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What's New

Welcome to the March 2021 edition of the COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!! So far, 2021 is shaping up to be an awesome year for diving!!

COJO has been crazy busy teaching Discover Scuba Diving and starting off the first of our Open Water Diver courses!! COJO has also been busy teaching Pleasure Vessel Operator Courses and tons of other things!!

With COVID still keeping us in the Orange, there hasn't been a lot of sport diving going on still.



Not to fear!! For New Brunswick, the province has implemented yet another change to the shade of Orange and, under these guidelines, **inter-zonal travel is allowed!!** Finally, **divers from other zones can travel to the coast!!** Woo Hoo!! Get out and enjoy the rest of Winter and then Spring!!

There are tons of courses coming up such as Advanced Open Water, Dive Master, Rescue Diver and so on. If you are interested, do not hesitate to ask!!

If you still haven't been able to get in to get your gear serviced, get in and get it done. Now is the perfect time so you don't miss out on diving this year. AS of now, the water will generally start to warm up slowly in the bay!! Woo Hoo!! Bathing suits in no time!!

COJO Diving World Headquarters and **COJO North** are both ready to get you fixed up for the new diving season!!

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



Courses During February

During February, training has been on-going, but a bit slow this year. Here is a list of some of the courses that we have going on.

PADI – Open Water Diver course PADI – Enriched Air Nitrox course Canadian Power and Sail Sqn – PVOC Course Red Cross – Emergency First Aid Red Cross – Workplace Standard First Aid

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 March, and to start off the Spring training, 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.....

- > 3 Mar Red Cross Emergency First Aid / CPR course
- > 4 Mar PADI Ice Diver course (Classroom / Zoom)
- 6 Mar PADI Open Water Diver (Pool)(St Stephen)
- > 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)
- > 18 to 19 Mar Red Cross Marine Basic First Aid course
- > 20 21 Mar PADI Open Water Diver Pool (Bathurst)
- > 27 Mar PADI Open Water Diver Pool (Fredericton)
- > 10 April PADI Open Water Diver Pool (Class 2)
- > 24 to 25 April PADI Open Water Diver Pool (Bathurst)(Class 2)

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!!



Events in February

Unfortunately due to the Orange phases throughout the province (New Brunswick), we still had to limit travel, so no events were held. Now that we are in this newer Orange, and hopefully moving to Yellow, we will start planning events and **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!!





Events to Come

COJO Ice Diving Weekend March 12 - 14



If NB moves to the Yellow phase as planned on March 7, COJO will be running an Ice Diver course at Atlas Park! In addition, 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 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 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.





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!!





Monthly FUN FACT

Sea Scallops feed by filtering phytoplankton and other small organisms out of the water, they are a great help to improving water quality!

Republished from: <u>https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/atlantic-sea-scallop</u>





COJO "Throwback" Pic

March 2014

John Prendergast practicing "line drills" in Florida, while taking his Cave Diver course.



Click for COJO YouTube Channel

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

Connie and Joe!!