

Dive News

Diver Quizzes & Training

Heads up, we need to get everyone to finish their dive training classes. We keep everyone on track with the “essentials” so you can perform your normal dive tasks safely, but a few classes seem to not get done. Many of you have not completed:

AAUS History, GOT Fish ID, Dive Physics, Dive Physiology.

Lastly there is a Written Exam 2 that will finish your Aquarium Scientific Diver qualification.

This is needed for reciprocity and offshore field work.

The Dive Office is going to be talking to anyone with any outstanding training left on your next visit.

Additionally Surface Supply Quizzes will be given to those on Mermaid shifts.

We will be re-implementing the Offshore Fish ID class in the near future, covering all native fish off our coast.

Everyone is encouraged to start looking at it on our website <http://www.scaquarium.org/divers>

Nitrox & Drysuit Classes

We are looking into conducting Nitrox & Drysuit classes for dive volunteers again on an as-desired basis. This is our way of giving back to you all who have a desire or need for the cert card.

Price point would be at cost to you. We estimate it as follows:

- \$80-90 for Nitrox
 - o includes Slates & Book.
 - o No Dives required for the cert
- \$30-50 for Drysuit
 - o Includes Book
 - o **Drysuit must be supplied by yourself**

We are still finalizing administrative things with our scuba agencies, so in the meantime please let us know if there is a desire for either of these classes during your next shift.



Bring Dive Gear for Mermaid Weekends

Mermaids are going to be here soon!!!!

Just a reminder: Bring your dive gear during Mermaid Shifts. We will still be doing normal cleaning dive operations during Mermaid days if manpower allows. We will also need to keep up with feeding and general animal care during this time as well. We can't forget the GOT.



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Volunteer Hour Milestones

7,250 Hours

Jay Hubbell



1,500 Hours

Ken Atwell



500 Hours

Rob Lee



3,250 Hours

Jeff Hooven



750 Hours

Al Bagdonas



Victor Lawrence



2,250 Hours

Lucia Oswald



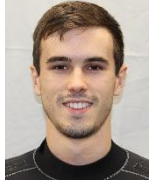
Allie Howard



Christian Shearer



Jake Tucker



250 Hours

Kirk Spletzer



**Thank you
You guys rock!**

Fun Facts

Dive Camera: Shooting Above & Below Water



Trying to get that perfect over-under waterline shot? Tired of water droplets ruining your topside scuba shots? Lick the lens then dunk it. You'll be droplet free until the next splash comes along.



Message from the Dive Office



<- Sensory Seas
Morning Event for Lowcountry Autism Foundation

Saturday February 25th we held an early morning opening for children with the Lowcountry Autism Foundation. It was a huge success with high praise and thanks from Education & the event attendees.

We would like to showcase this as what we believe to be the biggest goal that we strive for, connecting with our guests. We have the unique opportunity to bridge the gap between guest and animal, by adding that human connection.

We can't thank each and every one of you enough for spending 16 hours *(and sometimes even more)* out of every month to help us obtain our Aquarium Vision & complete our mission.

Cheers,
- Dive Ops

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