



# THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What's New

Welcome to the **October 2019** edition, of the **COJO Diving Safety Stop Newsletter!!**

September was a crazy month with trips and diving!! Joe ended up away for the month teaching **Army Combat Divers** the commercial diving aspects of the job and, Connie was running dive trips in Quebec so there were not as many courses going on but, there were still a few!!



Due to Hurricane Dorian, the Fundy Charter for September had to be cancelled. Too bad because this was the trip to **The Wolves!!** Last month, COJO replaced the ramp from the main deck to the diving dock at Atlas Park. A special thanks to all who came out to help with the job and, a HUGE thanks to **Sharkbait SI** for the donation!! The **GRAND RE-OPENING** has been rescheduled to **October 12<sup>th</sup>** during the Advanced Open Water course. If you have time, come out and see how awesome it looks!!

During September, COJO had three awesome trips. One trip to **Perce**, from 31 Aug to 1 Sept, one to **Saguenay**, and one to **Les Escoumins!!** The trips were absolutely fantastic but, due to higher winds, the Les Escoumins trip didn't get as much diving as they wanted. Usually when Joe doesn't get on the trip, the weather turns bad!! **Woo Hoo!!**

**COJO Rescue** has also been very busy with the science side of the house as well as a ton of jobs!! **Woo Hoo!!**

### COJO's Fall Store Hours:

Monday	5pm to 9pm
Tuesday	5pm to 9pm
Wednesday	5pm to 9pm
Thursday	5pm to 9pm
Friday	5pm to 9pm

Thanks and Safe Diving!!  
Connie and Joe  
COJO Diving



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### Courses during September

During September, the courses slowed down due to all the trips and because Joe was away. Once again though, COJO was all over the province and, even in Nova Scotia with courses and dives!! Woo Hoo!! **What an amazing year so far!!**

- **PADI – Dive Master Course (Ongoing)**
- **PADI – Open Water checkout dives**
- **PADI PSD – Surface Support Course**
- **PADI – Discover Scuba Diving**





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## Courses to Come

**Looking ahead** into the fall, the **Training Calendar** is full with tons of courses and options for classes for all levels!! If you know someone who is interested continuing the diving adventure, let them know we have all kinds of options coming up!! **Courses are filling up!!**

If you are interested in any of them or, if you don't see what you are looking for, just send a note to us at [cojodiving@gmail.com](mailto:cojodiving@gmail.com) or on **Facebook** for more information!!



- 4 to 6 Oct – **TDI** – Intro to Tech / Tech Sidemount course
- 12 to 13 Oct – **PADI** – Advanced Open Water course
- 17 Oct – **PADI** – Oxygen Provider course
- 24 Oct – **PADI** – Enriched Air Diver course
- 27 Oct – **PADI** – Zombie Apocalypse Diver course
- 23-24, 30 Nov and 1 Dec – **Red Cross** – First Responder
- And tons more!!



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### Events During September

During September, **COJO** had a blast doing several events!!

#### Perce Trip

That's right!! Once again, COJO and company headed to Perce, Qc for some awesome diving with all kinds of marine life!! Seals were all over and very friendly!! Joe even got a phone number!! What an awesome trip and thanks to Club Nautique de Percé for an awesome time!! Woo Hoo!!



#### Saguenay Trip

Another beautiful trip to the Saguenay Fjord with Carl Tremblay and Accès Plongée!! This year, Carl went all out, bringing us to the most awesome sites ever!! During the trip, Randall Thorpe, Katelyn Copage and Veronique Lavoie completed their Deep Diver certification!! Awesome work to all and, a special thanks to Carl for another awesome trip!! Woo Hoo!!





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### Les Escoumins

This year we decided to try diving Les Escoumins by boat, to get around rough shore entries and low tide. Little did we know a wind storm was brewing and would completely knock out the first day of diving! The dives on our 2<sup>nd</sup> day were awesome, thanks to Carl for the awesome charter!



### Paddy's Head Dive

While Joe was away helping to train the Combat Divers on the commercial underwater skills required for the job, he managed to get quite a few dives in~~ One was a dive at Paddy's Head, NS where he met up with Wayne Joy, Kitrina Godding and a bunch of others!! Of course, he had an escort, Alexis Levesques from the Combat Diver staff to make sure he was ok!! Thanks for the great dive all!! Woo Hoo!!





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Photo Credit Wayne Joy ©

### Events & Trips to Come

#### Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - New ramp ribbon cutting at COJO North!!

We will be **cutting the ribbon** with **Sharkbait SI** to officially open the new ramp at the park!! Woo Hoo!!



#### Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - COJO Annual Pumpkin Carving

That's right, it is that scary time of the year again when the divers get to use knives underwater!! Woo Hoo!! Don't miss out on the **COJO Annual Underwater Pumpkin Carving** dive!! This year it will be held at McCann Head in St Andrews!!





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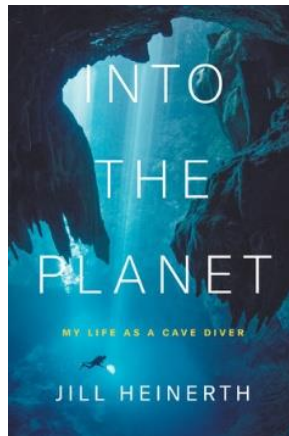
### Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - PADI Zombie Apocalypse course

This is an awesome course to practice up on basic diving skills while saving the world from the UNDEAD!! Don't miss it!!



### Special Announcement!! Jill Heinerth / Into The Planet

That is right, Jill Heinerth, Canadian explorer, and totally awesome diver, has a new book out. The book is called "Into the Planet" and it takes the reader on an exciting journey into the beautiful world of cave diving!! Jill is an amazing story teller and, has a totally awesome background!! Don't miss this book!! It is available on Amazon!!





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## Random Pics from the Month



This one is from last month but I don't even care, he is so cute!!





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## Product Highlights

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!!**



### **Hollis Neotek Semi-Drysuit**

In a cold water environment that demands warm dive gear, we don't get too excited about wetsuits. But the Hollis Neotek is extremely well built and the warmest wetsuit available!! Features include 8mm neoprene, spine pad, sealed seams, pockets, integrated hood.

**Suggested Price \$599.95 +HST**

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### Retirement Farewell



**Mike Lavallee** joined COJO as a Service Technician and Divemaster in 2014 and has been a familiar face around the Lincoln store, and helping out at the pool and events. Mike had fully retired from the military in 2016 after **40 years of service!** Thanks Mike for your service to our country, and to all the help and support you gave divers with your work at COJO Diving!! **Woo Hoo!!**





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### Monthly FUN FACT

**Beluga whales are nicknamed “Sea Canaries” due to their high level of vocalization.**

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### COJO "Throwback" Pic

**October 2008**

Underwater Pumpkin Carving Dive event at New River Beach.. Woo Hoo!!



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

Connie and Joe!!