

December Newsletter

Hey Team,

Here is your December Newsletter, with Final January '15 Schedule attached

Dive News:

- **Fill Station Etiquette**

Please don't leave the Fill Station unattended until it is empty, locked, and shutdown.

I am fine if all divers are mobile around the GOT & Locker Room during filling as long as whoever puts the cylinder in takes charge in shutting down or designates someone to shutdown.

But do not leave cylinders charged and/or filling in the Fill Station if:

- Only the Standby Diver is available
- If the Team is going out to Lunch
- If no Diver is in the immediate vicinity to shutdown the Fill Station in the event of a failure.

Going back to your FSO Training, you are responsible for the whole building's safety from when you Put Cylinders in the Fill Station till when you take them out and Shutdown.

Remember we share that hallway with many Staff & Volunteers who don't know how to operate the Fill Station.

Do not rely on the only 2 FailSafe's to do the FSO's job.

- **Surface Supply**

Just a follow-up. I haven't let this slip from my radar, unfortunately we prioritized other things ahead of Surface Supply Training.

I would like to thank everyone who completed the Quiz right from the get go and those who worked on it throughout our GOT shutdown.

Right now we're waiting to purchase Wetsuits/booties and organize storage before we start bringing Volunteers back into the other exhibits.

We unfortunately don't have a timeline yet but will keep you updated as it comes.

GOT News:

- **Santa's Puff Ball & Safety Diver**

Caretta was at her ninja antics again and snuck up on Santa at the Shallow Ledge.

We did manage to get the Santa's Puff Ball back. It's been re-glued and looks good as new.

This brings up something related which some of you might already be hearing about.

I have been in the process of formalizing Safety Diver Training, using our new divers as guinea pigs.

Talking with a bunch of our veterans there's a bit of a wide range of expectations for how the Safety Diver operates.

I don't think (*want*) we'll be hitting a reset button and retraining everyone, but in the near future I may be having a sit-down-talk and quick PowerPoint with everyone to review and recap the Safety Diver's Role and Methods.

Just a heads up.

If anyone would like to have a discussion, trade ideas, or provide feedback before then, I'm very welcome to it.



- **Bio Media from Filtration Room**

Below is a picture of the GOT's Bio Media from the Filtration Room's Bio Tower.

The Bio Tower plays a key role in stabilizing the GOT's water chemistry, by allowing good bacteria to anchor on its Bio Media.

When we reopened the pipes, this old media started breaking apart and drifting into the GOT.

If you discover any in the GOT please report it to Arnold or I.

We would like to monitor how much we're receiving.



Fun Facts:

- **GOT Pufferfish**

Our Pufferfish is officially called the Spot-fin Porcupinefish – *Diodon hystrix*

They have 2 flat teeth that are ever growing, like some rodents. This is to compensate for their naturally hard-shelled diet such as urchins, clams, or crabs.

This is a different method from how ray's maintain their teeth (which will be in next month's Newsletter)

In home aquariums, some pufferfish species have to get their teeth filed or clipped when there is no hard food diet available.



Hope everyone has a great holiday and safe travels.

Cheers,

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