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Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



From your Executive

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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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Only photos original to the submitter or with proof of permission, may be published.

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

Brenda Tsotsos
Dale Johnson
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Follow us!



NOTICES

It is Membership Renewal time again! Memberships expired December 31 2016.

Get your Membership renewals in early to be eligible for the
FRONT OF THE DIVE LINE DRAW.

The Front of the Line Draw gives the lucky diver first choice of summer dive registration. The 2017 Renewal Form is at the end of the Newsletter. Hand in your Form to any Executive member or mail or login to the online Registration webform for Regular Membership renewals.



EUC thanks:

Aquarius Scuba

AquaSub Scuba Diving Centre

**Dan's Dive Shop
Dive Academy**

**Dive Source Scuba Supplies
Dive World**

**Divers Den
Scuba 2000**

**Tims Diving Supplies
and all the Club members who
donated prizes**

for their continuing support and generous
prize donations to our Christmas party.
Please drop them a line and express your appreciation.

DONT MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS..

2017 Membership Renewals due
Jan 1 2017



Front of the Line Draw
Feb 1 2017



First Aid & CPR course
Feb 11,18 2017



OUC AGM
Feb 12 2017. Reg 10:30AM. OUC office



GUE workshop
Thurs Feb 23 2017 TBD



Outdoor Adventure Show
Feb 24,25,26 2017. International Centre



Try Scuba
Thurs March 2 2017. 7:00PM



ACUC Open Water Diver Course
Thurs March 9 2017. 7:00PM



EUC 60th Anniversary Party
Sat Apr 9 2017. 3:30 to 7:30PM



DEMP course
May 6 - 7 2017



EUC Checkout Weekend
June 3 - 4 2017



EUC AGM
June 15 2017. 7:00PM




SHOUT OUTS

January Milestones

A very Happy Birthday to:

Li Li
Pete Davies
Jay Gray
Ron Seidl
Dusan Fil
Elois Davis



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

TRAINING

TRY SCUBA REG

TRY SCUBA NIGHT

When: Thurs March 2 2017
Time: 7 PM to 10 PM
Cost: \$15 (\$10 may be applied to course fees)

OW DIVER REG

OPEN WATER DIVER

When: Thurs March 9 2017
Time: 7 PM to 10 PM

The New Year is here! The 2017 Spring Open water course starts March 9, so please chat up your friends!!

As well, we are offering Pool Refreshers to club and non club members, if you have not been wet for 6+ months, come and get a refresher with an instructor. Club members are encouraged to utilize the pool to practice your skills!!

Click here to register:

SCUBA COURSES Reg

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Try GUE Experience & Gas Analysis Workshop

Global Underwater Explorers (GUE) isn't just about tech diving or exploring deep caves. Their holistic approach to diving and unique training method has proven to benefit recreational divers.

GUE Instructor, Heison Chak has offered to show us what GUE is about and give a sort of "Buoyancy workshop on steroids" following a Gas Analysis seminar. If you dive Nitrox you are going to want to hear this. The workshop is open to all certified EUC Club divers.



Tentative date: Feb 23rd 2017
Agenda (TBD): 7:30pm - 8:30pm for the Gas Analysis seminar. 8:30pm - 10:30pm for the GUE Demo & Experience Dive
Bring your own dive gear. Technical gear is not required. This is more about technique than equipment.



Upcoming Courses &

Dates:

Spring 2017

Standard First Aid with CPR: \$80
Feb 11 and 18 (2 days)
CPR only: \$30. Feb 11 (1/2 day)
Swansea Public School

GUE workshop Feb 23rd TBD

Ice Diving Course tentative
Feb/March 2017

Try Scuba
Thurs March 2 2017
7:00pm - 10:00pm

ACUC Open Water Diver Course
Thurs March 9 2017 Registration
Thurs March 23 2017 for Night 1

DEMP course \$80 and CPR \$30
at Roland's
May 6th and 7th

EUC CHECKOUT WEEKEND
June 3-4 2017
Windmill Point

Please register on the Training registration page on the club website or contact:

Dale Johnson
Training Director EUC
euc_training@euc.ca



Interested in an Ice Diving Course?

We are planning one for Feb/March, weather permitting of course.

Let us know. euc_training@euc.ca

We are looking to organize a **Houseboat Charter** in the St Lawrence depending on interest. Limit of 8 divers.

Contact: euc_divetrips@euc.ca



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016

CANADIANA RESTAURANT Christmas party...
For many more party pictures [CLICK HERE.](#)

Photos by Cam Sherriff, Alex Tsotsos





Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday

Get your free Discovery Pass

**Free admission for 2017 to Parks Canada places
from coast to coast to coast!**

As Canada's gift to you, the 2017 Discovery Pass will provide free admission for the entire year to Parks Canada places from coast-to-coast to coast!

For all of 2017 this pass gives you unlimited opportunities to enjoy National Parks, National Marine Conservation Areas and National Historic Sites across the country!

NOTE: Diver Registration fees are not included in this offer.

- You only need to order one pass for your group or family if you are all travelling together. A 2017 Discovery Pass is valid for everyone arriving in the same vehicle at a national park, or arriving together at a marine conservation area or historic site.
- The Discovery Pass is only accepted at national historic sites which are operated by Parks Canada.
- Activities such as tours or parking that normally carry a separate fee may not be covered by the Discovery Pass.
- Camping fees are not included with the Discovery Pass
- Validity Period: January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017.
- Display: The 2017 Discovery Pass must be hung from the rear view mirror of the vehicle facing forward or it can be placed on the front driver side dashboard facing up.



[Click here to order your Discovery pass:](#)

2017 Seasonal Lockage and Mooring permits will be available to order soon. Seasonal Lockage Permit – Free for 2017! Coming Soon!

Do you love to travel by pleasure boat or canoe? Launch your own adventure along Canada's original highways. Going through the locks, you'll appreciate the "cutting edge" engineering technology – from over 150 years ago! Immerse yourself in the beautiful landscapes, fascinating stories and lively local culture. Think of your permit as a personal invitation to come and make your own memories, surrounded by the sights and sounds of Canada's waterways.

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, the 2017 Seasonal Lockage Permit is free! The permit is valid for the entire navigation season, and provides passage for your recreational vessel through any number of Parks Canada's lock systems, at all National Historic Canals across Canada: If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact our National Information Service at 1-888-773-8888 or information@pc.gc.ca.



SCUBA Demonstration Volunteers Needed!

All volunteers have
free access to the
Show.

Contact Todd Pope to
help promote the Club
at the OUC booth.
euc_marketing@euc.ca



WATCH THIS SPACE
for EUC's 60th
Anniversary
Celebration plans!

Join us
April 9th
3:30 to 7:30 pm
for appetizers and
hors d'oeuvres at
The Granite Brewery
245 Eglinton Ave
\$25



Condolences

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of one of our own. Don Macintyre passed away at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends and to his partner Barb Noble, also a long-time former club member. Barb suggested that donations may be made to Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital or the Tobermory Hyperbaric chamber.

We also send our heartfelt sympathies to Paula Huber who lost her Mom, Edra Paterson the day after we lost Don. Don was close friends of both Paula's parents. Donations may be made to the War Amps.

And to Ross Coates, we are saddened to hear of the loss of his Father. Our condolences to Ross and his family.

Pool Equipment Rental Rates for certified members

BCD	\$5 per night
Regulator	\$5 per night
Tank	\$10 per night



OUC AGM

Sun Feb 12 2017

10:30am - 2:00pm



Open to all OUC individual members, clubs, and commercial members. Please let an Executive member know if you wish to attend.

When: Sun Feb 12 2017

Where: OUC office, 1 Concorde Gate, Toronto

Season's Greetings:

On behalf of the Executive and OUC Advisors, I would again like to extend our sincerest best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and for a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

As we look forward to the New Year, I would like to inform you of the following:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2015 and 2016 years will be on Sunday February 12th, 2017 and will be held at the same location as in previous years at 1 Concorde Gate in Toronto. A formal Notice of the meeting will be sent out in January 2017 but please mark the date on your calendar.

Your current Executive members and terms are as follows

- Ronald J. Bogart, President – February, 2017
- Heison Chak, Safety – February, 2018
- Dave Taylor, Finance - February, 2018
- Sasha Ilich, Communications – February, 2017
- Ted Endean, Membership – February, 2017

Your Advisors are:

- Raimund Krob – Past President
- Rick LeBlanc – Past President
- Marianne Collins - Insurance
- Steve Weir – Incident Reporting
- Ayisha Hassanali – Incident Reporting

The Board has secured the renewal of the insurance policy with Pearson Dunn under the same terms and conditions as the existing policy with no increase in premium. [Click here](#) for a copy of the renewal.

While the insurance program continues to be a vital part of OUC, we would greatly appreciate your input as to how we can improve your experience as a member of OUC.

Kind regards,

Ronald J. Bogart

President

Ontario Underwater Council

Website: www.underwatercouncil.com

OUC: “Promoting the sport of scuba diving in Ontario through safety, advocacy, cultural & environmental awareness, self-governance, and fun since 1958.”

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DIVE TRIPS

NORTH CAROLINA TRIP JULY 10, 11, 12, 13. 2017

Come join the group travelling to Beaufort NC, boarding the Outrageous V to explore the amazing Atlantic Ocean.

Dive on a U-Boat, swim amongst our toothy friends, see rays, lionfish, maybe your dinner, artificial reef wrecks, barracuda, a big Chicken, the famous Piggly Wiggly.

Limited space. Book early!



Boat diving on wrecks.
Depths are between 50 and 100 + feet.
Advanced divers only.



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Wiki Facts

Beaufort is a town in and the county seat of Carteret County, North Carolina, United States. Established in 1709, Beaufort is the third-oldest town in North Carolina. On February 1, 2012, Beaufort was ranked as "America's Coolest Small Town" by readers of Budget Travel Magazine.

Beaufort is located in North Carolina's "Inner Banks" region. In June of 1718 Blackbeard the pirate ran his flagship, the Queen Anne's Revenge and his sloop Adventure, aground near present day Beaufort Inlet, NC. The Queen Anne's Revenge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004

SCUBA diving

In addition to a thriving sport fishing industry, Beaufort and surrounding areas are a popular SCUBA diving destination. The waters off the coast of North Carolina are often referred to as the Graveyard of the Atlantic, a legacy that attracts divers from all over the world.

One of the biggest draws to the Outer Banks is the opportunity to dive on the historic World War II German U-boat U-352. The wreck lies in about 110-115 feet (35 m) of water, and sits at a 45-degree list to starboard. The wreck scatter is within a 100m radius on a sand bottom.

EUC EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	3	4 First Aid & CPR course. Day 1	5
6	7	8	9 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	10	11 First Aid course Day 1	12 OUC AGM
13	14	15	16 Club Pool Night Albion Pool	17	18 First Aid course Day 2	19
20	21	22	23 Club Pool Night Albion Pool GUE workshop	24 Outdoor Adventure Show	25 Outdoor Adventure Show	26 Outdoor Adventure Show
27	28					

Annual Physical Condition Checklist

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

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

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: _____

MM / DD / YYYY

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 submersion, 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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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 Bruce Beattie
140 Hopedale Ave
Toronto, ON
M4K 3M7

Local EUC phone number 647-723-6382

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: MM / DD / YYYY

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

Emergency Contact Information

Last Name _____

First Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone#: () _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

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:

- Divermaster
- 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

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 ONLY CASH \$ CHQ#					