



Ontario Underwater Explorers SCUBA Club

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2017 DIVE SCHEDULE

Thanks to ALL previous Dive Directors for their input to this ongoing Dive Schedule

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For a few descriptions...and to the divers who generously shared their video and photos online.

Know your limits and dive within it.

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Here's our 2017 club dive schedule. An effort was made to offer something for everyone including a variety of dive options including local, evening, day and weekend dives.

OUE Humber Bay Wednesday nights are back! This is a great way to bring new divers out to meet up and socialize with club members and help grow OUE. Come down anytime after 6pm. We have also added weekend drift dives in Niagara river. 2 Saturday morning and 2 Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there.

Please note the Seaway Valley Divers Pig Roast on Saturday July 15. To complete the weekend we have added in a day on Sunday July 16 in Brockville as a stop on your way home.

Please read the cancellation policy before booking in order to avoid surprises later.

BROCKVILLE/ROCKPORT

Date:	Sunday Jun 24-25, 2017
Time:	9:30 am
Location:	Thousand Island US side/Can side
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	25-115'
Number of Divers:	Up to 12
Cost:	\$90.

Boat:

Thousand Island Pleasure Diving
"Run Time" is a Transport Canada certified 8-diver vessel with an enclosed head (washroom), change area, first aid supplies, oxygen, and all mandatory safety equipment.

Location: Brockville

Dive Notes: The particular wreck sites are to be decided amongst the divers.
Suggest dives include

Keystorm, America, Vickery, Kinghorn.etc.

LAKE ERIE - PORT DOVER

Date:	Saturday&Sunday, July 1-2, 2017
Time:	9 am (subject to change)
Location:	Port Dover, Ontario
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	74 - 130+
Number of Divers:	6
Cost:	\$75/2 tank \$110/3 tank dive

Boat: Riverdiver Charters

www.Riverdiver.ca

[905 706 6677](tel:9057066677)

"Run Time" is a Transport Canada certified 8-diver vessel with an enclosed head (washroom), change area, first aid supplies, oxygen, and all mandatory safety equipment.

Location: Boat leaves Port Dover Harbour Marina, just east of Port Dover. This is approximately 2 hours' drive from Toronto.

Dive Notes: The particular wreck sites are to be decided amongst the divers. Suggest dives include

- Wilma
- 17 Fathorm
- Crystal
- Trade Winds

Video: Crystal:

<https://youtu.be/yiZW FbZQRMc>

Tradewind:

https://youtu.be/BYR81Rf_4_I

THOUSAND ISLANDS/IVY LEA WEEKEND & BBQ

Date:	July 8, 2017
Time:	8 am
Location:	Ivy Lea camp ground
Type of Dive:	Awesome
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	25-115"
Number of Divers:	12 for Saturday boat unlimited for BBQ and drift
Cost:	\$85/2tank \$115/3tank \$15 Saturday BBQ

Boat: Thousand Island pleasure diving Saturday.

Location: Ivy Lea Camp ground .

Accommodations: **Tek Div B&B**
24 Selton School Rd, Lansdowne, ON K0E 1L0 (613) 659-4791
bbtekdiv.com
Capricorn Motel
108 Ivy Lea Rd, Ivy Lea, ON K0E 1L0
1000islandsivylea.com
(613) 659-2275

Dive Notes: We will plan on doing 2 to 3 dives on Saturday. Then joining Suci at the Ivy Lea campground for a BBQ Saturday evening and Ivy Lea drift/shore dives Sunday. Saturday: It could be 3 Cdn wrecks or 1 Cdn wreck and 2 US wrecks (America and Keystorm). Our members can chose which dives they will want Captain will go anywhere we ask. .

History:

IVY LEA

Date:	July 9, 2017
Time:	8 a
Location:	Ivy Lea camp ground
Type of Dive:	Awesome
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	25-115"
Number of Divers:	12 for Saturday boat unlimited for BBQ and drift
Cost:	\$15 plus \$15 for Saturday BBQ

Boat: Thousand Island pleasure diving Saturday.

Location: Ivy Lea Camp ground .

Accommodations: **Tek Div B&B**
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Dive Notes: We will joining SUCI at the Ivy Lea campground for a BBQ Saturday evening and Ivy Lea drift/shore dives Sunday. There is a wreck (20-30 foot pleasure boat) just off site106. This drift dive will take you along a sloped wall and finish at the beach in about a 25-30 min.Depth is about 20-80 feet. The other drift dive starts from the docks and will end at site #106. On Saturday I arrange for a BBQ, roast beef and chicken dinner that everyone can join. More info is at: <http://www.suci.ca/index.php/dive-season/july-18-19-ivy-lea-campground-s>. On Line Campsite reservations open on Feb 28th at 8:15am..

History:

SEAWAY VALLEY DIVERS / EASTCLIFFE HALL

Date:	Saturday, July 15 th , 2017
Time:	10 am (subject to change)
Location:	Morrisburg, Ontario
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	70'
Number of Divers:	Many
Cost:	\$40 for a 2-tank dive \$10.00 for the BBQ \$15.00 per night per person for camping.

Boat: "Little Diver", a fully equipped boat with space for 12 divers.

Location: Crysler Park Marina, 9 km east of Morrisburg. Morrisburg is located off highway 401 approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes east of Toronto.

Accommodations: The Colonel Inn <https://colonelsinn.com/>

Dive Notes: We will join the Seaway Valley Divers dive club's 10th annual pig roast. This is an excellent event that combines dives on the Eastcliffe Hall with the traditional pig roast on shore. A large dive boat is moored on the wreck all day, with smaller boats used to ferry divers between shore and the dive platform.

<http://www.seawayvalleydivers.com/#!pig-roast/cnz7>

The current at this site is usually strong, making it an advanced dive despite the shallow depth.

The Eastcliffe Hall was a 349 foot lake freighter built in 1954. By 1970 it was one of the smaller freighters operating on the river, and by 1971 it was one of the larger ones "operating" on the bottom. Today it sits upright in 70' of fast flowing water.

Video:

<https://youtu.be/3lkDBQXCQjA>

<https://youtu.be/Zxde7UaVnY4>

<https://youtu.be/ozwQZ2rqweU>



BROCKVILLE

Date:	Sunday July 16, 2017
Time:	9 am
Location:	Lillie Parsons, Robert Gaskin/Muscallonge
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	110'
Number of Divers:	Up to 12
Cost:	\$85 2 tanks.

Boat:

Thousand Island Pleasure Diving
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Location: Brockville
Accommodations: The Colonel Inn <https://colonelsinn.com/>

Dive Notes: **The Lillie**
Build: Wooden 2 masted schooner
Location: Brockville, Ontario
Depth: 70'
Built: 1868
Sunk: 1877
Length: 130' Level:
Advanced Orientation:
Upside-down Cautions:
Strong Current

The Lillie is one of the areas most popular wrecks, lying upside down in 50' to 70' off of Sparrow Island, in a strong current on the edge of the shipping channel.

More information: SOS Lillie Parsons Dive Guide
(<http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/Diverguides/dguide1.html>)
Additional Info and Photos: Lillie Parsons - Vlada Dekina
(<http://www.wrecksandreefs.com/lilly.htm>), Lillie
Parsons - Tom Wilson
(<http://www.scubaq.ca/ontarioscubadiving/lillie.htm>)

Newspaper Articles: Newspaper Accounts - SOS
(<http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck%20articles.html#LillieParsons>)

The Robert Gaskin Build:

Two Masted Barque
Location: Brockville, Ontario
Depth: 60'
Length: 132'
Built: 1863
Sunk: 1889
Access: Boat
Level: Intermediate
Orientation: Upright
Cautions: Current

The Robert Gaskin sank 3 times. The Gaskin initially sank while helping to raise another ship, the William Armstrong. The original sinking was caused by a pontoon used to lift the Armstrong came loose and made a large hole in the Robert Gaskin.

The Gaskin was brought to the surface 2 times as part of salvage operations, but sunk each time before it could be brought to dock.

Additional Info and Photos: Robert Gaskin - Tom Wilson

(<http://www.scubaq.ca/ontarioscubadiving/gaskin.htm>) Newspaper Articles:
Newspaper Accounts - SOS
(<http://www.saveontarioshipwrecks.on.ca/News/Shipwreck%20articles.html#Gaskin>)

Video: Robert Gaskin Video 2006 - Duration 5:51
(<http://se2schul.googlepages.com/gaskinvideo-oct152006>) and Robert Gaskin Video 2007 - Duration 4:39 (<http://se2schul.googlepages.com/gaskinjanuary>),
Courtesy of Steve Schultz

The Muscallonge

Location: Brockville
Depth: 99'
Length: 128'
Built: 1896 - Port Huron, Michigan
Sunk: August 15, 1936
Access: Boat Level:
Advanced
Orientation: Upright
Cautions: Boat traffic

The Muscallonge sank on August 15, 1936 after catching fire and then being intentionally run aground by the captain.

Newspaper Articles: Newspaper Accounts - SOS
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TILLER WRECK

Date:	Sunday July 30 2017
Time:	9 am
Location:	St. Catharines, Ontario
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Advanced
Depth:	110'
Number of Divers:	Up to 8
Cost:	\$70

Boat: Riverdiver Charters
www.Riverdiver.ca
[905 706 6677](tel:9057066677)

“Run Time” is a Transport Canada certified 8-diver vessel with an enclosed head (washroom), change area, first aid supplies, oxygen, and all mandatory safety equipment.

Location: Near St. Catharines, Ontario. Boarding location & time will be announced closer to the date.

Dive Notes: This is an excellent old schooner wreck that has not yet been definitively identified. It is known simply as the “tiller” wreck after the tiller arm used to control the rudder, an unusual feature.

Video:
<https://youtu.be/XpXBmKZ609o>
<https://youtu.be/4mur1UjuoUA>

TOBERMORY WEEKEND1

Date:	August 19 & 20 th , 2017
Time:	8 am
Location:	Tobermory, Ontario
Type of Dive:	Boat
Level:	Beginner-Intermediate-Advanced-Technical
Depth:	20-150' (Dive to your certification only)
Number of Divers:	16
Cost:	\$94/day

Boat: Deep Obsession is a 45ft Steel hulled custom dive boat with a large aft deck and ample seating operated by Divers Den (<http://www.diversden.ca/>). Fin friendly deep boarding ladder, enclosed interior salon and bathroom.

Location: Leaving from the boat dock in Tobermory. Approximately 3 hour, 45 minute drive from Toronto.

Accommodations: <http://www.bruceanchor.com> 800-591-4254
Harbour side Motel (519) 596-2422
Princess Hotel (519) 596-8282
Happy Hearts Campground (519) 596-2455
Tobermory Village Campground (519) 596-2689

Dive Notes: The depths can range from **20 feet (“Sweepstakes”)** to **150 feet (“Forest City”)**. Also, don't forget to obtain your diver registration tag at the Fathom Five Diver Registration Office, **PRIOR** to going out on your first dive. Passes might be available from Divers Den – call before.

Dive Plan: The annual OUE August Toby weekend – a club tradition!

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J.C. King	40'-90'
Niagara II	80'-90'
San Jacinto	80'-90'
Sweepstakes	25'
W.L. Wetmore	25'

Other Site Info: <http://www.diversden.ca/>
<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/amnc-nmca/on/fathomfive/activ/activ2.aspx>
Video:
<https://youtu.be/xIO3FXA0eRY>

TOBERMORY WEEKEND2

Date: September 2-3 , 2017
Time: 8 am
Location: Tobermory, Ontario
Type of Dive: Boat
Level: Beginner-Intermediate-Advanced-Technical
Depth: 20-150' (Dive to your certification only)
Number of Divers: 16
Cost: \$94/day

Boat: G+S Watersports <https://www.gswatersports.net/>

Location: Leaving from the boat dock in Tobermory. Approximately 3 hour, 45 minute drive from Toronto.

Accommodations: Tobermory Lodge (519) 596-2224
Harbour side Motel (519) 596-2422
Princess Hotel (519) 596-8282
Happy Hearts Campground (519) 596-2455
<http://www.bruceanchor.com> 800-591-4254

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Other Site Info: <https://www.gswatersports.net/dive-sites>

HOUSEBOAT

Date:	September 15-16 2017
Time:	Friday noon
Location:	Brockville
Type of Dive:	
Level:	beginner-advanced
Depth:	
Number of Divers:	10
Cost:	\$150

BOAT: HOUSEBOAT HOLIDAYS or GILBERT MARINE

LOCATION: BROCKVILLE

DIVE NOTES: Boat is rented noon Friday until Monday morning or Sunday night
We are taught how to drive the houseboat. Members decide where to dive.
Fills available where boat docks at end of each day..

NIAGARA RIVER

Date:	September 23 RD or 24 th 2017
Time:	8 am
Location:	Niagar Rive3r
Type of Dive:	Awesome drift
Level:	beginner-advanced
Depth:	20-35'
Number of Divers:	unlimited
Cost:	free

Boat: .

Location: Little Current, Ontario. This will be an approximately five and a half hour drive from Toronto. Recommended way is to take highway 400 north through Sudbury, then 17 west. It is also possible to take the Chi-Cheemaun ferry onto Manitoulin Island from Tobermory.

Accommodations: Riverside Park. There is camping and about 6 very small cabins. Sometimes our divers go into Fort Erie for supper on Saturday.

Dive Notes: There are possible 8-10 different dives that can be done including the railway dive. We can venture into the Chipawa Creek. We have also dove below the falls. About 1-2km down river. Vis is not that great. Many options.

PICTON

DATE:	AUGUST 5-6 2017
LOCATION:	Picton Main Duck Island and Piont Peter
Time:	8:30 am
Level:	beginner-advanced
Nubmer of divers:	8
Cost:	\$75 2tanks \$100 for 3 tanks.

Boat: Riverdiver

LOCATION: Picton Main Duck Island and Piont Peter

Dive Notes:

Main Duck dives we will depart from the harbour at the end of Long Point Rd
http://www.ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/default.asp?lang=En&n=741bb7b6-1#_DIR Fills
can be had from Canadian Sport Subs in Belleville <http://prince-edward-county.com/shipwreck-diving>

Olive Branch

Build: Schooner
Location: Point Traverse
Depth: 90' - 101'
Length: 92'
Built: 1871 - Picton, Ontario
Sunk: September 30, 1880
Access: Boat Level:
Advanced
Orientation: Upright
The uninsured Olive Branch sank in a storm on Sept. 30, 1880.

Additional Info and Photos: Olive Branch - Tom Wilson
(http://www.scubaq.ca/ontarioscubadiving/olive_branch.htm)

Manola

Build: Steel Steamer
Location: Point Traverse
Depth: 45' - 82'
Length: 282' 4"
Built: 1890 - Cleveland, Ohio
Sunk: December 3, 1918
Loss of Life: 11
Access: Boat Level:
Advanced Orientation:
Upside down

Cautions: Penetration only with proper training

Built for World War I service, the ship was too large to fit through the Welland Canal. This was solved by cutting the in half, and towing it across Lake Ontario.

During a snowstorm on December 3, 1918 the bow half sunk. The stern half was mated with a new bow, and renamed the Mapledawn, which later sunk in Lake Huron.

Additional Info and Photos: Manola - Tom Wilson

(<http://www.scubaq.ca/ontarioscubadiving/manola.htm>)

DIVE ORGANIZATION

Dive Director is an elected member of the club executive who puts together the schedule, maintains the contact with the charter operators and engages the Dive Coordinators.

Dive Coordinator is one of the club members attending the dive who ensures the dive sheets are available and filled, safety equipment is available and the outstanding balance is collected. At the discretion of the Dive Coordinator and the Dive Director, the club's safety equipment does not have to be taken to the dive when the operator provides their own.

Buddy system – divers dive in buddy pairs, following the regular safety practice. If the number of divers for a particular dive is odd, a group of three divers may form a buddy team.

Individual Divers dive within the limits of their training, experience and comfort. Any diver may decide to call of his/hers dive at any time, for any reason.

2017 DIVE CHARTER CANCELLATION POLICY

A deposit day/per person is due when booking dives.

The outstanding amount is due 14 days prior to the dive to confirm booking.

In the case of cancellation,

the diver is responsible for the cost due at the time of cancellation (the deposit amount up to 14 days prior to the dive, the full amount from that point on). This responsibility can be transferred to a substitute diver, if the diver finds one, or may be waived at the discretion of the executive, partially or in full, if the cancellation: does not result in unused spots on the charter and/or is a consequence of unforeseen circumstances (such as, but not limited to: a broken limb, an unforeseen illness, or a death in the family).

Under no circumstances will a refund be given. This money will be applied to another charter you have booked, or your membership fee for the coming year.

The per person cost of the dive charter will be arrived at by calculating the total cost for the charter divided by the maximum number of divers allowed minus two.

Cost of Dives may change due to certain operators' fuel charges and depending on distance travelled to specific dive sites.

Executive,

Ontario Underwater Explorers SCUBA Club

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION

OPEN WATER/ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

The AOW D is now the second level qualification in the American system, following the Open Water Diver qualification (OW D). At the OW D level divers gain basic knowledge of skills, equipment and theory for diving to a recommended depth of about 18 metres (60 ft). The AOW D is described by PADI as refining these skills, allowing the diver to explore a broader variety of diving to a maximum of 30 metres (100 ft) deep. Critics point out that the AOW D course consists of a single navigation dive, a single deeper dive and a choice of three "adventure" dives whose primary purpose, these critics feel, is to provide an opportunity to sell the student a specialty course rather than to impart any particular level of competence in a new activity. Prior to entering an AOW D equivalent course, some organizations have logged dives prerequisites. The course usually contains some mandatory dives and knowledge while a certain portion of the course consists of free elective topics such as drift diving or search and recovery.

TECHNICAL DIVER

[PADI](#), the largest recreational diver training agency in North America, defines technical diving as *"diving other than conventional commercial or recreational diving that takes divers beyond recreational diving limits. It is further defined as an activity that includes one or more of the following: diving beyond 40 meters/130 feet, required stage decompression, diving in an overhead environment beyond 130 linear feet from the surface, accelerated stage decompression and/or the use of multiple gas mixtures in a single dive."*