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June/July 2016



Newsletter



Photo by Ron Seidl

Happy Birthday Art!
...80 years and flying high!

Windmill Point checkout weekend See more on pages 8,9,...



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DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

Albion Pool Nights closed for the summer



Regular Humber Bay Evening Dive
Thurs 630PM-9PM 2016



Port Colborne Wrecks Dive
July 9 2016



Midland Wrecks Dive
July 23-24 2016



Tobermory Weekend & BBQ
July 30 - 1 Aug 2016



Niagara Drift Dive
Aug 13 2016



Innerkip Dive Weekend
Aug 27-28 2016



Albion Pool open
Thurs Aug 25 830PM



Family Night
Thurs Sept 1 830PM Albion Pool



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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.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY



ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE June 9 2016

Chaired by Art Penney

Board of Directors (6 Directors)

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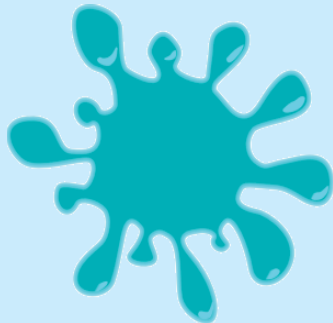
Honorary Memberships were extended once again to:

Dr. David Sawatzky in appreciation of his medical counsel 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 of assistance with the Training program.

The complete Minutes of the AGM are posted for your convenience on the website [HERE](#). 



**Humber Bay dives
Thursday evenings
630PM - 900PM**



<https://goo.gl/maps/EgE6NsudQao>

Summer Pool Reminder

This is a reminder notice that the pool will be closed from July through to 3rd week in August. First Thursday back will be Aug 25. Join us Sept 1st for our Family night! All ages welcome for some pool fun and light refreshments afterwards!

Please join us through the summer for regular Thursday night shore dives at Humber Bay Park West, South Etobicoke (enter from Lakeshore Blvd just west of Park Lawn). Remember to bring a float and flag. If you don't have a buddy, we will find one for you! The Après Dive Restaurant is the same one as the Après Winter Family Skating Party: the REFINERY PUBLIC HOUSE at 3039 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto. <http://refinerypublichouse.com/>

Some members have expressed a concern over the summer pool closure. As a member, the pool is part of the membership. However, with our membership down this year, we are making a few cost cutting choices to help with the sustainability of the club. The summer tends to be a quieter time at the pool but for those of you who do swim regularly, we apologize for the change. We hope you will understand and join us on the shore instead! A couple members have asked for a refund for the timeframe the pool will be closed. The cost from an individual membership works out to \$4.87 once club expenses, insurance and OUC membership are subtracted. If you feel you want the refund, please let us know. Once again, we appreciate your understanding and hope to see you all diving!

SHOUT OUTS

July Milestones

Happy Birthday to

Hilario Jorge
Michaela Kelly
Gary Porcaro
Sue Wenzl

Steve Binkowski
Don Weston
Jennifer Bullock
Galina Semikhnenko



If we miss yours, click
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to add yourself to the Birthday List.

Welcome new Open Water Graduates!

David Ayres



Samuel Loveys Guillermo (Tommy) Perez



Justin Visser



Congrats to new Rescue Divers

Beatrice Augereau Bruce Beattie Alex Castellano Hervé Séguin Todd Pope



Thank you to all the helpers who came out to the checkout weekend, who generously gave of their time and effort to help with the training activities, for setting up the buffet luncheon, safety kayaking, helping students get dressed and in and out of the water, dive mastering and recording, cleaning up of gear, and generally encouraging all.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



TRAINING

While the spring Training program is winding up, the Training committee is already planning the Fall schedule.

If you have any interest in a particular course, please contact the Training Director and we will try to put it together.

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

Please register online for 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:

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TRAINING REGISTRATION

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

Upcoming Courses and dates:

Fall 2016

TRY SCUBA

Thurs Sept 22 2016
Albion Pool

Open Water course

Registration Thurs Sept 29 2016

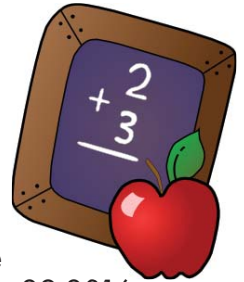
Advanced course

Tentative

Divemaster course

Tentative

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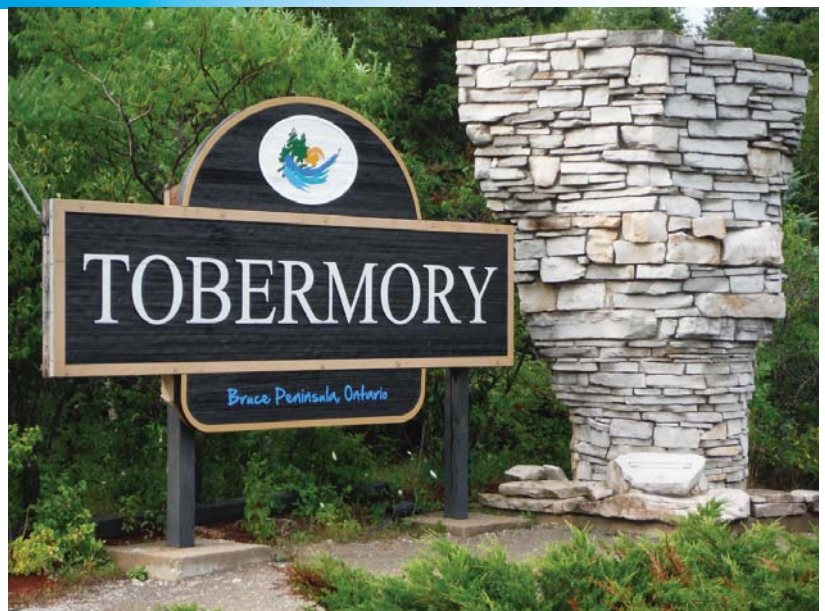


DIVE TRIPS UPDATE

Spaces are still available on upcoming dives.

July 30/Aug 1 Toby - 6
Aug 13 Niagara drift - 2
Sept 10/11 Toby evening - 8
Sept 24/25 Kingston - 4

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 August long weekend.



Contact:
euc_divetrips@euc.ca

Advanced Open Water Course

September-October 2016

This is the second mandatory level of the ACUC Training Ladder for divers wishing to continue their diving accreditations. This is a theory and practical course that introduces the student to different diving scenarios such as dives with reduced visibility, dives in confined spaces, U/W navigation, specimen recognition, etc. Upon successfully completing the course, candidates will obtain the ACUC internationally recognized certification of "Advanced Diver".



Click here for the [ACUC Advanced Course Outline](#). 

Prerequisites

- * Classroom Component
- * An ACUC Open Water Diver accreditation or equivalent
- * A minimum of 20 dives not including checkout dives from other courses
- * Recommended First Aid and CPR Course

Certification Requirements

- * Practical exercises in pool
- * Written examination on the theory of diving, related to the topics offered in the course
- * Minimum of 4 dives in open water, on the topics of deep diving, current diving, night diving and navigation skills under the supervision of an Instructor.

Course Signup

Interested in the above course? Click here to register for the next available training session.

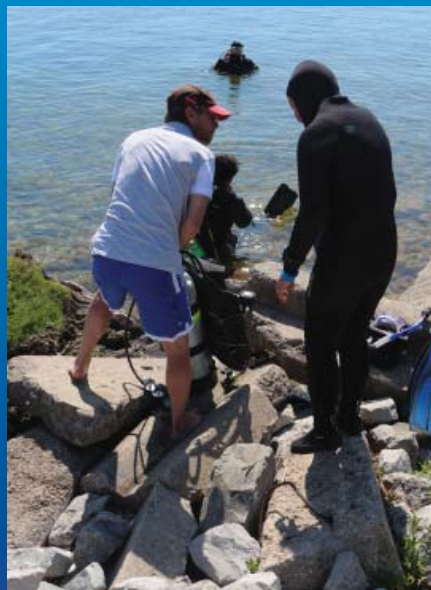
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J.C. Morrison-Centennial Park-Barrie

June
2016

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OPEN WATER CHECKOUTS

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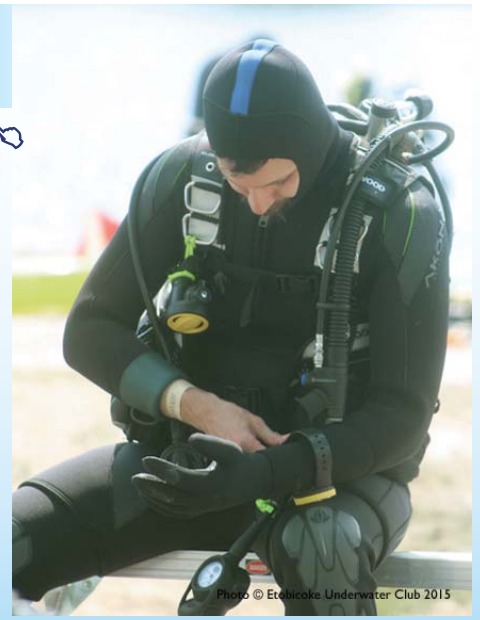


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See more pictures on the Club's Facebook page. Click [HERE!](#)



IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to Cam Eagleson

July 21 1930 - May 11 2016

In 1967, Cam Eagleson became EUC member #379, joining the club and taking basic training with his buddy, Art Feese. They were certified under the instruction of Steve Kozak, one of the club's founding members (EUC #3 and NAUI instructor #104).

A longtime member of the club, "Big Bird" (at 6'4", 250+ lbs and with the last name EAGLEson) had his share of stories, which his wife Peggy has graciously shared with us below. Peggy and Cam were married for 65 years and had 4 daughters, with grand and great grand kids.

When Cam joined the club, Ed Janes was the president (EUC member 2!). Cam was quick to pitch in, spending part of his time on the executive; first in 1968 as the Treasurer for 3 years (when Don MacIntyre was president), next as the 2nd Vice President (Safety) for 2 years, and subsequently as a Member without portfolio for 2 more. He helped out with training and the tanks every Thursday.

Cam did quarry training dives and many other dive weekends with the club. EUC camping trips in those days included Killbear Park, where due to previous rowdy behaviour, EUC had to stand for Etobicoke United Church! In Tobermory, the club used to stay at the old Davey Hotel, currently the Princess Hotel. When diving on the Waome, Big Bird got rapture of the deep (nitrogen narcosis) and tried to stab Bob Simpson!

Cam and Peggy would host ice dives at their Lake Simcoe cottage with people bringing food and enjoying sing songs as well as a warm fire in the pot belly stove after a chilly dive. One year, EUC hosted a convention at Delawana Inn, Honey Harbor. Cam got up at 3 a.m. to help start the beef on a spit for dinner that day. Dr. Joe MacInnis, authority on diving, medical doctor and friend of Pierre Trudeau was Guest Speaker that year.

There were great trips away too! Cam went with Linda Mildren Chambers (an early member) and a group to the Atlantic to dive for quahogs in about 1966. A group would go to Fort Lauderdale in their blue bus appropriately named Old Blue (Harold Riley, Don Macintyre, Jim Corbett, Peter Metelsky, Don Patterson, Don Stewart and Bob Simpson). There they would rent a boat to go to Bimini for diving, rum and music.

One year Peggy, Cam and a group travelled to Cozumel (Peter and Heather Macintyre, Don and Jean Stewart, Bert and Connie Groom, Ron and his partner Bev) where they dove the Palancar Reef. The whole group took a plane over to Chichinitza where they learned to say "cinquo winko" and "tres cervesa". They all also ended up with Montezumas revenge so the line up to the lavatory was continuous on the plane ride home!

They attended quite a few OUC conventions and hosted hospitality suites with singsongs and drinks. There were outings via boats to Toronto Island for corn roasts and more singing. And Christmas dances and group outings to the Planetarium, etc.

Outside of the club, "Big Cam" (as he was known to family) was a Master Electrician and owner of Eagleson Electric. He enjoyed cottage time with his many family and friends. His diverse interests other than EUC including; Power Squadron, MacDonald Dam Hunt Club, MMARS Rescue and Square One Seniors Centre - where he will be remembered for his musical performance as the Cowardly Lion. As well, Cam loved fishing, boating, dancing, reading and card playing.

Peggy added "EUC also trained our daughter Kathleen and grandkids Rob Brown and Morgan Piette. Art Penney was their trainer. Thanks EUC for all the good times friends and great memories."

Our sincere condolences to the Eagleson family...."Big Bird" was one of a kind.

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Bimini trip. 1980. Cam standing in the centre.



OUC convention at Delawana Inn, Honey Harbour. EUC Hospitality Suite. Lower left seated Don Macintyre, left standing Ron Tyson, Don Stewart, Harold Riley, seated centre with guitar Jim Corbett. Standing on the right, Cam Eagleson.



EUC'S SUMMER BBQ



SUNDAY JULY 31


LOCATION: HAPPY HEARTS CAMP GROUND TOBERMORY

COST: \$5.00 per person

****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 21

RSVP TO: Dale AT euc_events@euc.ca or at the Thursday night Humber Bay dive



INCLUDES: munchies, veggies, salad, baked potato, fruit, dessert, napkins. Club will supply the BBQ.

YOU BRING:

- whatever you want to BBQ
 - whatever you want to drink
 - your own plates, glass/mug and cutlery
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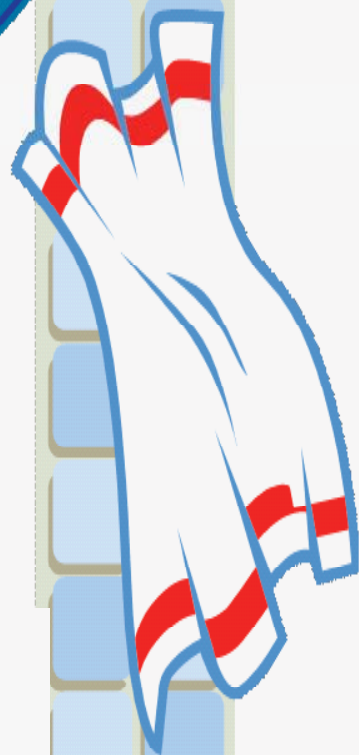
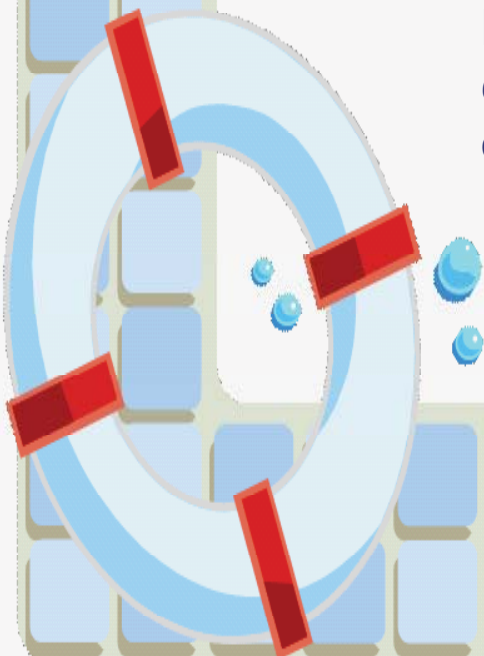


EUC'S FAMILY NIGHT

THURSDAY Sept 1, 2016
Swimming: 8:30 - 9:30 PM
Snacks & Refreshments
after in the classroom

**Club members can bring
their family to enjoy a
night of swimming.**

**Please note: No scuba
equipment in the pool
on Family Night.**



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 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Humber Bay evening dive	8	9 Port Colborne Wrecks Dive	10
11	12	13	14 Humber Bay evening dive	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Humber Bay evening dive	22	23 Midland Wrecks Dive	24 Midland Wrecks Dive
25	26	27	28 Humber Bay evening dive	29	30 Tobermory Dive Long Weekend	31 Tobermory Dive Long Weekend

Schedule is subject to change and is correct as of Jan 1 2016

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

August 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Tobermory Dive Long Weekend	2	3	4 Humber Bay evening dive	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Humber Bay evening dive	12	13 Niagara Drift Dive	14
15	16	17	18 Humber Bay evening dive	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Humber Bay evening dive	26	27 Innerkip Dive Weekend	28 Innerkip Dive Weekend
29	30	31				

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TENTATIVE 2016 Dive Schedule



Contact euc_divetrips@euc.ca

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Dates	Dive Name	Venue	Price	Dive manager	Avail. Spots
				Contact	as of May 26
14-May	Season warm-up #1	Shore	N/C		
	Humber Bay	O&A			completed
May 28	Season Warm-up #2	Shore	N/C		completed
	Humber Bay or Welland Scuba Park	O&A			
June 4/5	Student Checkout -Windmill Park	Shore			U
June 11/12	Brockville dive weekend	Boat			
	1000 island region	A only			CANCELLED
June 18	Lake Simcoe- JC Morrison	O&A	N/C		U
June 25	Tiller AM - PM - 2 dives ea	Boat			AM - FULL
	St. Catherines	A only			PM - CANCELLED
July 1- Aug 30	Thursday evening Humber Bay	O&A	N/C		U
July 9	Port Colborne AM only	Boat	\$100.00		3
	2 wrecks / Welland Scuba	A only			7:30 am depart
	Park-PM				
July 23-24	Midland	Boat			
		O&A			FULL
July 30 - Aug 1	Tobermory weekend	Boat &	\$265.00		
		Shore			7
		O&A			
Aug 13	Niagara drift, Lake St. Wrecks	Boat &	\$65.00	2	
	Welland Scuba Park	Shore		floats mandatory	
		O&A			
Aug 27/28	Innerkip - Trout lake	Shore	Admission		U
		O&A	Camping fees		
Sept 10/11	Toby Evening dive	Boat	\$65.00		8
		O&A			
Sept 24/25	Kingston	Boat	\$275.00		5
		A only			

NOTE: CHARTERS NOT FILLED MAY BE CANCELLED

Legend: U - Unlimited Spots, TBD-To Be Determined, NS-Non sanctioned, A - Advanced Dive, O - Open water