



THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

ISSUE 112

What's New

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

The weather is getting warmer and states of emergency are being eased, one area at a time. In **New Brunswick**, Canada, we are allowed to recreationally dive as long as we maintain social distancing, don't gather as a group, and ensure we're not endangering ourselves with the threat of COVID-19 still being a major concern. Some provinces and states are opening and others are not. It is all depending on the government's take on the individual places they govern. Some agree, some don't but, the bottom line is this COVID can be really dangerous to divers. Please do what you can to stop the spread and flatten the curve!!



If you are in a place that allows recreational diving right now, that is awesome! The gas is cheap so get a buddy and get out diving!! And remember, **COJO is giving away Free Air** for the month of May as our way of helping out during these times!!

For those of you who want to know more about the **CORONA Virus** and diving, on **May 25 at 7pm**, our very own **Doc Octo, Dr John Prendergast** will be giving a Zoom presentation on the virus and how it affects us with regards to diving. He will also go through some of the **myths and facts** we have all been hearing so don't miss out!!

Once again, we would like to take the time to **thank the front line workers** that have been working throughout the pandemic to ensure we have our food, are getting our medicines, and all the other necessities that we need to survive day-to-day through this time. **Thank you!!**

Our retail store is still closed to the public, however we have a pickup/drop-off service for orders, gas fills and equipment service. Please feel free to send us a note. Get the equipment serviced now so you are ready to hit the water!!

Thanks, Safe Diving, and remember to shop local!!

Connie and Joe
COJO Diving



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COJO's Current Store Hours

Our retail location in Lincoln is temporarily closed to the public.

We have reduced services as follows:

- Orders can still be placed for equipment and course registrations. Please contact us by phone, email, through our website Contact form, or through [Facebook](#).
- FREE non-contact delivery is available for equipment orders in the greater Fredericton area.
- Tank fill services are available. Contact us to make arrangements for drop-off and pick-up.
- Equipment may be dropped off for servicing, contact us to make arrangements.
- All training and events are currently on hold, sessions will be rescheduled as soon as possible.
- Equipment rentals are currently unavailable.

We are maintaining a high diligence at our facility with frequent cleaning and disinfecting in all areas we continue to work in, and safeguarding all equipment left for service. We will continue to follow guidance as provided by the Government of Canada, and Province of New Brunswick.

Courses In-Progress

Leading up to April, there were a number of students at different levels that were excitedly going about their training. The **training for now is on hold** but, when it resumes, these **students are raring to go!!**

COJO has submitted a proposal to **PADI** to see if training can be adapted to the current environmental concerns. As you can imagine, there are a lot of considerations when it comes to teaching SCUBA due to the proximity of buddies and instructors throughout every aspect of learning to dive.

If they are happy with the proposed changes to their respective open water courses, once the state of emergency allows for it, we will be teaching again!! Woo Hoo!!



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Congratulations to **Steph and Al Klima** on their new baby boy!! Woo Hoo!! **BEN** was born on April 25th at 10:15. He was 7lbs and 13oz!! Woo Hoo!! Congratulations!!



Al is the one with the tattoo!!

Joe has also been busy trying to homeschool his grand kids on Zoom over the past month!! Here you can see them all doing superhero poses!! This is quite substantial because when Joe was in grade school, after 150 days of showing the teacher this pose, she graduated him into grade 7!! Great job **Emma, Addy and Zander**, I am proud of you all!! Woo Hoo!!





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Courses to Come

Looking ahead, April and into the Spring & Summer will have **interesting challenges!!** We have **tons of options** though to keep up with your training. Students on dive courses can self-study with textbooks or **through e-learning**. We will have **webinars** to cover content we would typically do in the classroom. Once restrictions ease we will have options to complete hands-on training and dives while **following health official guidelines and keeping our students and instructors safe!!**



e-Learning is 25% Off!!



Now is a great time to sign up for any of our e-Learning classes!

Check out our website using this link: [Training -> eLearning](#)



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We are working on a **complete list of training options** to make the most of our time away from the water. By combining e-Learning and Instructor-Led webinars, we can complete all of theory work required and use creative ways to complete practical exercises and exams.

Note: Some courses require dives to complete the certification.

Spring Training Schedule

- Self-Study **PADI** – **Advanced Open Water course (e-Learning)**
- Self-Study **PADI** – **Rescue Diver course (e-Learning)**
- Self-Study **DAN** – **DEMP**
- Self-Study **Red Cross** – **First Aid/CPR**
- Self-Study **PADI Specialty** – **Enriched Air (+online class)**
- May 25 – **Dr John Prendergast** – **COVID-19 Facts and Myths**
- May 26 – **PADI Specialty** – **Solo / Self-Reliant (online class)**
- **Oxygen Provider**

The following courses need a practical/hands-on classroom session to receive certification, which will be scheduled as soon as possible:

- **DAN** – **DEMP (within 6 months of the e-Learning)**
- **Red Cross** – **First Aid/CPR (within 3 months of the e-Learning)**
- **PADI Specialty** – **Enriched Air**

The following courses/dives will be scheduled as soon as possible:

- **PADI** – **Open Water Diver course (Pool & Dives)**
- **PADI** – **Advanced Open Water Diver course**
- **PADI** – **Rescue Diver course**
- **PADI** – **Divemaster course**
- **PADI Specialty** – **Solo / Self-Reliant**
- **PSD** – **Surface Support Specialist course**
- **PSD** – **Public Safety Diver course**



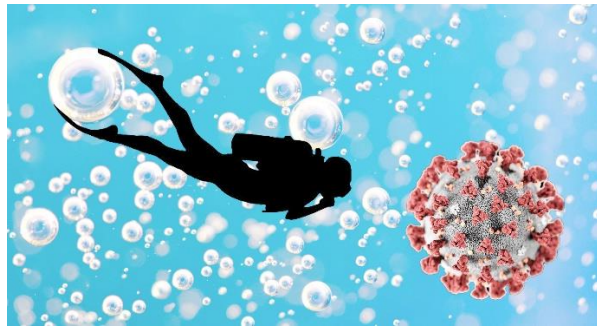


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Events & Trips to Come

Doc Octo Presents - "What Covid-19 May Mean for Divers"



On 25 May, at 7pm via Zoom Video. This will be an awesome event for anyone who wants to know more about **Corona Virus** and, how it affects the body. **Doc Octo** will be giving us some insights as to why this virus is so concerning to us as divers, what we can do to safeguard ourselves and our families against the virus.

COJO Diver's Social, Sale and Swap Event



*** Note – We have delayed this event by one month, in anticipation that with the ease of restrictions in New Brunswick that we will be open and able to host a gathering.*

On 14 June, 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!!



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Victoria Day Weekend – Dusty Fin Dive Event



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On 20 June, 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!

Tobermory Trip Update

We made the difficult decision to **postpone our 2020** trip due to impacts from Covid-19. Stay tuned though, this trip is top of our list to be rescheduled as soon as travel restrictions allow and it's safe to do so!

Check our online schedules for even more trips and events!

*** Note – We will continue to monitor health & safety guidelines into the summer, and adjust our plans for upcoming charters and trips as needed.*

[Facebook Events](#)

[Google Calendar](#)



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Equipment Servicing

Is your equipment due for service?

Here are just a few of the services we offer:

- **Regulator Servicing.** Regulators should be inspected at least once a year, and rebuilt every 2 years (depending on the manufacturer instruction. If you notice any issues – leaks, hose cracks, difficulty breathing, it's definitely time for servicing.
- **Computer Battery replacement.** We recommend battery replacement at least once a year, and more frequently if needed for higher usage especially in cold water dives
- **BCD Cleaning & Servicing.** We run through a full-point checklist of all parts and a full inflation test as well. We apply a treatment rinse to the inside of the bladder as well!
- **Drysuit seals replacement.** Don't leave wrist or neck seals with nicks or tears, we can repair those before they end a dive!

For a complete list of services, check our website here: [Services and Inspections](#)

CAN GEO Talks with Jill Heinerth

In case you missed it, CAN GEO did a virtual talk with Jill Heinerth talking about all the amazing diving in Canada! Check it out, lots of pics from local sites and shops all over Canada and a shout out to COJO Diving in there as well!!!





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COJO Recognition in April



REEF Reef Environmental Education Foundation
April 9 at 8:34 AM · 🌐

COJO Diving in New Brunswick, Canada is one of our outstanding Conservation Partners. They help spread REEF's mission to protect biodiversity and ocean life by actively engaging and inspiring the public through citizen science, and education. COJO Diving is featured in our eNews this month, so read more about them here:
<https://www.REEF.org/.../conservation-partner-preview-cojo-di...>

Interested in becoming a partner? Please visit:
www.REEF.org/conservation-partners for more information.



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 By KATHY DOWSETT — April 29, 2020  No Comments



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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society New Brunswick - CPAWS NB

April 20 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

CPAWS NB is proud to spotlight nature photographer Connie Bishop! Connie is the co-owner of [COJO Diving](#), a scuba diving business located in Lincoln NB. She began diving in the Bay of Fundy 20 years ago and fell in love with the diversity of marine life she discovered, her underwater photography work began shortly after.

"It began as a simple desire to show my friends and family what I saw on my dives. I found once I started to slow down to take pictures, I became aware of the... [See More](#)





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Don't Mess With Me

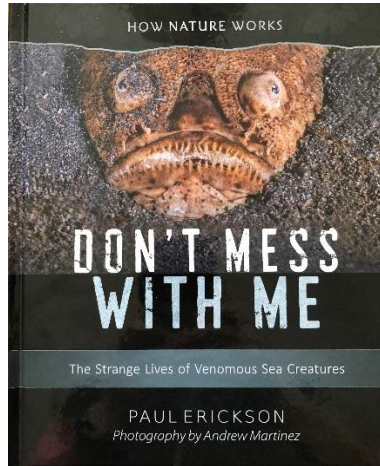


Photo Credit: Keith Ellenbogen

Paul Erickson and **Andrew Martinez** collaborated a second book "Don't Mess With Me". This book is an awesome children's book on "The strange lives of venomous sea creatures". This is another awesome read, and don't worry, there are TONS of amazing pictures!! Woo Hoo!!

Once again, Joe had a bit of spare time, so he will be putting this book out on YouTube as well for you and your children to listen to!!

Watch our facebook page, or check out June's Safety Stop Newsletter for the link to hear the book on YouTube!! As always, we encourage you to go out and buy the book to support these two totally awesome authors and photographers!! If you do, maybe they will write a million more!! Woo Hoo!!

You can purchase the book online through several sites:

[Amazon](#) (Kindle and Hardcover)

[Kobo](#) (ebook)

[Chapters](#) (Hardcover)



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Monthly Special

**This month to celebrate New Brunswick's
re-opening of the great outdoors**

FREE AIR from COJO!!

**That's right, recreational divers get free air fills
this month!**

**Please remember to follow all regulations and
social distancing! Let's do our part to keep
the curve "flat" in New Brunswick!!**



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Monthly FUN FACT

Skeleton Shrimp, are actually not shrimp.. they are from the amphipod family.

Republished from: <https://morefundiving.com/skeleton-shrimp-facts/>

Image from: [Connie Bishop](#)





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COJO "Throwback" Pic

May 2013

This pic is of Joe and Diver Ed, as we were just opening up our new shop location in Lincoln. Wow the space looks bare compared to now!!



[Click for COJO YouTube Channel](#)

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

Connie and Joe!!