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DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

2015 Membership Renewals due
Jan 1 2015



Try Scuba
March 5 2015 830pm Albion Pool



NITROX course
March 7 2015. Nobleton North Campus



Try Scuba
March 12 2015 830pm. Albion Pool



Family Night
March 19 2015. 830-930pm. Albion Pool



Open Water Course
March 26-May 14 2015. Albion Pool



Shipwreck Symposium
Sat April 5 2015. Welland



Dive Signup
Thurs April 9 2015. 8 PM. Albion Pool



Scuba Swap
Sat April 25 2015. Etobicoke Olympium



**Join us for
FAMILY NIGHT
on March 19!**

Take a March break with the kids & join us for a splash.

8:30 - 9:30PM swim



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Have any good stories that you would like to share? Send them in to euc_fins@euc.ca. Please do not email pictures. The Editor will provide you with Dropbox access to upload picture files.

Text submissions can be sent in Word, plain text or PDF format. JPEG is the preferred file format for pictures.

Note: Do not send or upload anything that you do not want to be published to the members of the Club.

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Any ideas for events or activities that you would like to see the club involved in? Let the Events Chair know.

**Dale Johnson
Jennifer Bullock
euc_events@euc.ca**



Follow us!



IN A CLAMSHELL



OUC Annual General Meeting Summary

Highlights from Sun Feb 15 2015

The AGM was held today, February 15th. The membership made a few By Law changes, approved the minutes of the 2014 AGM and the 2014 financial statements. They also voted in 3 new Directors.

- Ron Bogart of the Scarborough Underwater Club Inc. will be the new President for the next 2 years.
- Sasha Ilich of the Scarborough Underwater Club Inc. will be the new Director of Communications for the next 2 years.
- Mar Smith of the South Western Ontario Diving Association will be the Director of Sport Safety for 1 year.
- David Taylor continues as the Director of Finance for the next year.
- Ken Boyce was also re-elected as Regional Coordinator for Ontario Central West.



Congratulations and much success to everyone.

SHOUT OUTS

Happy February Birthday to

Ken Boyce
Don Thorpe
Jim Fennell
Thomas Yano
Gary Huber



And a Happy March Birthday to

Wesley Bibby

If we miss yours, click
euc_fins@euc.ca
to add yourself to the Birthday List.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership Renewal period discount has now expired. Once the Renewal Form is no longer included in the Newsletter, it will still be available for download in the Documents section of the website. Don't forget you will need your membership to be current in order to book dives or use scuba in the pool.

TRAINING

Current Courses and dates:

TRY SCUBA

Mar 5, Mar 12
830-930pm
Albion Pool

NITROX

March 7 2015
830-930pm
Nobleton North Campus

Open Water Course

March 26-May 14 2015
Albion Pool



Ron Seidl
Training Director EUC
euc_training@euc.ca

Non-card issuing workshop suggestions are most welcome, please send them along.

Please register online for any of these courses in order to ensure that sufficient course materials have been ordered and so that courses are not cancelled due to lack of interest. Click here to register:

http://www.euc.ca/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=114



NOTICES

NITROX Course

Scheduled for: March 7, 2015
Location: Nobleton, EUC North Campus

If interested in any advertised courses, **please register on the website form** to ensure that the course will not be cancelled and course materials can be ordered.

http://www.euc.ca/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=114



Dive Signup Night

When: Thursday April 9 2015. 8 PM
Where: Albion Pool

Get there early to book your choice of dives. Don't forget to renew your membership to be eligible.

April Community Clean-up event

We are looking for suggested sites to host this event in April. Please let us know either by email, by phone or in person by mid-March in order to give sufficient notice of the details to those who wish to participate.

Thank you
Kenneth Boyce, Community Events Coordinator

2015 ICE FLOE RACE UPDATE

Once again due to this year's excessive winter weather and river freeze up, the 2015 Race is cancelled. While the Race can be run with no ice, it can't proceed with 100% ice. The Race is planned to return next year (weather permitting). There are already discussions about changing the date or the format.



Thanks to all who signed up. Hold on to that competitive spirit for next year.

For more information and pictures of past races, visit the Ice Floe Race page of the OUC website.

<http://underwatercouncil.com/?action=cms&cmspage=floe-race>



Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Club Presents
the 23rd Annual

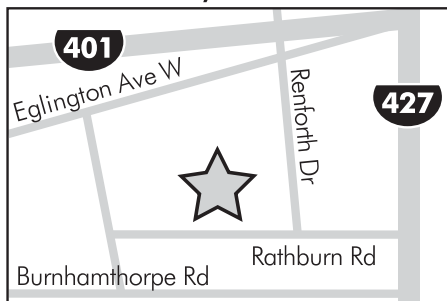


The 2015 ScubaSwap — Saturday, April 25, 2015.

After a year's break, we're gearing up for another ScubaSwap at the freshly renovated Etobicoke Olympium. Details on participants, presentations, etc. are in the works, so stay tuned!



Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Rd
Etobicoke, ON M9C 3T3



Ontario Underwater Explorers Scuba Club's 23rd Annual

SCUBA SWAP

Saturday, April 25, 2015
9 am - 3 pm

& SALE

**Your trusted source for
USED & NEW SCUBA GEAR**

- Dive Shops & Services
- Incredible Bargains
- Cool prizes to be won!

Admission only
\$5⁰⁰
Children under 12
free when
accompanied by
adult

**Gear Registration
and Drop Off:
Friday, April 24
6 pm - 9 pm**

For more information
www.scubaswap.org

Photo: Heison Chak

A FULL DAY SYMPOSIUM ON SHIPWRECKS

For our Twenty-First annual Shipwrecks Symposium, the Niagara Divers' Association is very pleased to present a selection of eight full length multi-media presentations by internationally renowned speakers.

Our Master of Ceremonies Ric Mixer will also draw on his unique story-telling gifts to intersperse and showcase snippets of his favourite shipwreck stories throughout the day.

ALSO

Between our primary presentations, we are pleased to present a number of 5 minute "shorts", highlighting new discoveries.

For 2014, we had 107 Door prizes with a total retail value of \$6107.00



Geoff Barker / Linda Preston:
Shipwrecks of Michigan's Upper Peni

Walter Lewis:
Survivors : The Great Storm of 1913

Ric Mixer:
Master of Ceremonies & Story Teller

Brian Nadwidny:
Environmental Time Bomb -
The USAT Brig. Gen. Zalinski

Tony Gramer:
Doomed for Disaster -
Loss of the Schooner William Young

Kevin Magee:
Railroaded—The Wreck of the Schooner Plymouth

Jonathan Moore:
The Discovery of HMS Erebus

Ralph Wilbanks:
D-Day's Sunken Secrets & H.L. Hunley -
The World's First Successful Attack Submarine

Tickets

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Centennial Secondary School

\$44 CDN / US up to January 26, 2015 240 Thorold Road, Welland, Ontario

\$49 CDN / US January 27- March 17, 2015

\$54 CDN / US after March 17, 2015

(Lunch, Refreshments & Door Prizes Included)



<http://www.niagaradivers.com> 

Or Email

infoShipwrecks@niagaradivers.com 

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ASIAN CARPS PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

FEBRUARY 3, 2015 6:30 PM



GLADSTONE HOTEL - TORONTO

ASIANCARP.CA

Speakers: Becky Cudmore, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
David Copplesstone, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Nicholas Mandrak, University of Toronto, Scarborough

Learn more about Asian carps, how they affect Ontario and what's being done.

For more information call 1-800-563-7711



Risk Assessment for Asian Carps in Canada

There are five species collectively known as the Asian carps: grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp, largescale silver carp and black carp. Four of these species (grass, bighead, silver, and black carps) have been introduced worldwide for aquaculture purposes.

Subsequent to introduction into the southern United States, three species have become established in the wild (grass, bighead and silver carps). Two of these species, bighead and silver carps, have been dispersing rapidly up the Mississippi River basin, wreaking ecological havoc along the way.

As there are numerous connections between the Mississippi basin and Canadian watersheds, including the Great Lakes, there is considerable concern about their potential ecological impacts if introduced and established in Canada. In addition to natural dispersal, these species may also be introduced into the Canadian wild through the live food fish trade.

Canada represents over 50% of the market for grass and bighead carps cultured in the United States.

On February 3 2015, a group of EUC members attended an Asian Carp Information Session. Each of the several speakers from the University of Toronto, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources, shared what their departments were doing to head off an Asian Carp Invasion. We learned that the invaders are not here yet and so Canada's best strategy was prevention.

We also learned of the various inspection programs and the numerous studies being undertaken to assess whether and how the carp might enter and spread. Among those studies was a program to DNA sample various water sources for evidence of the non native fish. The carp DNA can be detected in very low quantities and the Fisheries staff are collecting water samples from shoreline locations for analysis.

How you can help the Invasive Species Awareness Program

The Invasive Species Awareness Program answers the Invasive Species Hotline (1-800-563-7711) to give the public an avenue to report sightings, seek information, and to request educational material on invasive species. Contact them through the Invasive Species Hotline (1-800-563-7711) or visit their website for more information. www.invadingspecies.com

What can we as DIVERS do to help?

After the presentation, I talked to Dr. Nick Mandrak (U of T researcher with whom I previously collaborated on the ROM Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes) and to Becky Cudmore, Fisheries and Oceans (a former ROMulan herself) and suggested that we divers have the unique perspective of viewing wildlife and habitats from underwater.

It is my intention to followup with Nick and Becky on the feasibility of implementing our own Asian Carp Prevention Program. It may be that we would be able to take water samples for lab analysis from offshore locations and at depths beyond their reach.

I already have a committee started. Anyone interested in participating can let me know.

For more Asian Carp information, visit www.invadingspecies.com or follow the Invasive Species Awareness Program on Facebook (facebook.com/invspecies) and Twitter (@invspecies).



TENTATIVE 2015 Dive Schedule



[Contact: euc_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca) or Dive Organizer

Dates	Dive Name	Venue	Price	Dive Organizer	Avail. Spots
Mar. 8	Ice Flow Race			NS	CANCELLED due to too much ice
16-May	Season warmup #1 Humber Bay	Shore O&A	N/C		U
May 23	Season Warmup #2 Humber Bay	Shore O&A	N/C		U
June 6/7	Student Checkout				
June 20/30 approx.	N.C. diving Beauford N.C	A only		NS contact Art Penney	
June 27/28	Quarry Run Sherkston/Windmill	Shore O&A	as per admission		U
June 29/30 approx	Gilboa Quarry dive Findlay Ohio	Shore O&A	as per admission	NS contact Dale Johnson	U
July 11/12	Brockville dive weekend 1000 island region	Boat A only	\$215.00		8 divers
July 18	Simcoe Barge Dive	Boat O&A	\$75.00		8 + 2 captains
July 25/26	Midland/Penatang	Boat O&A	\$215.00		6 divers
Aug. 1,2,3-am	Tobermory Weekend Tobermory On. BBQ etc	Boat /Shore O&A	EB.\$265.00 Reg.\$285.00		28 divers
Aug 15	Chippawa creek, Welland scuba park	Shore O&A	N/C		U
TBD	<i>DIVE FOR A CAUSE</i>	Shore			U
Sept 12/13	Tobermory twilight / night dive Shore dives etc	Boat O&A	\$65.00		18 Divers
NOTES	DIVE SIGN UP START DATE:	APRIL 9/2015	8PM	ALBION POOL	
02/26/2015					

Register in person on Thursday nights as per dive package instructions between 8:00 and 8:30 PM or special arrangement.

Legend: U - Unlimited Spots, TBD-To Be Determined, NS-Non sanctioned, EB-Early Booking(see dive pkg.)

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2	3	4	5 TRY SCUBA Albion Pool	6	7 Nitrox Course Nobleton	8
9	10	11	12 TRY SCUBA Albion Pool	13	14	15
16 March Break	17 March Break	18 March Break	19 Family Night March Break	20 March Break	21	22
23	24	25	26 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	27	28	29
30	31					

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

April 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	3 Good Friday	4	5 Easter Sunday
6	7	8	9 Dive Signup Night Albion Pool	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	24	25 SCUBA SWAP Etobicoke Olympium	26
27	28	29	30 Club Pool Night Albion Pool			

Schedule is subject to change and is correct as of Jan 1 2015

Annual Physical Condition Checklist

If any of the following apply to you, please check:

- Persistent Headaches
 Heart Trouble
 Claustrophobia
 Persistent Coughs
 Severe Frequent Colds
 Tuberculosis
 Dizziness or Fainting
 Operation
 Emotional Problems
 Epilepsy
 Asthma
 Alcohollic Addiction
 Serious Injury
 High Blood Pressure
 Motion Sickness
 Hospitalized
 Allergies to Drugs
 Pneumothorax
 Regular Medication
 Dentures
 Glasses / Contacts
 Smoking
 Sinus Trouble
 Pregnant
 Ear Trouble
 Diabetes
 Hay Fever
 Tranquilizers
 Chest Pains

If you checked any of the above, please explain: _____

Any Serious injury or accident, or illness not mentioned above, please explain: _____

Date of last medical examination: _____

Are you registered with Medic Alert, please specify: _____

Waiver, Liability Release & Statement of Understanding

Initial each statement of understanding & sign at the end.

Parent or guardian must initial each statement as well as the member, if the member is under 18 years of age.

Insurance Waiver

(The specifics of the Liability Insurance Policy is posted on the EUC website for review.)

I, _____ understand that the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC.'s Liability Insurance Policy has specific Requirements for supervision, recreational & certification limits, as outlined in the Club Policy Manual, which must be met in order for coverage to apply to Club sanctioned events. I acknowledge that if at any time, I do not dive according to these Requirements, I am not included in the sanctioned event or covered by the Liability Insurance Policy & I am diving at my own risk.

Statement of Understanding

_____ I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves exposures to certain abnormal conditions: underwater submerision, changes in ambient pressure, changes in pressure of inhaled air & increased stress levels.

_____ I acknowledge that SCUBA diving involves more risk than ordinary swimming.

_____ I am aware that in some circumstances, participation could result in physical injury.

_____ I am in proper physical condition to participate in SCUBA diving activities.

_____ I understand that an annual physical examination is advisable when taking part in SCUBA related activities.

_____ I have completed the annual physical check list & understand that should my physical condition change, it is my responsibility to inform in writing, the Secretary of the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. of these changes.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to make the Convener of an event, Divermaster, Event Coordinator aware of any medical condition that might require special medication or treatment. Should a guest have special requirements, it is my responsibility, as their sponsor, to inform in writing, the Convener of these conditions.

_____ I acknowledge that solo diving in the pool or open water, is not sanctioned by the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. nor covered by the liability insurance carrier.

_____ I understand and give my permission to use my image for club purposes.

Liability Release

_____ I am hereby willing to assume the above mentioned risks of injury or health risks for myself & assume full responsibility during & after my participation in any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. sanctioned activities & I therefore hereby release & forever discharge the ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. & the ONTARIO UNDERWATER COUNCIL, their officers & any other organizers, sponsors, representatives, their agents & employees & any other person or organization assisting them in respect to any claims for damages or injuries suffered by me as a result of my participation in or traveling to or from any ETOBICOKE UNDERWATER CLUB INC. sanctioned activities.

I declare that I have read, understood & agreed to the contents of this Membership Renewal Form.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____

Signature _____ Parent / Guardian (if individual is under 18 years of age)



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2015

Membership Application &

Annual

Renewal Form

Return completed forms & applicable fees in person or mail. Or make your payment online by Logging In to the website Membership section & return the completed form to:

Etobicoke Underwater Club
c/o Elois Davis
205-1050 Castlefield Ave.
Toronto, ON M6B 1E7

Along with the toll free dive hotline 1-888-203-4318 we now have a local phone number 647-723-6382

This will be used for messages about upcoming events & pool activities.

EUC Member #: _____

Message from the Secretary

- Please fill out both sides of the following form COMPLETELY & return it to the Secretary along with your membership fee.
- Included in the form is a self sign medical. For your safety & that of the Club, we ask that all members complete the annual physical checklist.
- All members are asked to update their online profiles through the website. All information submitted is confidential & available only to the members of the Board on a need to know basis.
- Initial & sign the Waiver, Statement of Understanding & Liability Release.

Membership Information

Last Name: _____
 First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone: () _____
 Other Phone: () _____
 E-mail: _____
 Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Check if you do wish to receive FINS Below Newsletter notification by email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name: _____
 First Name: _____
 Relationship: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone: () _____

Certification Information

I hold the following certification:
 (Please check the highest applicable box)

- Basic Open Water Diver
- Advanced Open Water Diver
- Rescue Water Diver
- Other _____

Professional level certifications:

- Divemaster
- Assistant Instructor
- Instructor
- Is your supervisor/teaching status active? Please provide proof of active status.
- Do you need a Proof of Insurance certificate?

List All Highest Level & Specialty Certifications
 Agency _____ Level _____ C-Number _____

Agency	Level	C-Number

Additional Certifications

Description	Expiry Date
First Aid	
C.P.R	
O2 Provider	

Fee Schedule

Club Initiation fee
 Payable by new members who were not originally trained & certified by EUC.

Regular Membership
 Entitles you to all member privileges including mailings, voting rights, subsidized activities.

Family Membership
 Entitles you to all Regular membership privileges minus paper mailings.

Associate Membership
 For non-diving members that live a considerable distance (100+ km) from the Club for Club mailings only. No diving or pool privileges. No OUC membership or Liability Insurance coverage.

Swimming Membership
 Allows the use of the pool for swimming & snorkeling only. No diving or other privileges with this membership.

Ontario Underwater Council Membership Fee
 Mandatory. EUC is an OUC Member Club & complies with OUC regulations. EUC Club members are Blue OUC members.

Liability Insurance Fee
 Mandatory. Club members are covered while engaged in sanctioned & supervised diving, training & non-diving activities.

OUC Gold Membership Upgrade
 To upgrade your membership from the standard Blue OUC membership to the Gold OUC membership.

	Member Dues	OUC Fee	Insurance Premium	Sub Total	Fees
Initiation Fee (New Members)	\$0	-	-	\$0	
Regular (Principal) Member	\$83	\$20	\$20	\$123	
Regular Member early payment discount before Feb 1	(\$5)	-	-	(\$5)	
2nd Family Member	\$48	\$20	\$20	\$88	
Each additional Family Member	\$28	\$20	\$20	\$68	
Swimming Membership	\$38	\$20	\$20	\$78	
Associate Membership	\$35	-	-	\$35	
Life Membership (active)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Deductions / Additions					
OUC Life Member	-	(\$20)	-	(\$20)	
OUC Gold member upgrade	-	\$17	-	\$17	
				Total Monies Due:	
OFFICE USE				CASH \$ _____	CHO# _____