

# FINs Below

April/May 2015



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## DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Cut off date for cancelling Toby charter

Thurs May 14.



### Humber Bay Warmup Dive #1

Sat May 16.



### Drysuit Workshop

Thurs May 21 7PM Albion classroom & Pool



### Humber Bay Warmup Dive #2

Sat May 23.



### DAN DEMP course

Sat Sun May 30, 31. 9AM Nobleton



### Open Water Checkout Weekend

Sat Sun June 6,7. Windmill Point Park



### Annual General Meeting

Thurs June 11 tentative. Albion classroom



### Summer BBQ

Sat June 13. Location TBA.



### North Carolina Diving Trip

June 20-30



**Marianne, Jorge, Ken & Elois get SNAPD between sessions with new recruits to the SCUBA club. See article on [snapd.com](http://snapd.com)...** Photos by Rob Allen

## DIVE REPORT

### Available charter spots to April 28

Brockville - 3

Simcoe Barge - 2 reg

4 new OW members

Penetang - 1 new OW member

Toby Aug - 2 reg, 6 new OW members

Toby Sept - 2 reg, 6 new OW members

Cut off date for booking Aug Toby charter: **May 14.**

One boat will be cancelled if minimum is not met.

To book dives contact  
[euc\\_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca)

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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.**

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## Gear 4 Sale

Check our Facebook page for details, pricing, pictures of dive gear 4 sale...

- ...OMS single wing,
- an aluminum backplate,
- a 12lbs SS backplate,
- two Scuba Pro first and second stage regs set up with technical hose lengths (7 foot, etc) pressure gauge,
- 2 aluminum 80 tanks (in need of inspection)
- a steel tank and more.

Contact Jon Bailey on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/11628698554/>



Save the date!

**JUNE 13 2015**

**Location: TBA**

# SUMMER BBA



**euc\_events@euc.ca  
to RSVP**



## SHOUT OUTS

### Happy May Birthday to

Eleonora Kolar

Scott Holmes

Marianne Collins

Roland Wenzl

Evert Hernandez



If we miss yours, click  
[euc\\_fins@euc.ca](mailto:euc_fins@euc.ca)  
to add yourself to the Birthday List.

**Congrats** to Bruce Beattie, who won \$500 and change in the NDA Shipwreck Symposium 50/50 Draw. Wally's is on you!

## Birth Announcement

The Maguires are pleased to welcome quintuplets to the family. Helen, Mary and the proud new mom are all doing fine.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Daily Bread Food Bank Apr 4



On April 4 2015, the club once again participated in the public sorting event at the Daily Food Bank. A total of 22 people from the club generously volunteered their time (there were a total of 150 volunteers present) and once again represented EUC proudly, doing an amazing job of packing beef patties and egg patties.

As a group we were easily recognizable by the club t-shirts and rabbit ears that we were wearing, which enabled us to get an appearance on that night's newscast (Global and Citynews). A lot of people had their picture taken with the EUC Bunny.

I would like to thank all of the participants for doing a terrific job, especially the new ones like new student Ken, Maya and Quinn's friend.

Thank you.

Kenneth Boyce, Community Events Chairperson



## GREAT CANADIAN SHORELINE CLEANUP Apr 11

And on April 11, 2015 the club held a community clean-up event in Brampton, with a total of 11 participants. They did an amazing job of collecting 40 big garbage bags of trash in a time period of 3hrs. This group of volunteers represented the club's community commitment with dignity and responsibility to the environment.

I wish to thank Dale, Elois, Todd and his daughter Rebecca, Dan Poirier, and especially Ross, Michaela and their gang for helping putting this event together. The city of Brampton appreciates this group's efforts to help keep their city clean and the club members know they performed their community duty for the residents of Brampton.

Once again, a warm and special thank you to all of those who took part in this event.

Kenneth Boyce, Community Events Chairperson



# SANTA Ron comes to Wally's in March...



...and to  
Albion Pool



# TRAINING

## Current Courses and dates:

### Dry Suit Workshop

Thurs May 21  
7 PM classroom  
8:30 PM Albion Pool  
Cost \$10

### DEMP Course

Sat Sun May 30, 31  
9:00 AM to 5 PM  
Nobleton  
Cost \$75



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



# WORKSHOP NOTICE

## Dry Suit Workshop

When: Thursday May 21 2015  
Where: Albion Pool  
Time: 7:00pm-8:15pm classroom,  
8:30pm - 9:30pm pool  
Cost: \$10.00



The Dry Suit workshop offers tips and tricks regarding diving with your drysuit. What to bring night of workshop:

- Extra weights
- Unscented talc for the seals
- Fins that fit over the dry suit boots
- Inflator hose attached to your regulator for inflating the dry suit

Participants should have a weight belt so that they can easily don the extra weights as needed (bring an extra 20 pounds of weight). Each person is different and will use less or more depending on the dry suit. A neoprene dry suit will require at least 30 pounds at the pool to adjust on and off. It's better to bring too much weight than not to have enough.

Participants should bring unscented talc or corn starch for the latex seals.

Participants should try their suit on at home wearing the socks, booties that they will use in open water. Then, try on their fins. One usually needs to purchase a larger size fin to fit the dry suit boots.

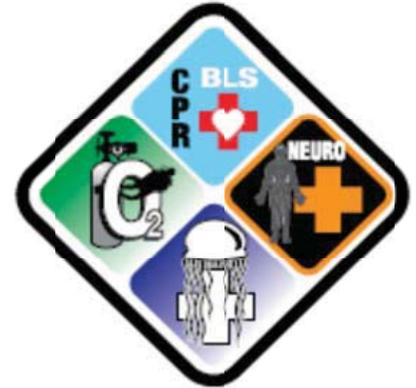
Cost of \$10.00 is payable the night of workshop  
Any questions, please contact Ron(euc\_training@euc.ca)



# Upcoming Course Notice

**May 30, 31 2015**

## **Diving Emergency Management Provider**

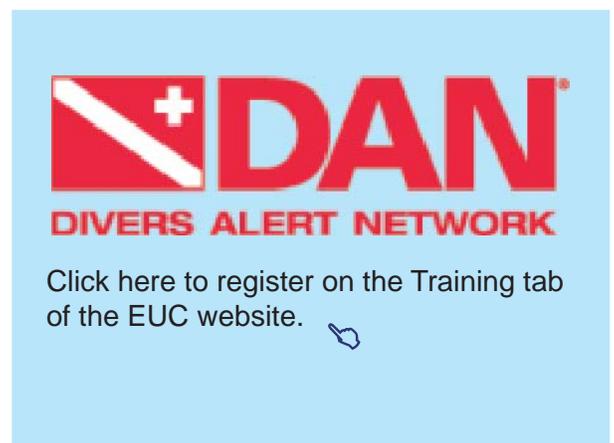


**It is a rare event when a dive emergency is a single event. More often than not, separate small problems compound and create a larger problem.**

Divers interested in understanding first aid care for dive emergencies can now take the DAN Diving Emergency Management Provider (DEMP) course from EUC. This single program integrates knowledge and skills from several DAN Training Programs.

### **The DEMP course includes:**

- Oxygen first Aid for SCUBA Diving Injuries
- Basic Life Support: CPR and First Aid Provider
- On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries



Click here to register on the Training tab of the EUC website. 

### **The Class**

Date: May 30, 31, 2015

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Location: Art and Mary's house – 5490 King Road, Nobleton, ON

Cost: \$75.00

### **The Not So Fine Print**

Registration: On Line

Cancellation deadline: May 21 if less than 6 participants

# SYMPOSIUM ON SHIPWRECKS

Saturday, April 6, 2013  
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
<http://www.niagaradivers.com>



**Marianne Collins**  
with excerpts from the  
Show program

## Highlights of the Day

As divers, we all know that the Great Lakes have swallowed many a vessel, whose fate might go unresolved or forgotten were it not for dedicated "Shipwreck Hunters" who search the lake depths and library archives in order to put together the final chapter in the ship's history and locate its final resting place.

As always, the annual **Niagara Divers Shipwreck Symposium** is a great place to meet other divers and hear tales of exploration in our own underwater back yard. This one-day film festival on shipwrecks features multimedia video presentations given by internationally renowned and local speakers from both the United States and Canada. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. attendees heard from Presenters who have discovered various wrecks in North America, mostly in our Great lakes. Lunch, refreshments and door prizes are included in the program. Speakers had tables and met with guests during breaks and lunch. It is a great way to learn about the history of our wrecks and to see some not on our regular dive schedule. This year at the request of the attendees, some non Great Lakes shipwreck sites were included in the line-up.

**Our Master of Ceremonies Ric Mixter** used his unique story-telling gifts to intersperse and showcase snippets of his favourite shipwreck stories throughout the day. Ric has dived over 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced over 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. He has interviewed dozens of shipwreck survivors over the past 15 years and has as many stories as Art Penney.

A fascinating account of the **Search for and discovery of the H. L. Hunley, The World's First Successful Attack Submarine** was given by Ralph Wilbanks. During the American Civil War the North blockaded the southern ports. In an effort to re-open the ports and because war brings innovation, a group of men led by Horace Hunley partnered to develop a new kind of weapon. Off the coast of Charleston,

SC on February 17, 1864 a successful attack was carried out. And then the submarine disappeared. In 1980 the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA) led by its founder, bestselling author Clive Cussler, started the search for the submarine. It was finally located in 1995. and recovered in 2000. Ralph Wilbanks, the NUMA archaeologist and leader of the successful search presented an account of the entire recovery project.

Ralph gave a second presentation on **D-Day's Sunken Secrets**. 2014 was the 70th Anniversary of the invasion and a group of international explorers, historians, divers, archaeologists and surveyors returned to map the site and discover the secrets left behind from that day. A detailed underwater survey of the invasion beaches was first conducted. That was followed by high resolution images of some of the targets, ROV work on them, diving and finally submarine trips to several of the sites. This extensive exploration discovered over 200 shipwrecks, many tanks, personnel carriers, and much more. This survey led to the establishment of the Normandy Beaches as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and production of a documentary of both the invasion and the survey that was sponsored by television stations in 5 countries.

And finally, my personal favourite presentation of the day...Jonathan Moore, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada's Underwater Archaeology Team was a member of the Ottawa based Parks Canada-led team that spent six field seasons between 2008-2014 searching in the Arctic for the **Wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror**. He was part of the team that discovered and dived on HMS Erebus in September of 2014.

Jonathan was at the radar screen when the scan first passed over the wreck later identified as the Erebus. He was the first dive team to view the doomed ship with his own eyes and he found the ship's bell which was later raised for conservation.

Jonathan gave a great account of the Franklin Expedition, summarizing the shipwreck's discovery, and outlining the archaeological exploration of the wreck of HMS Erebus to date.



**... a day well spent**



# CREATURE FEATURE Carp Control

Marianne Collins

April 26 2015, Bruce Beattie and I attended a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens Fishway Conservation Project.

Located at the mouth of the Desjardins Canal—the only channel that connects Cootes Paradise and Hamilton Harbour—the Fishway is the Great Lakes’ first two-way fishway and carp barrier, and is one of the most visible indicators of the progress of Project Paradise.

The Fishway provides an excellent opportunity to view native fish up close and learn about the conservation projects that are helping to restore this ecologically sensitive wetland.

The Fishway began operating in 1997. It is designed to keep non-native carp out of Cootes while maintaining the flow of water and populations of native aquatic species.

Eliminating carp from Cootes Paradise is considered a vital first step in the marsh restoration process. Before the installation of the Fishway, Cootes Paradise had an estimated carp population of about 70,000 adults. During the Fishway’s first year of operation, 95% of carp were excluded from the marsh, and since then this number has continued to drop, with monitoring in recent years consistently finding less than 1,000 adult carp in the marsh.

RBG ecologists Jennifer Bowman and Travis Haws lifted traps for us to see, measured and weighed selected individuals and sorted the fish into troughs that sent desirable species through to the marsh and diverted undesirables back into the harbour side of the Fishway.

Among the regular lineup of various species of suckers and common pan fish, we also saw Brown bullhead catfish, one giant 2 foot long Channel catfish, at least 2 brassy colored oversized Goldfish and more Bowfin than I have ever seen in one place. 5 Bowfin were caught in the traps that morning...3 females and 2 males sporting glorious mating colours with their glowing neon green fins and vivid tail spot. Some of the Bowfin were microchipped for further study before being released. Interestingly we didn’t see a single Round goby, perhaps because their size enables them to slip through the cage, which is primarily designed to exclude the larger carp.



photos by Marianne Collins



# TENTATIVE 2015 Dive Schedule



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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 <a href="#">Reg.\$285.00</a>		28 divers
Aug 15	Chippawa creek, Welland scuba park	Shore O&A	N/C		U
TBD	<b><i>DIVE FOR A CAUSE</i></b>	Shore			U
Sept 12/13	Tobermory twilight / night dive Shore dives etc	Boat O&A	\$65.00		18 Divers
NOTES	<b>DIVE SIGN UP START DATE:</b>	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

## May 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 NDA Shipwreck Symposium	3
4	5	6	7 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	8	9	10 Mother's Day
11	12	13	14 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	15	16 Humber Bay Warmup Dive #1	17
18	19	20	21 Club Pool Night Drysuit Workshop DEMP signup deadline	22	23 Humber Bay Warmup Dive #2	24
25	26	27	28 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	29	30 DEMP course Nobleton	31 DEMP course Nobleton

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

# EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

## June 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	5	6 Student Checkouts Windmill PointPark	7 Student Checkouts Windmill PointPark
8	9	10	11 Annual General Meeting tentative	12	13 Summer BBQ Location TBD	14
15	16	17	18 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	19	20 North Carolina Diving Trip	21
22 North Carolina Diving Trip	23	24	25 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	26	27 Sherkston/ Windmill Quarry Run	28 Sherkston/ Windmill Quarry Run
29 North Carolina Diving Trip	30 Gilboa Dive, Ohio					

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