



BUDDYLINES

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Notes from the Editor

Happy Holidays, Everyone! Well, I have pretty much wrapped up the shopping for the Christmas season. Thank goodness! Have you been to the malls lately?

I haven't heard much about the annual trips this year. I know that the Kelsey Scuba club is running off to Cozumel this year. I heard you had a little trouble with Canada 3000, Cliff. Hope its all resolved. Enjoy the diving folks. Remember to let me know how it went. I haven't had much in the way of scuba stories, lately.

If your club would like to submit a request for funding this year, please remember to do this in January. Please see the article inside for details. Remember, this newsletter is for your use also. If you would like to have anything printed. Please send it to me. I am always looking for something interesting to include.

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Diving Restriction within Prince Albert National Park

I have pulled information from the New's release. If you require a complete copy, you may contact the SUC Office and one will be obtained for you.

POLICY:

SCUBA diving is designated as a hazardous activity under section 6 subsection 1 of the National Parks General regulations. As a result of this designation:

SCUBA diving in any Park waters in Prince Albert National Park requires that the person or group to register at the Park information office in Waskesiu Lake or at the South Gate kiosk during regular hours of operation.

A business license will be required by a person or group who wishes to teach the sport of SCUBA diving with PANP.

No business licence will be required by a person or group who wishes to complete the "open water" portion of a SUBA Diving Curriculum.

Canadian Shipping Act - Collision regulations require all vessels engaged in diving operations to display the code flage (blue and white). A red and white flag carried on a buoy is used to mark area where diving is in progress, although divers may stray from the boundaries of the flag.

This policy does not prevent dive clubs from providing celan up within the restricted areas at request of the Park on a controlled basis.

PROCEDURES:

Information staff will approve each request on an individual basis by: Adhering to the Scuba Diving Directive when issuing a Park use permit. All scuba divers must register at the information office or south gate when it is open prior to commencing Scuba diving activities. Information required on the Park use permit includes: Date/Time issued, Name (person or club); Location of dive (lake name, access point and location on lake); Purpose of dive (recreational or training); Number of divers.

Recreational Scuba diving is not permitted in the path of any dock areas, breakwater, marine facilities or marked simming areas. (This includes the intire bay in front of the Narros marine facilities due to boat traffic passing through the bay to reach open water which results in a public safety concern, and the main beach area from inside the breakwater to Kapasiwan Bungalows).

For a copy of the Complete Directive, please contact PA National Park, or the SUC Office.

Kelsey Skin & Scuba Club

January 16, 2002 - Discover Scuba Night call 933-8341 for information.

January 23 - April 24, 2002 - Certification Course. This course will provide you with with the minimum knowledge and skills to safely progress to open water scuba certification. Please contact 933-8341 for more information. Public may register as of January 16, 2002.

Mid June - Open Water Training is dependent upon successful completion of a recognized scuba course and subsequent open-water training sessions. The open water dives are located at Heritage and Whiteswan Lake.



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TAGGING SYSTEM

SASKATCHEWAN UNDERWATER COUNCIL UPDATE

On December 2, 2001, the SUC held a board meeting. Issues such as the diving restrictions imposed by Prince Albert National Park, funding increase, Diver Alert, Super Diver, etc. were all discussed. An article about the diving restrictions in PA National Park is within the Newsletter. Talk about things that make you go, Hmmm!

The SUC was notified that they would receive an increase in funding next year. There was some discussion around making that money available to the clubs that wish to have their newsletters subsidized. There will be another board meeting on January 13 @ 11:30 in Saskatoon. If you are interested in applying for any funding, please submit your requests then. Funding can be acquired for Dip sessions, publications, Youth Diver Dip sessions, etc.

Diver Alert was discussed to the extent that we are searching for clubs that would be interested in hosting the next annual event. If you are interested, please contact the SUC office.

Our Diver Alert function will, once again, be held during the Sports & Leisure Show and Sale at Saskatchewan Place. The dates are Thursday March 7 - 10, 2002. Featuring Club Displays; Dive Shop Displays, and also the Scuba Swap all at Saskatchewan Place. More details to follow in the next issue of buddyines.

That was about it for that meeting. I'll try to keep you informed.

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