

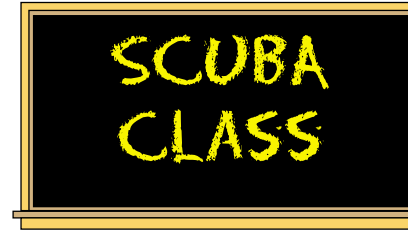
# Announcing The Aqua Lung 2003 Dive Computer Trade-In Program!

1. Bring in ANY old computer, any brand, working or not
2. Trade in your old computer on any of the 5 Suunto models shown - Vytec, Stinger, Cobra, Vyper, or Mosquito
3. Receive either \$100 or \$75 trade-in on your brand new, state of the art Suunto computer!

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#### Discover Scuba - \$14.95

January 7  
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#### PSI Tank Inspector

\$175

January 7

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# Dive Talk

News for the Diving Community

December, 2002

## Mark's Message

by Mark Brooks

I am happy to report that although it's been a while, we are seeing the beginnings of an active travel season once again. If you're interested in dive travel, come talk to us, because once again we have lots of people taking lots of trips. We also have received tons of new stock - come visit and help me empty my warehouse, we're overstocked on everything.

I want to wish all of you the Best of Holidays, and the Happiest of New Years. Thank you sincerely for your support during this past year, and in the year to come.

In this month's Dive Talk:

**TRAVEL** to our brand new destination for 2005 - Australia. **Plan Now!**

**SHOP** our Holiday specials and **RENTAL GEAR SELL OFF**. You can still buy quality, top of the line gear at 1/2 price or more.

**Thinking** about winter trips? **Book it now**, before the airlines increase their prices. Shop a variety of destinations on our *Vacation Specialists* page.

**TRADE IN** Your old computer on a brand new Suunto model!

## Shop Talk: How to Christmas Shop for a Diver

by Tank Monkey

It's the time of year when trying to find the right gift for someone takes on a special kind of horror. Happily, if you have a diver on your gift list, it can be easier than you could imagine! There are a large number of diving accessories to fit any gift budget for any diver out there.

Perfect for stocking stuffers are the little things every diver uses and never seems to have enough of. Mask defog, sunscreen, wetsuit shampoo, spare fins traps (find out what type of fins first), spare mask straps, save-a-dive-kit (full of spare parts likely to be needed at a dive site), micronet towels, dive slate, small dry box, zipper lube for a wet or dry suit, or a diving theme T-shirt...all under \$20 and perfect for a little extra gift.

If you're looking to step up to a larger gift, nothing could be easier. Most divers would love a new or spare set of fins, gear bag (you always fill up the one you have), or new snorkel.

Night divers never seem to have enough lights. Marker lights are small and inexpensive, and while only one is required, on my night dives I always appreciate divers with more than one; they are just plain easier to see. The new LED lights are small and compact but provide an amazing amount of light. If your diver is using an older style they would likely be thrilled to get a new one.

Several accessory kits are now on the market that let you buy many of the most common items all at once, usually at a substantial discount.

Even if your diver already has a dive computer, a backup timer is strongly recommended, and today's dive watches are

available in a large budget range. The high-end models are even dive computers themselves.

Of course, most divers are interested in diving more. Getting a trip or class for them (or for the both of you) makes a fantastic present that any diver would love to have.

There are a few things that are very personal to a diver, or that require a very specific fit, so it's not a good idea to try and buy these items without the diver being available to try them on. These include wetsuits, masks, and regulators. If these items are on your gift list, either bring in your diver, or opt for a gift certificate.

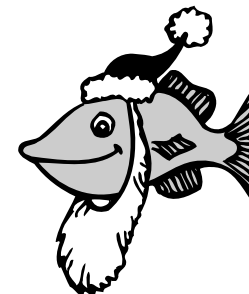
We can also provide you with a gift model for your diver to unwrap, then you can bring them in for sizing after Christmas.

Wetsuit manufacturers use what I'll call a unique sizing scheme, and fit can vary from maker to maker, and sometimes from model to model. Buying one without trying it on is usually a bad idea.

Everyone has a unique face, and while most mask manufacturers are careful to make models that fit the vast majority of people, with all of the features and fits available it can be hard to get exactly what your diver may want. Again, a gift certificate or loaner may be your best bet.

Different divers dive differently, and regulators are made to meet specific diver needs. You can't go wrong with a high-end model from any of the manufacturers, but for the occasional diver a top of the line model can be just plain overkill. Let us advise you, or opt for a gift certificate.

Happy Holidays, and see you, and your diver, in the water soon!



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## Dive Gear Bags

Your diver has it all, now they need a place to store it  
All Gear bags ..... 20% off

## Lights

Tribal Pack Gift Set Lights - HD Light, 2 handles, Titanium Knife, Mini-Q40  
Reg. \$320 ..... \$299.00  
Pro-Pack Gift Set Lights - C-8 Light, Mini Q-40, Remora BC Knife ..... \$199.00

## Cressi Dive Sandals

Regularly \$16 ..... NOW \$12.90

## Shark Sandals

Regularly \$29 ..... Sale \$23.00

## Complete Snorkel Kit

Mask, Fins, Snorkel, and Gear Bag  
Only ..... \$59.00

## PSI Tank Inspector Class

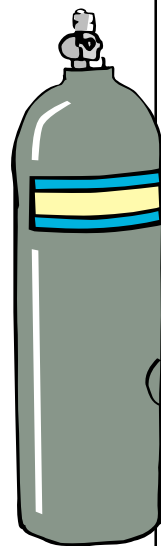
\$175

January 7

Have you ever wondered exactly what happens during your annual tank visual inspection? Now you can learn exactly what happens and how to visually inspect tanks to PSI standards at the PSI Tank Inspector Class.

The course is extensive, and covers DOT regulations, industry standards, the history of tank manufacturing and tank accidents.

You'll learn how and why tanks fail, and also get hands-on experience identifying pits, gouges, corrosion, and neck cracks.



## Christmas Gift Ideas

### All Rental Gear 50% off!

This is the BEST way to get quality dive gear at the BEST price around! Dive gear bags, regulators, BCD's, wetsuits, SIS tanks - all in top condition, and all at least 50% off! Come in TODAY, because it's first come, first serve, and when it's gone, it's gone!

BCD's starting at ..... \$75  
Complete Regulators starting at ..... \$300  
Wetsuits starting at ..... \$75  
Used Tanks ..... \$100

### Clearance Bin

Don't forget to visit our Clearance Bin for once of a kind items and incredible bargains on all kinds of goodies. This week there are BC's, booties, and regulators. Next week, who knows?

### Medication & Diving

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - A survey of over 700 scuba divers in Australia and the United States has found that many take medication just before a dive, although more research is needed to determine the exact level of risk they face.

The body processes medication differently in the high-pressure underwater environment, researchers from the Emergency Department of the Austin and Repatriation Medical Center and Royal Melbourne Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center note. And the way some drugs are metabolized, they explain, could interfere with a person's fitness to dive.

Although authorities recommend avoiding medications prior to scuba diving due to the potential for altered effects on the body in the underwater environment, this survey found divers were taking a variety of prescription and over-the-counter medications daily, including within 2 hours of diving.

### Water Tight Record

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - 11/16/02 A South African scuba diver claimed a new world record after living underwater in a steel tank for 10 days, eating through a tube and watching the skin on his hands shrivel.

Tim Yarrow was cheered by hundreds of onlookers on Saturday when he climbed out of the tank measuring three by 2.3 meters (about 10 ft by seven ft), where he had stayed in a Johannesburg shopping centre since November 6.

The first three days were hell. Absolute

### Ideas for Every Budget!

\$2.00 to \$10.00

Fish Pens, Mask  
Defog, Key Chains, Christmas Ornaments, Underwater Strobes, Rum Cake, Water Bottles

\$10.00 to \$20.00

Dry Box, T-Shirts, Body Towel, Calendar, Dive Shades Sunglasses, Hood

\$30.00 to \$40.00

Reef Creature and Fish Identification Books, Underwater Flashlights, Fitness Swim Fins, Gloves, Booties

\$100 and up

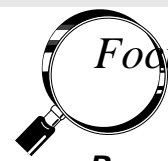
Mask, Fins, Snorkel, Wetsuit, Regulator, Gear Bags



# Vacation Specialists

## Pick Your Piece of Paradise!

Destination	Dates	Host	Resort	Prices
Key Largo	Dec 27-Jan 4	Mark & Kim	Quiescence	\$750
Bonaire	Feb 10-16	Mark & Kim	Sand Dollar	\$1700
Belize/Nekton Pilot	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out
Cayman Brac	March 22-29	Penny	Caribbean Sands	\$1950
Key Largo	March 16-22	George	Quiescence	\$550
Nassau	April 27-May 1	Penny	Dive Dive Dive	\$1179
Key Largo	May 4-10	Mark	Quiescence	\$550
Australia	July 13-20, 2005	Mark & Kim	Mike Ball Dives	\$1722



Focus on:

## Australia, Cayman Brac, Bonaire, US Spring Break

### Cayman Brac - Unlimited Diving in Paradise

March 22-29

It's not too late to join our group for an incredible adventure to the island of Cayman Brac. We keep seeing more additions to this popular destination, and airline space is limited, so don't delay in booking your package.

This trip represents a great opportunity to put your money where it counts - in the water - since we have negotiated unlimited shore diving in addition to daily boat dives. That means you can dive, dive, dive, and experience the best of the Caribbean - crystal clear water, open beaches, and tropical breezes.

With 100+ foot visibility, the underwater scene is the major attraction of this island. With some of the finest diving on the planet, we have the added bonus of a day trip to Little Cayman to dive world famous Bloody Bay Wall. Couple that with arches, swimthrus, cracks, gorgonians, sponges, fans, and the blues, reds, yellows, oranges, and purples will keep your color wheel spinning. The marine life is extremely rich, varied and healthy. It might be possible to have a boring dive at Cayman Brac, but we've never found a diver yet who has had one.

Our condo resort is one of the newest on The Brac, with a sandy white beach, shaded by coconut palms. With fully equipped kitchens, comfortable furnishings, and shaded balconies, each room has a sweeping view of the ocean for full relaxation. Each unit is 1,200 to 1,600 square feet, air conditioned, quad occupancy with private bath, cable TV, phone, maid service, and pool.

Our package includes round-trip air, accommodations, 6 days of 2 tank morning dives, taxes, and transfers.

### U.S. Based Spring Break Trip

March 16-22

Looking to stay stateside for Spring Break? Come with us to Key Largo!

You'll have the best of diving conditions in Florida, daily boat dives, and group dorm accommodations. At \$550 per person, not including transportation, Florida remains an attractive destination



Cayman Brac  
Caribbean Beach  
March 22-28

for the budget-conscious diver.

Upgrades to local resorts for your accommodations are available, along with enhanced dive packages and trip certifications. Let us know how we can customize your trip to make it easy for you to GO DIVING.

### Bonaire, Diver's Paradise

Direct flight with no layovers, unlimited shore diving on some of the easiest and most colorful wrecks in the world, typically placid and calm weather year-round, and a quiet, laid-back island lifestyle. How could you find a better way to beat the midwinter blues than Bonaire, Diver's Paradise?

No matter what your dive travel experience, if you haven't been to Bonaire, you can't truly call yourself a dive traveler. This tiny island off the coast of Venezuela boasts some of the best diving conditions day in and day out of anywhere in the world. Once you dive Bonaire, you will forever compare every other destination to its charms.

### Australia, 2005 Plan Now!

We are pleased to announce a very special opportunity for our divers in 2005 - Australia!

We'll be diving with Mike Ball Dive Expeditions aboard the *Spoilsport*, a 100' luxury motor yacht. As we travel 100 miles offshore along the Great Barrier Reef, we'll dive Flinders Reef, with unlimited diving in 100 ft.+ visibility.

The chance to dive pristine coral gardens on the remote edge of the Great Barrier Reef is a rare experience not to be missed. We'll experience the historic Yongala Wreck with a spectacular concentration of marine life.

As an added bonus, there is a FREE reef ecology certificate course available for all passengers on this cruise.

The basic package starts at \$1722, but there are many options to choose from, including extra eco-tour, land-based add-ons for those who wish to experience more of Australia while we are there.

Please stop in the shop for more information on this exciting Australian adventure trip.

G'day Mate!