021! As always, rentals are discounted 25% for our Fun Dive events, contact us to make arrangements!



**A big thanks to Matt Forward for the awesome Birthday Cake!!**



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### Things That Go Bump in the Night: New England Diving After Dark – Hosted by REEF



Things That Go Bump in the Night: New England Diving After Dark  
Hosted by: Reef Environmental Education Foundation

Region: Northeast US & Canada  
Led by: Jason Feick and Amy Newfield  
Date: 1/7/2021 8:00pm EST  
[Register Online](#)

Night diving is a completely different experience than diving during the day; Different critters come out and behaviors change. Come listen and learn about New England night diving tales of octopus, seahorses, swarms of puffers, and a fish named Chompers.

**IMPORTANT:** Note the time zone and make sure you adjust it as needed for your location!







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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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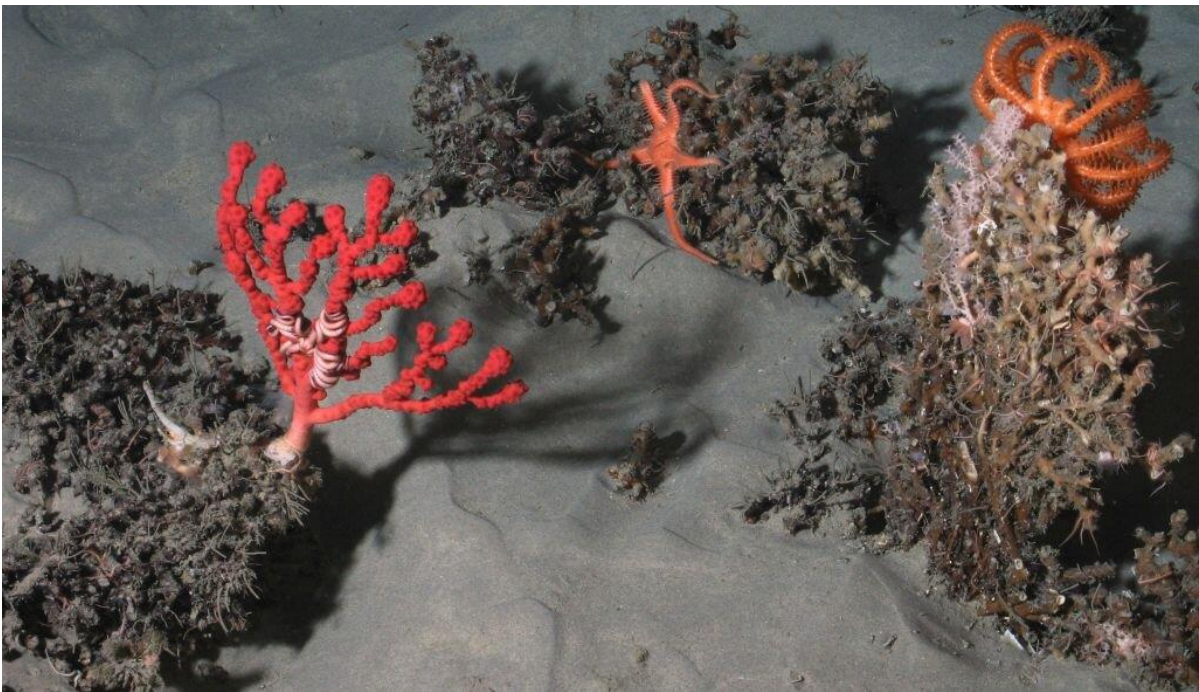
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### Monthly FUN FACT

**ATLAS project has just discovered 12 NEW species of sea creatures new to science! Discoveries included a new cold water coral, and a couple of animals that resemble moss.**

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Cold-water corals and seastars. Credit: IFREMER / ATLAS project



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### COJO "Throwback" Pic

**January 2009**

One of our early New Year's Dives! Monica, Connie, Joe, Dan, (missing name), Claire



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

Connie and Joe!!