



## Open Water checkouts at Windmill Point Park

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### DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### Regular Pool Nights

Thurs 8:30-9:30PM, Albion Pool

#### PADI OW Course

July 16

#### Simcoe Barge Dive

Sat July 18

#### Midland/Penetang Weekend

July 25,26

#### Tobermory weekend & BBQ

Aug 1-3

#### Chippawa Creek, Welland Scuba Park Dive

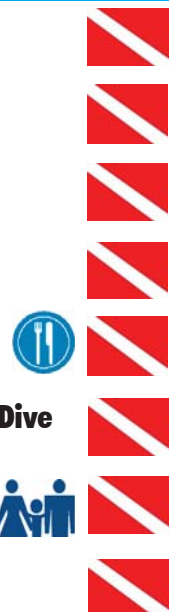
Aug 15

#### Dive 4 A Cause

Aug 22

#### Try Scuba

Sept 10. 7-10PM



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Have any good stories that you would like to share? Send them in to [euc\\_fins@euc.ca](mailto: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  
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY



## ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE June 11 2015

Chaired by Art Penney

### Board of Directors (6 Directors)

President	Bruce Beattie
Past President	Ross Coates
1st Vice President-Training	Ron Seidl
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	Brenda Tsotsos

### Special Committees

Community Events	Ken Boyce
Equipment Manager	Goncalo Jorge
Webmaster	Chris Nagy
Recording Secretary	Open

**Honorary Memberships** were extended once again to:

Dr. David Sawatzky in appreciation of his medical council and continuing contributions to the club

Tom Richardson in appreciation of his contributions to the Club's training program eg. CPR training etc.

Jim Fennell in appreciation of his many years with the Training program as an Assistant ACUC Instructor and CPR Instructor.

The complete Minutes of the 2015 AGM will be posted on the Club website.

## SHOUT OUTS

### July Milestones

#### Happy Birthday to

Hilario Jorge  
Michaela Kelly  
Sergio Medina  
Gary Porcaro  
Sue Wenzl  
Don Weston  
Jennifer Bullock



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

## THANKS TEAM EUC!!!!

### Congrats to our new Open Water Graduates!

Thanks to all the helpers who came out to the WindMill checkout weekend and generously gave of their time to make a safe and successful Open Water checkout. And a special Thanks to Ken Boyce for laying out an impromptu pot-luck spread which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by everyone .

On Behalf of Training...

Thank You to all Checkout volunteers!!!  
With all your help Checkouts 2015 was a great success & food was AMAZING!!"

Looking forward to Checkout 2016!!!

Ron  
Training Director EUC

## NOTICES



### Dive 4 A Cause - Aug 22

Fundraising for this year's **Dive 4 A Cause** is well underway.

The website is updated with this years info.  
Click here for more info on how to register.  
[www.dive4acause.com](http://www.dive4acause.com)



**Lupus Ontario**

Charitable # 88333 1472 RR0001

This year the proceeds will be donated to aid over 1:1000 Canadian men, women and children living with lupus.

So few have heard of it, yet worldwide it's seen as more common than leukemia, multiple sclerosis & muscular dystrophy combined! Lupus is an autoimmune disease with many manifestations, and each person's profile or list of symptoms is different. It is often referred to as "The Disease of a 1000 Faces."

Plan to participate. Set a realistic goal and try to pass it. Every penny helps! So, remember, don't take long to think about this...step up and make a difference!!!!

## Save the Dates



**EUC FALL BBQ**

**Saturday Oct 3 2015**



**EUC CHRISTMAS  
DINNER & DANCE**

**Saturday Dec 5 2015**

## Dive Trips Update

Spaces are still available on upcoming dives.

OW graduates ... don't miss the best freshwater shipwreck diving on the planet in our very own Fathom Five National Marine Park in picturesque Tobermory on the Aug long weekend.

Contact:  
[euc\\_divetrips @euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca)

# TRAINING

## Current & Upcoming Courses and dates:

**PADI Open Water course**  
5 weeks starting 16 July 2015

**Try Scuba:**  
September 10, 2015  
1900 - 2200

**Open Water Course**  
8 weeks- ACUC Certification  
September 17, 2015  
Registration & Swim Skills  
1900 - 2130

**Buoyancy Clinic**  
Open Water Students only  
November 26 2015  
1930-2200

**Rescue Diver - ACUC Certification**  
September 10, 2015  
Classroom - 3 weeks  
Pool Skills - 19 September  
Rescue Open Water Checkout -  
26 September, 2015

### Spring 2016

**Try Scuba**  
February 25, 2016  
1900 - 2200

**Open Water Diver**  
8 weeks - ACUC Certification  
Registration and swim skills  
March 3, 2016  
1900 - 2130

**Buoyancy Clinic for Open Water students**  
May 26, 2016  
1930 - 2200



# Rescue Diver course


REGISTER 

This course is the minimum level to which ACUC recommends all divers should be trained. You must already be certified as an Advanced Diver. The course will train you to recognise diving problems and emergencies before they occur, and if they occur anyway, then you will learn also how to handle these problems and emergencies.

Although not mandatory, ACUC highly recommends that candidates to this course also take the specialties of First Aid Provider and Emergency Oxygen Provider.

As a Rescue Diver, you may enter the ACUC Professional levels if you wish or continue on to obtain the "Master Plus Diver" or the "Specialties Plus Diver" rating.

Once you obtain the Rescue Diver level, you may take if you wish any ACUC specialty, besides the above mentioned for Open Water and Advanced Divers.

You can see the ACUC standards, course content and requirements for this course in this PDF document...  
<http://www.acuc.es/stardi.pdf> 

If you are an Advanced Open Water Diver and ready to take your diving to the next level, we have a Rescue Diver course for you starting Sept 10 2015. Register on the Club's Training Registration page.

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) 

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# OPEN WATER CHECKOUTS Windmill Point Park

See more pictures on the website Photo Gallery. Click [HERE!](#)



Photos courtesy Yirong Li and Marianne Collins

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# EUC'S SUMMER BBQ



## SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

**LOCATION: HAPPY HEARTS CAMP GROUND TOBERMORY**

**COST: \$12.00 per person Children ( 10-14 ) - \$8**

**\*\*\*\*If you are not camping at Happy Hearts there is a \$4 entrance per person fee that is your responsibility to pay at time of entering !!!**

**RSVP BY: THURS JULY 23**

**RSVP TO: JENNIFER AT [euc\\_events@euc.ca](mailto:euc_events@euc.ca) or at pool  
Thursday nights**



**\*Please advise of any dietary request**

**\*\*BYO : Plates, cutlery, chair**





# North Carolina Dive Trip JULY 2015

Photos by Ron Seidl









# Dive Boat Etiquette

Knowing the proper way to handle yourself and your gear while on a dive boat can make the difference to having a safe and enjoyable dive day.

## Before Boarding

- 1) Plan your packing based on occupancy and boat size. A large boat with lots of room allows for a separate cooler and a bag of dry clothes. Some small boats (eg. Zodiac) have room only for a mesh bag with what you will wear diving. Be flexible. Recognize that each person's space is equally limited.
  - 2) Make sure you have all the gear you need before you get to the site. Check all your gear, whether you own it or it's rented, to make sure it is functioning. Bring the number of tanks required. Make sure they are filled and know the procedure for refilling (if they can fill on the boat, at the dive shop or if you need to find a filling station). Make sure the air mixture you are using is available.
  - 3) Be sure to bring your logbook and C-card. For some boats, no c-card can mean no dive, no logbook can mean you will be considered a beginner.
  - 4) Know and have all the food and beverages you will need.
  - 5) Be early. If the boat is scheduled to leave at 9am, be there at 8:30 ready to go. This allows time for loading the boat, filling out the manifest, signing any extra waivers. Tides and water conditions don't wait for divers, so being late could make the difference to which sites everyone goes to, or even if the boat can go. The boat will leave without you.
- 3) Be attentive. There will be a role call, **do not** answer for other people. There will also be a briefing on the boat that will include safety procedures and gear, head use and any other rules the captain may have.
  - 4) Recognize that everyone defers to the captain. The captain is responsible for the safety of the passengers, crew and boat; so pay attention to what they say. Do not argue if they feel the weather conditions are too unpredictable or if the water is too rough. No dive site can be guaranteed.

## Before the Dive

- 1) Listen to the Divemaster briefing. They will tell you about the dive and what to expect. They will tell you where and how to enter the water, any safety procedures, where and how to re-enter the boat, and any requirements they have.
- 2) Make sure you learn how to use the head. This is the boat bathroom and there will be very specific instructions. Do not use the head to be seasick. Go to the railing on the leeward side (the side with the wind blowing away from it).
- 3) If you smoke, please only do so at the stern of the boat. This insures your smoke drifts away from any of the other divers who do not wish to have the smell.
- 4) Review your plan with your buddy and go over each other's gear.
- 5) Be respectful of other diver's gear, space and organization. Do not move or adjust any gear without permission first.

## Before leaving the shore

- 1) Do not board the boat without the captain giving the okay to do so. They have procedures that need to be followed.
- 2) Stow all gear neatly away or assembled. Put tanks where the captain specifies. There may be a place for all the tanks or they may be separated for first dive, second dive. Weight belts belong on the floor or designated area. Never on a bench or table. Store all other gear neatly together in one place. Do not leave things out loose that can be easily stepped on, sat on, blown away or knocked overboard.

## Dive time

- 1) Be ready to go diving. You will be given a heads up before it is time to start. This is your time to prepare. If you like to linger, start sooner. Entering the water later can throw off the schedule of the dives and may affect what you can do.
- 2) Give the Recorder or Divemaster any information they require. They need this before you go to get in. They will need the info from you when you

are out and you will need to fill out the remainder of the table info (eg. RNG's). This is your job, not the Divemaster's and can determine if you proceed with the rest of the diving.

- 3) Follow the procedures that are laid out. If you are to enter the water from the stern (back) and swim to a line to the bow (front), make sure this is what you do. Procedures are set up to make things the most efficient and safe for all divers. Doing something different will be dividing the safety diver's attention. Please give the okay signal when you are on the surface and know you are okay.
- 4) When using a mooring line, go down with the line on your left and come up with it on the left. This means divers headed in the opposite direction do not need to lose contact with their buddies. Be aware of divers doing safety stops. Stay on one side with your buddy when passing other divers.



- 5) If there is a hang tank, do not touch it unless you have an emergency. Do not test it to see if it is working. If each diver tested it, the amount of air would be significantly reduced for someone who actually needed it. Do not incorporate the hang tank into your dive plan.
- 6) Be alert when re-entering the boat. There will be instructions for how to do this (fins on, fins off...etc.). If there are other divers waiting for the ladder, be patient and stay within sight of the safety diver. Never be directly underneath someone on the ladder. Once on the boat, gather your gear together and stow it away neatly. Be aware that other divers in gear will be moving so don't spread out all over the place. If you have

similar gear to other divers, label it so there is no confusion as to who owns what. Help with other divers. All members of the club are volunteers so no one should feel it is not their responsibility. Don't leave your gear on the seats. Divers will be boarding the boat and will need a seat to take their gear off.

- 7) Notice if there are wet and dry decks or areas. Do not go in or take wet gear to the dry area. If you do not have a dry bag, there is no guarantee things will be able to be kept dry.

## Photography and Video

- 1) Keep gear in protective case or in hand. It can easily be knocked and damaged.
- 2) Ask someone ahead of time to hand you your gear once you've entered the water. Yelling from the water means someone's attention is taken from the next diver and runs the risk of gear being handled improperly.
  - 3) Be aware of the other divers. You are not the only diver in the water so you cannot dictate where others can go. Likewise, if you see someone going to take a picture, be respectful and don't rush over to see to what they see. You may disturb what they have been patiently waiting for.
  - 4) Pick an appropriate buddy. If you plan to sit and wait for something, make sure this is okay with your buddy before you go in.
  - 5) If there is a dedicated camera rinse bucket, do not go rinse your mask or suit in it. Defogging chemicals can ruin camera seals. The camera rinse bucket is for cameras, period. Place gear in gently, don't drop it, as other gear may be there. If there is a dedicated camera table, do not go to the area with wet gear or have drinks on the table.

## Back to Shore

- 1) Get gear ready to unload. Do not casually start this when the boat reaches shore. You may be on holidays but the crew is at work, and would like to go home. Everyone should help with the unloading of gear.
- 2) Remember your crew. There will usually be a collection of tips, so be prepared to contribute if you have felt the service deserves it. This means planning to bring tip money aboard with you. Please be mindful that this is optional and at the discretion of each diver.



# EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

## July 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	10	11 Brockville Dive Weekend	12 Brockville Dive Weekend
13	14	15	16 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	17	18 Simcoe Barge Dive	19
20	21	22	23 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	24	25 Midland/Penetang Dive	26 Midland/Penetang Dive
27	28	29	30 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	31		

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

# EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

## August 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Tobermory weekend	2 Tobermory weekend BBQ
3 Tobermory weekend	4	5	6 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	14	15 Chippawa Creek, Welland Scuba Park Dive	16
17	18	19	20 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	21	22 Dive 4 A Cause	23
24	25	26	27 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	28	29	30
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# 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	Shore	N/C		
	Humber Bay	O&A			U
May 23	Season Warmup #2	Shore	N/C		
	Humber Bay	O&A			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	Shore	as per admission		U
	Sherkston/Windmill	O&A			
June 29/30 approx	Gilboa Quarry dive	Shore	as per admission	NS	U
	Findlay Ohio	O&A		contact Dale Johnson	
July 11/12	Brockville dive weekend	Boat			
	1000 island region	A only	\$215.00		8 divers
July 18	Simcoe Barge Dive	Boat	\$75.00		8 + 2 captains
		O&A			
July 25/26	Midland/Penatang	Boat O&A	\$215.00		6 divers
Aug. 1,2,3-am	Tobermory Weekend	Boat /Shore	EB.\$265.00		
	Tobermory On.	O&A	<a href="#">Req.\$285.00</a>		28 divers
	BBQ etc				
Aug 15	Chippawa creek, Welland scuba park	Shore O&A	N/C		U
Aug 22	<b>DIVE FOR A CAUSE</b>	Shore			U
Sept 12/13	Tobermory twilight / night dive	Boat	\$65.00		
	Shore dives etc	O&A			18 Divers
NOTES	<b>DIVE SIGN UP START DATE:</b>	APRIL 9/2015	8PM	ALBION POOL	