



# THE SAFETY STOP

COJO's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## What's New

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

August was completely crazy with courses, checkout dives and charters!! The weather this time of year can be unsettled and, sure enough one charter did get cancelled but, COJO made the best of it and ended up on a shore dive on the 29<sup>th</sup> instead!! Thanks to all who came out to dive!! Congratulations to all the divers that are just starting their adventure!! Awesome job!!



During August, COJO Rescue was all over The Maritimes looking at different sites for reef balls, wolffish and seaweed and all kinds of other specimens!! The COJO Command Center was flat out running the roads, and Kaleb and Joe were diving their brains out!!

COJO would like to thank our customers and friends who have been in through the pandemic. It has been a very hard time but, having all of you around us has made it a bit easier!! A reminder that when in our retail store, masks must be worn. This is to protect you and us, and to lessen the chance of spreading the virus should it come back to New Brunswick.

If you are interested in Commercial Diving, the Commercial Prep Program is coming up in September. This is an awesome course to learn the basics of commercial diving and to prepare you for commercial dive school!! If you would like to know more, contact Joe at the shop!! 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 August

**COJO is crazy busy running courses!!** During Aug, here is a list of the courses that were run:

- **PADI – Dive Master Course (Ongoing)**
- **PADI – Drysuit Diver course**
- **PADI – Open Water Course (Checkout Dives)**
- **PADI – Open Water Course (St Stephen)**

**COJO** is now able to teach most courses, with new rules in place to ensure social distancing and safety of all divers both on land and in the water.

We would like to take time to thank all of our crazy awesome instructors and dive masters for their hard work and dedication to safely teaching new divers, and continuing to expand the experience of the ones already enjoying the underwater world!! We could not do any of this without you!! **Woo Hoo!!**





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## Courses to Come

**Looking ahead**, for September and into the fall, we have **tons of ways** to get you diving. The open water courses are slowing down but, there will be continuing education all the way through September, October and into the fall and winter!! 2020 has been a hard year but, we can finish it with a SPLASH!!



Here is a list of courses coming up in September and beyond!!

- 12-13 September – **PADI** – **Open Water Course (Checkouts)**
- 14 to 16 September – **COJO** – **Commercial Prep Program (Classroom)**
- 19 to 20 September – **COJO** – **Commercial Prep Program (Dives 1 to 6)**
- 22 to 24 September – **TDI** – **Normoxic Trimix Course (Classroom)**
- 10 to 11 October – **COJO** – **Commercial Prep Program (Dives 7 to 12)**
- 10 to 11 October – **PADI** – **Advanced Open Water Course**
- 17 to 18 October – **PADI** – **Rescue Diver Course**
- 24 to 25 October – **COJO** – **Commercial Prep Program (Dives 13 to 18)**

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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### **PADI Advanced Open Water – October 10 & 11**



On Thanksgiving weekend we will be at Atlas Park for the last Advanced Open Water Diver course for the year! We recommend early registration as spots will be limited. Cost is \$300+HST and includes the online learning! Equipment rentals for students are discounted 25%. We will start Saturday at 11am and complete 3 dives including Peak Performance Buoyancy, Navigation and a Night dive. On Sunday we will do the Deep dive, and then “divers choice” from a selection for the last dive.

### **PADI Rescue Diver – October 17 & 18**



Students have the opportunity to round out their training for the year with the Rescue Diver course. Learn to prevent and manage problems in the water, and become more confident in your skills as a diver! It's a challenging, yet very rewarding course. Cost is \$300+HST and includes the online learning! Equipment rentals for students are discounted 25%. We will start Saturday at 11am and complete a series of dives and scenarios over 2 days.



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## Events in August

### Fundy Fun Dive

**COJO's Fundy Fun Dive** was an awesome event at New River Beach. On Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, COJO and crew headed to New River Beach to have a fun dive and do a REEF Fish Count!! 14 Divers showed up for the dive!! Awesome turn out and tons of fun for all!! Thanks to all who came out to the event!! Woo Hoo!!





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### Fundy Charter "Cancellation Dive"

**On 22 Aug**, the COJO charter was cancelled due to remnants from Hurricane Laura entering our region. Sooo, we headed to McCann Head for a fun dive!! There were about 10 people who were supposed to be on a charter but, instead we did a nice dive before the wind and rain blew in!! Awesome dive all in all!! Thanks to all who came out!!





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## Events to Come

### COJO Fundy Charter – 12 September

On 12 Sept, COJO will be heading back out on the Fundy Spray for a couple dives in the Bay!! This charter is sold out but, don't miss signing up for more!! These charters are so much fun!! Woo Hoo!!



### Early Dive Pictures



MacDermott's First Dives!!



My First Dive!!



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### COJO's Pirate Dive – 19 September



Arrrrgh, better late than ne'er!! The **COJO Pirate Dive** will be happening, just a bit late!! This year it will be on the 19 of September at McCann Head!! Don't miss out on the fun and prizes!! Woo Hoo!!

### COJO Pumpkin Carving – 24 October



Join us for a few hours underwater, we'll take our harvest pumpkins and knives and jump in the water! Carve out your best, scariest pumpkin face.. and take in some "scary" sights underwater! This is a dive event that is all about having some fun with the diving.. and you may just leave with a prize too!





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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](#)





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### Monthly FUN FACT

**Did you know, Northern Red (or Dahlia) Anemones can live up to 60 – 80yrs in the wild. Amazing!**

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### COJO "Throwback" Pic

**January 2019**

This was not that long ago, but it seems a lifetime with Covid-19 messing up the world! This pic was taken at one of our favourite dive sites in Eastport ME with Claire, John, Joe and Connie. With the first [Frost Advisory](#) issued for the season, we are starting to think about those cooler dives!



[Click for COJO YouTube Channel](#)

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

Connie and Joe!!