



# THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**ISSUE 110**

## What's New

Welcome to **March 2020** edition of the COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!!

**Winter is almost over!!** Don't miss out!! If you are wanting to sign up for one of our courses, get in now and get on the course you want!! COJO has tons of courses going on and, tons of options for doing them. During February, Connie was busy with the training and, Joe had to go away for work!! The diving was fantastic on the **East Coast, West Coast and in South America!! Woo Hoo!!**



March is an awesome month to get in and get your gear serviced and checked in one of our **pool sessions!!** If you have been not diving over the winter, get the cob webs off the gear and get out for a quick shakeout dive in the pool!! If it has been longer, do not hesitate to talk to COJO about getting on a ReActivate.

Don't forget about the Scubinar "**Destination Tobermory**" on 5 March!! That is an awesome time to ask all the questions you have been dying to ask and, to come and visit!!

**COJO is still on Winter Hours!!** We are open from **4pm until 8pm**. If this won't work for you, as always, please feel free to call or send a note for an appointment!!

### COJO's Winter Store Hours

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>4pm to 8pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>4pm to 8pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>4pm to 8pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>4pm to 8pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>4pm to 8pm</b> |

**Please note the Lincoln store will be closed March 27 – April 3**

Thanks and Safe Diving!!  
Connie and Joe  
COJO Diving



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## Courses During February

During February, the dive courses were a bit tame because Joe was away the entire month!! Woo Hoo!! There were Open Water courses and a lot of other things as well!!

- **PADI – Dive Master Course (Ongoing)**
- **PADI – Open Water Diver Course (Fredericton)**
- **PADI – Discover Scuba Diving**
- **COJO – Drysuit Diver Orientation**
- **COJO – SCUBINAR – Underwater Photography**
- **PADI – Re-Activate course**





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## Courses to Come

**Looking ahead,** March and into the Spring will be crazy busy!! Open Water courses will be going on still. As well as more SCUBA Refreshers and Drysuit courses. There is a Ice Diver course and, tons of other things going on!! As always, if you don't see what you want or if you have any questions, please contact us for information!!



- 5 Mar – **Scubinar** – **Destination Tobermory**
- 21 Mar – **PADI** – **Open Water Diver course (NEW Class)**
- 17 to 19 Apr – **PADI** – **PSD Ice Diver course**
- 22 Apr – **PADI** – **Project Aware class**
- 21 to 24 April – **PSD** – **Surface Support Specialist course**
- 21 to 31 April – **PSD** – **Public Safety Diver course**
- 7 May – **REEF** – **Fish ID Class**
- 6 Jun – **PADI** – **Advanced Open Water course**
- 15 Jun – **PADI** – **Wreck Diver course**
- 27 to 28 Jun – **PADI** – **Rescue Diver course**
- **And tons more!!**





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## Events During February

### Joe's Diving Trip (Work)

During February, Joe was away with work. He ended up near **Victoria, British Columbia** on a military dive exercise called **Roguish Buoy**. While there, he was building cubes so the divers could practice installing improvised patches and lifting, as well as running the underwater demolition ranges. It was a **BLAST!!** Joe also managed to get in some recreational dives. He was able to go out to dive with two local divers, Trevor and Damien for some awesome diving at **10 Mile Point, China Creek** and, **Madrona**. Also, some fun diving at **Whirl Bay!!**



Joe was also able to meet up with some awesome dive shops!! A HUGE thanks to Chris from **Wilson's Diving** Also, **Jimmy George**, Joe's cousin lives out in BC! The first time Joe went to the house, all the lights went out and no one answered but, when he persisted, Jimmy, Gert and Joe all got out with the boys for a couple awesome nights on the town!! **Thanks Gert and Jimmy!!**





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It was also very awesome to meet **Shirley White** (Left Pic). Shirley and her husband **Steve** (Right Pic) own **Nanaimo Dive Outfitters** and were very welcoming to Joe while he was there!! Thanks for putting up with him!! **Woo Hoo!!**



Joe also had to leave beautiful British Columbia for an “information gathering” trip to **Georgetown, Guyana**. Joe was there with the **Canadian Navy** working on setting up a **Surface Supply course** for the **Guyana Defense Force**. This will be the first time the Guyanese military has any dive capability at all so it is a really awesome task!! He will be there again in June running the guys through the course with the Canadian Navy!! Of course there was a stopover in **Barbados** where he took in tons of sights and beautiful, clear water!! Woo Hoo!!

Here are some random pictures of Joe working!! Woo Hoo!!





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While there, Joe worked as a body guard for these guys



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Trim, Zach and Joe (Zach is from Canada)

## Events & Trips to Come

### Bonaire Dive Trip



**On 28 March**, Connie and Joe will be going to Bonaire with a ton of people for an awesome exploratory trip!! The plan is to get familiar with the island so we can offer a trip next year for anyone that wants to go for some of the best shore diving anywhere!! If you are interested, send us a note!! This promises to be the trip of a lifetime!!



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### COJO Diver's Social, Sale and Swap Event



**On 10 May**, from 9am to noon, COJO will host their annual Diver's Social, Sale and Swap Meet!! This is a chance for divers to go through their diving closets and see what gear they no longer use. Bring it in and sell at one of the tables in the store or, if it is nice, out in the parking lot at the COJO World Headquarters in Lincoln NB. As always, there will also be pictures available on Facebook so that if you are unable to make it, you can still have a chance to buy!! Don't miss the chance to come in and socialize with the divers you haven't seen all winter!!

### Victoria Day Weekend – Dusty Fin Dive Event



**On 16 May**, from 10am to 3pm, COJO will host their annual Dusty Fin Dive at St. Andrews NB! McCann Head is located just a few minutes away from downtown St. Andrews. Plan to come out for a dive (or two!), and take in the amazing Paddlefest activities happening all weekend long in the area!

McCann Head is an easy access dive site with a beach entry and rocky headwall with interesting marine life. It's a perfect site to kick off the dive season and have a shake-out dive for skills & gear. We will have a potluck lunch at 12pm, please bring an item to the potluck!





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### Tobermory 2020!!



COJO will team up with Diver's Den in Tobermory Ontario from 3 to 7 July for some of the best wreck diving the Great Lakes has to offer!! This trip has sold 20 spots but, don't worry, we will be doing it again in a couple years!! In conjunction with this trip, Joe and John (Doc Octo) will be offering the recreational Wreck Diver course with Limited Penetration!! The classroom portion of the course will be done at the COJO World Headquarters and, will be available on Skype for anyone out of the area that wishes to take it!! As always, if you did your wreck diving course with us a while ago, feel free to come in and audit the class!!

Check our online schedules for even more trips and events!

[Facebook Events](#)

[Google Calendar](#)



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## Fundy Dive Charters 2020

That's right, they are back again this year!! We have finalized the dates for the **2020 schedule**. Start planning now to save the dates!!

Registration available here: <https://www.cojodiving.com/dive-trips/>

June 13  
July 11  
August 15  
August 29  
September 12





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### Product Highlight

Each month we like to bring attention to products that we stock and found are awesome in some way. We may even have a great deal on them! However, the best deal for all divers is to have an active and successful **local dive shop**.

**Please buy local!!**



#### **Suunto Vyper NOVO Lite Pre-Order and SAVE \$130!!**

The new Suunto Vyper Novo Lite Wrist Computer was designed to take your diving to the next level. Vyper Novo Lite is the perfect new dive buddy to take along. Super-solid and nitrox-capable, the Vyper Novo Lite is packed with advanced features. Open up new possibilities for exploring the depths, including optional wireless air integration, a digital compass, and gas switching.

Manufacturer Suggested Price \$459.95 + HST





**PROMO Pricing March 2 to April 30 – Only \$329.95 + HST**



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## Monthly Special

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|  <p><b>DIVE RITE</b><br/>EQUIPMENT FOR SERIOUS DIVERS</p> <p>Two black cylindrical flashlights are shown, one above the other, angled slightly.</p> |  <p><b>ikelite</b></p> <p>Five flashlights in different colors (black, purple, red, pink, silver) are lined up vertically.</p> |
|  <p><b>highblue</b><sup>TM</sup></p> <p>Five flashlights in different colors (black, yellow, grey, blue, red) are lined up diagonally.</p>        |  <p><b>LIGHT &amp; MOTION</b></p> <p>A white and grey flashlight is shown, angled towards the viewer.</p>                     |
| <p><b>TAKE 15% OFF ALL IN-STOCK LIGHTS</b><br/>Offer valid March 1 – March 31, 2020</p>  |   |
| <p>COUPON CODE: <b>DISC15LIGHT</b></p>   |   |



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### Monthly FUN FACT

The Finger Sponge develops as free-swimming larva, before settling down on a solid surface to grow into a young sponge.

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Image from: [Connie Bishop](#)



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Figure 1 "Finger Sponge" - *Haliclona oculata*



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### COJO "Throwback" Pic

**March 2011**

We met up with Wayne Printy to dive the Rachel Carson Salt Pond site in Maine.  
What a fun day!



[Click for COJO YouTube Channel](#)

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

Connie and Joel!!