



SWODA Guidelines

Providing positive direction to SCUBA divers



May 2007 Edition

Next Meeting
October 15th, 2007 at the Elephant and Castle Restaurant.

President's Corner



Hey everyone. Fortunately the weather has gotten a bit better since the beginning of the month; just in time for our first dive trip!

Our season opener is being held on the May 5-6 weekend in Gilboa, Ohio and I'm sure it will be a great one. If you

haven't already made arrangements, please contact Marlyn Smith for more information. Her contact info can be found on the next page.

As for myself, I'm heading to somewhat of a warmer climate this month as I travel to El Salvador for a Food Study trip to learn about global food security. Unfortunately, diving isn't on the agenda, but perhaps Steve Brandow can bring back some diving stories as he and Cathy head to Aruba—I swear, these are not perks of being on the SWODA exec ;).

I hope everyone has a great month and a fine start to their dive season!



~Patrick~

2007 Club Meetings

Just a quick reminder that SWODA will not be having meetings every month this year. Meetings will take place on the following dates:

- March 19th—8pm @ E&C *completed
- April 16th—8pm @ E&C *completed
- October 15th—8pm @ E&C
- November 12th—8pm @ E&C

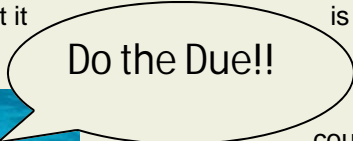


Do the Due

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues at the March and April meetings. Newsletters are now being sent out to paid members only while friendly reminders are passed along to those suffering from narcosis.

We take pride in our newsletter. A lot of time and effort goes into each edition and is one of the many services we provide to our up-to-date members.

One change is taking place this year with dues. That is, we are encouraging members to submit a void cheque with their payment so that the club can automatically transfer dues in future years. This will save the club and its members time and effort in the following years by making the payment process more streamlined. And we all know how important it is to be streamlined!



Of course, this isn't a requirement, but it is encouraged to make the process easier on everyone.

Agency Joke

Three instructors and their students are on board a dive boat in the middle of the ocean. There is a NAUI instructor, a PADI instructor, and an SSI instructor. Everything is going fine until the boat springs a leak and starts to sink. The SSI instructor says to his students, "Okay, we're in the middle of the ocean, so we might as well do our deep dive." The NAUI instructor says to his students, "Okay, we might as well do our navigation dive, so let's get our compasses out and swim towards shore." The PADI instructor says to his students, "Okay, for \$25 extra you guys get to do a wreck dive!"

OUC Treasure Hunt 2007



The OUC is having their annual Treasure Hunt this year on the June 16th-17th weekend in Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the hunt, please contact Patrick by email at pbriscoe@rogers.com. If

there is enough interest, we can get a group to go down together and make a SWODA weekend out of it. A little barbequing, some camping, and treasure hunting sounds like it could be a bunch of fun. Please let me know if you're interested. Note: I will be gone until the 17th of May, but will return your email as soon as I get back.

"The Treasure Hunt's bin sailin' since 1971 and she's not just the longest-sailin' Treasure ship, she's the biggest an' she's the best!

There'll be an Underwater Navigation Competition for all ye sunken Treasure types. And a Car Rally for all ye Car Rally types. And Volleyball and Tug-'O-War for ye sporty types. And Kid's Olympics for the wee Pirates. And of course, the Treasure Hunt itself on Sunday, with tens of thousands of doubloon's worth of prizes up just for the huntin'."

Visit the Treasure Hunt page for registration details:
<http://tinyurl.com/2xhnph>

SWODA Executive 2007

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2007 Season Opener

This year's season opener will be taking place at the quarry in Gilboa, Ohio. With varying depths and lots to see (boats, a plane, platforms, school bus, tons of fish, etc), Gilboa is a great place to dive early in the year while many other sites are not at their peak.

The Club will be heading down on the May 5-6th weekend. Please check the schedule for contact information



Newsletter submissions may be e-mailed to:
 Patrick Briscoe, pbriscoe@rogers.com

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Birthday Corner



May 2007

2nd
 Murray Lapp
10th
 Don Drager
19th
 Bob Coulter



SWODA Wear

Steve Brandow is your guy with the smart SWODA wear. Steve and Sean Dunn from Tommy White's Source for Sports in St Thomas are really coming up with great options this year. Steve can get SWODA wear with our logo on almost anything, so ask to see the catalog for all the great SWODA gear.. Come out to our next meeting to see what cool SWODA wear options we have.



SHARKS!

We also have the **Happy Sharks** available now. Great for stocking stuffers. These Happy Shark are for your vehicle or dive gear boxes, it is a dive flag too. We have them now so if your are interested.

Contact:

Steve & Cathy 519-773-5143

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The Gear Bin

- UK 1200 underwater light.
 Mar Smith -(519)-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 lindsaycave@gmail.com
- Canister dive light, with both long and sort batteries for long or short dives options with 2 charges.
 Mar Smith. 519-672-3100



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.

Mar Smith



Looking for used Gear!

- L-XL Neoprene dry suit. 170-190 pds.
 Dan Varewyck- (519) 686-8208



Dive Description Chart

Level	Description
1	Maximum depth 60 feet. No special conditions
2	Maximum depth 90 feet. No special conditions
2	Maximum depth 60 feet. Special conditions such as strong current or night dive
3	Maximum depth 130 feet. No special conditions
3	Maximum depth 90 feet. Special conditions such as strong current or night dive
4	Overhead environment, (i.e. wreck penetration, ice, cave or extended range, special gas mixtures, i.e. Trimix

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SWODA Dives and Events Schedule 2007

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	CONTACT	PHONE
TBA	Bonne Terre Mine	St Lewis, Missouri	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
May 5-6	Quarry Diving	Ohio	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June-Aug	Wexford	Grand Bend/ Goderich	2	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June 10-11	River Drifting	Forte Erie	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
June 16-17	OUC Treasure Hung	Presqu'île Provincial Park	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
June 23-24	Shore & boat diving	Tobermory	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
July –TBA	Great lake wreck diving	Toby & North channel	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
July –TBA	Great lake wreck diving	Alpena Mic	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Aug 11-12	Wreck Diving	Kingston	3	Steve Brandow Patrick Briscoe	scubasteve@amtelecom.net pbriscoe@rogers.com
Aug –TBA	Wreck Diving	Toby	Everyone	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Sept 7-9	Wreck Diving	Brockville	2	Marlyn Smith	672-3100 mar@divewithmar.on.ca
Sept—TBA	SWODA BBQ	TBA	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	islandhopper@amtelecom.net
Oct 15	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
Nov 12	Club Meeting	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Patrick Briscoe	pbriscoe@rogers.com
Nov 24	Christmas Party	Elephant & Castle	Everyone	Cathy Brandow	islandhopper@amtelecom.net

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
July 14-15 2007	Kingston Dive Weekend	Kingston, Ontario	Ron Sisson ronsisson@rogers.com
OUC—Newsletter— http://www.underwatercouncil.com/news.htm			

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