



SWODA Guidelines

Providing positive direction to SCUBA divers



October 2006 Edition

Next Meeting

Monday, October 16th, 2006 starting at 8:00 pm
Elephant & Castle Restaurant

20th Anniversary Success!

Anniversary,
What a Party!
The Scuba gods were
with us on
September 16th. The
weather and the great
turn out we had, from
far and wide was
Awesome!



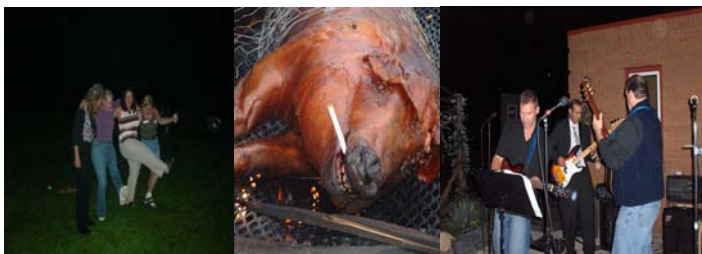
Thanks to everyone who helped make the SWODA 20th Anniversary Party and Reunion a big success.

SWODA members past and present came out in droves (more than 120 of us). There was SWODA memorabilia, live bands and the food was terrific. The conversations flowed as if we still see each other every weekend.

A huge shout out to our hosts Marlyn Smith and Dave Atwood for their efforts in making this party one to remember.

Thanks as well to the Anniversary Committee... Marlyn Smith, Brent Bamford, Beth Duncan, Barb Moore, Karen Saunders-Hill and Phil Shelley.

And, of course, the SWODA executive committee whose help was invaluable. Good job. Let's do it again - soon. Barbara Moore



Wreck of the Months

Rothesay:

Type: Shipwreck
Build: Wood
Location: Prescott, Ontario, Canada
Depth: 28'
Length: 191'
Built: 1868
Sunk: 1889
Access: Shore
Level: Novice
Orientation: Upright



Sunk in a collision, dynamited for practice, and in a current at shallow depth for more than a century, you'd expect that there would be little left of such a wreck. But the Rothesay believes differently. Once called the "Greyhound of the St. Lawrence" for her speed and graceful lines, the paddle-wheel steamer still makes for a nice dive, which can have



some current to contend with. This is a favorite dive site for Brockville weekends, as an extra shore dive if you can go up early before the weekend or stay up after to dive it you will not be disappointed. It's not usually a part of the Brockville weekend that SWODA dives, because it is a shore access and we try and hit all the boat access dives on our club weekend in Brockville area. Plan to stay up and get out on this wreck next year.



SWODA Wear

2006 has is being a great dive year with lot of new stories and SWODA wear coming. Steve Brandow is your guy with the smart SWODA wear. Steve and Sean from Tommy White in St Thomas Ontario are really coming up with great options this year. Steve can get SWODA wear with our logo on almost anything. You will see some members sporting our club logo on their dry suit underwear. So come out to our next meeting to see what's new in SWODA wear this year. Don't hesitate to ask for something new!



Contact: Steve & Cathy
773-5143 or email:
cbrandow@lear.com

What's new in Scuba Wear

Here's a great idea for SCUBA divers: a mask with a tiny LCD panel that shows your depth, time you've been under the water and cylinder pressure. The transmitter gathers the data at the regulator and sends it to this mini display mounted right where you need it. Sometimes if you're diving really deep it might be too dark or murky to see those vital statistics. It's probably just as useful as the excellent head-up display (HUD) on the Corvette, and if the concept works well enough at 180mph, it'll certainly suffice while loitering a few hundred feet under the sea, not far from Davy Jones' Locker. Take it with you on your trip to the Bahamas this winter.



Source: <http://tinyurl.com/jyw9z>
Manufacturer's site: http://www.oceanicworldwide.com/p_computers_iddm.html

Brockville 2006

Our Brockville diving weekend was a great success again. Our weather was the coolest we have had for air temp in a few years but the water was warm as per usual.



Nominations & Elections

With the summer diving season soon coming to a close and the holiday season just around the corner, it will soon be time for SWODA's annual executive elections. Now is the time to start thinking about joining SWODA at an executive level. We are always looking for new members to represent our club! Feel free to contact any of our current executive for information on various position responsibilities. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!!



Come out a try pumpkin carving under water! Oct 29th 2006
Sarnia at 11.am



Newsletter submissions may be e-mailed to:
mar@divewithmar.on.ca or craig.mcculloch@td.com

S.W.O.D.A Memberships

Please feel free to join us at our club meeting—it's a privilege of being a paid member. With a strong membership base, our Dive Masters can tailor dives to suit the varying levels of divers as our club grows, which means more and better diving for everyone!

Check out web site WWW.SWODA.CA and download our membership registration form and then mail it in to **Patrick Briscoe**: 1772 Parkhurst Ave London Ontario Canada, N5V 2C3



SWODA Christmas Party
At
Elephant & Castle Restaurant
November 25th

Let 's get dressed up!
And Get Festive

Party detail coming at the
next Meeting
So put this date in your calendar
now!

Birthday Corner



October 2006

5th Ralph Darbyshire
 11th - Bob Orton
 23rd - Karen Lynn Mason

SWODA Executive

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Marlyn Smith (Mar Smith)	672-3100
Vice-President	Craig McCulloch	488-5195
Treasurer	Patrick Briscoe	453-5221
Secretary	Lindsay McCulloch Stephen Du Charme	488-5195 227-0272
Webmaster	Luigi DiRaimo	641-7754
Newsletter Editor	Craig McCulloch Marlyn Smith	488-5195 672-3100
Promotions	Steve Brandow	773-5143
Events Team	Phil Shelley	637-3642
Events Team	Cathy Brandow	773-5143

The Gear Bin

Looking for used Gear!

Please inform us of your progress so we can keep this column current. If you're not using your gear or wanting to upgrade, keep watching this column for dive gear you might be after.

- L-XL Neoprene dry suit. 170-190 lbs.
Dan Varewyck- (519) 686-8208
- XL - BCD. US Diver Cousteau - like new.
Dany Jacques- (519) 660-9708
- OMS Oxygen analyzer with flow meter hook-up;
- 30 cu ft pony - black Mar 672-3100
- Black Military Viking Dry suit - Men's med/large, bag/repair kit included \$800; Whites black neoprene dry suit 10 dives \$500...or \$1000 for both! Jeff Lindsay lind-saycave@gmail.com



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SWODA Dives and Events Schedule 2006

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	CONTACT	PHONE
October 9	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
October 14-15th	2 day Quarry diving	Ohio	Everyone	Marlyn Smith Ann Wilson	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
October 21st	Great Lakes Chapter of Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society	Burlington	Everyone	Ron Nishi	www.uhms--glc.org glc-2006@levity.ca
Fall– Winter TBA	Bonne Terre Mine	St Lewis, Missouri	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
October 29th	Pumpkin Carving	Sarnia	Everyone	Marlyn Smith Patrick Briscoe	mar@divewithmar.on.ca 453-5221
November 25th	Christmas Party	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	773-5143 islandhopper@amtelecom.net

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January 7th 2007	New Year Dive	Sarnia	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe Ralph Darbyshire	453-5221
March 1-8th	Belize		Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June TBA	River Drifting	Forte Erie	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
July -TBA	Wreck Diving	Kingston	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe Steve Brandow	453-5221
Aug –TBA	Wreck Diving	Toby	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Sept 7-9 th	Wreck Diving	Brockville	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca

Pool night through out he winter will get booked in for club use, so stay tune to changes in the newsletter!

This schedule may change as the season comes closer. If Dive Masters do not get commitment or interest on promoted trips. This will bring changes to our coming dives and events calendar. Please contact the DM running the trip or event so we can plan great things for Your Dive Season! Help us help you!

Other Non-Club Dives and Events In our Area

THIS CHART WILL BE TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS INFORMED OF OTHER DIVE RELATED EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Oct. 21	Diving & Medicine Meeting	Burlington-Canada Centre for Inland Waters	Ron Nishi glc-2006@levity.ca

OUC—New Newsletter—<http://www.underwatercouncil.com/news.htm>

**We will have Mar with a presentation of the high lights from the 20th Anniversary BBQ.
 Also Dave and Mars recap from their BC trip this summer too.
 See you at the meeting!**

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