

Divers' Weekend 2018

Saturday January 27, 2018

<p>11am-noon</p>	<p><i>Perfecting Your Underwater Images - Stewart Sy</i></p> <p>Learn what's involved in getting perfect underwater images. This workshop will take you through the process of visualizing the shot even before you click the shutter. See the progression of images as Stewart "works the scene" to get the perfect composition, and then learn about the adjustments made in Adobe Photoshop® to get the final <i>pop!</i></p> <p>Stewart is the owner of SLS Photography, Western Canada's source for all things underwater photography-related. He has been making underwater Images for over 20 years and is still learning, and has been involved in the digital imaging field for 30 years.</p>
<p>1pm-2pm</p>	<p><i>Fish ID 101: It's All in the Family - Jessica Schultz</i></p> <p>Even if "fish enthusiast" isn't currently on your list of reasons to dive, learning about marine life can really add to your diving experience. It's fun to know what you're seeing underwater, and who doesn't want to impress their friends with their fish ID skills when that ocean documentary airs on the BBC? In this workshop, you will learn to identify common fish families in British Columbia and recognize the key characteristics that will allow you classify and identify fish, including how to collect the right information when you see something new - wherever you are in the world.</p> <p>Jessica is the Manager of the Howe Sound Research and Conservation program at Ocean Wise, where she and her team investigate coastal ecology, marine biodiversity and climate change. Jessica is a professional diver turned marine ecologist, and is a PhD student at the University of Guelph.</p>
<p>3pm-4pm</p>	<p><i>The Ways of the Rope: Learning a Most Important Skill for Any Diver - Kelly Korol</i></p> <p>Learn the ways of the rope with the "Jedi Master" of knots. In this fun and interactive workshop, Kelly will take you through some of the most common knots you need to know as a diver. As well, bring your questions about occupational diving and how to jump into this exciting career.</p> <p>Commercial diving and instructing diving since 1984, Kelly owns and operates <i>DiveSafe International</i>, Canada's largest commercial diving school. Located in Cambell River, on the doorstep to the best cold water diving on the planet, Kelly and team deliver the finest in diving education.</p>

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11am-noon	<p><i>All This and a Camera as Well? Adding Photography to Scuba Diving - Lee Newman</i></p> <p>Photography is one of the world's most popular hobbies, so it is perfectly natural for people to want to take a camera on their underwater adventures. However, the camera, as well as the process of taking photos, can be very distracting, potentially causing all manner of issues from buddy separation to running low on breathing gas. Fortunately, there are skills and techniques that can be learned to minimize the distractions. Whether you're a brand new diver or a seasoned pro, this workshop will help make taking a camera underwater a safe and rewarding activity.</p> <p>Lee is an active local diver and underwater photographer. As a technical diver, Lee is interested in photo-documenting the fish and invertebrate life in Howe Sound beyond the recreational depth limit. Lee is also an active cave diver and usually makes two trips a year to dive and photograph the caves of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.</p>
1pm-2pm	<p><i>Chasing the Elusive Fundamentals: Trim, Buoyancy & Propulsion - Liz Tribe</i></p> <p>Control in the water is one of the most critical components of a successful dive. However, it is often one of the hardest skill sets to master. For this workshop, we will take a close look at the fundamental skills of trim, buoyancy and propulsion, and investigate how they are all connected. New and experienced divers alike will benefit from this workshop as it will assist them in improving their overall control in the water, thereby enhancing their overall diving experience.</p> <p>Liz is a GUE Instructor and PADI MSDT who has been diving actively in the Pacific North West for 11 years and teaching scuba diving for 10 years. Liz's goal as an instructor is to provide students - new and experienced - with first class training to safely and confidently explore the underwater world and share her passion for scuba diving.</p>
3pm-4pm	<p><i>Save-A-Dive : Eight Helpful Techniques to Keep Your Gear Working - Jeremy Heywood</i></p> <p>This workshop you will learn about some basic techniques, tools and tricks for repairing common scuba gear failures in the field.</p> <p>Jeremy is the Diving and Boating Safety Officer at Ocean Wise Vancouver Aquarium. He likes tinkering with scuba gear.</p>