



Hi

Welcome to the August edition of our dive club newsletter.

## Club Meet

Are always the last Monday evening of every month at Global Dive shop here in Westhaven from 6pm onwards.

### Agenda

- 6- 7:15pm – Social drink, BBQ (supplied) and chew the fat
- 7:15-7:30pm - Upstairs to Clubroom, Introductions & what's on top, trips equipment etc
- 7:30- 8:30pm - Guest speakers and photo competition
- 8:30 onwards - Consume everything that is left, buy as much equipment as your credit card (and spouse) will let you, put the rest on 12 months interest free ;-)

### Guest speakers

**Monday 27th August** – our own **Grant Narbey** will deliver a powerful and thought provoking audio-visual presentation on tragedy and death in the infamous Egyptian 'Blue Hole'. With first hand experience of the desert and footage of dropping uncontrollably to the depths of Dahab's Red Sea, the question you have to ask yourself is why do these divers still continue to die?

## Photo competition

Please don't forget to send in your snappy pic's so that we can show them at Club night and members can vote on the 'people's choice' picky! You could be in to win a snorkel retainer or an all expenses paid trip to Lake Pupuke!

## Pool sessions

At this stage we will keep doing the pool sessions at Newmarket Olympic Swimming Pool every 2nd Tuesday evening for confined-water training from 6:30 to 9:30pm. They've been pretty popular to date and we're happy to keep doing them while the numbers are good.

They are a great way to try out different configurations of gear or some of our demo gear.

It has been so popular in fact that we would like now offer all our club members the opportunity to join us on these evenings;

- 28<sup>th</sup> August
- 11<sup>th</sup> September
- 25<sup>th</sup> September
- 9<sup>th</sup> October
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October

The great thing about the Newmarket Swimming Pool is that it is 50m long and has a 4.5 metre deep end.

If you would like to join us for these evenings please book in at Global Dive no later than 24 hours before

splash down.

Cost;

- Diver with own equipment \$10
- Diver to rent tanks and weights \$20
- Diver rocks to rent equipment over and beyond tanks and weights \$30

## **Liveboards**

### **Poor Knights Liveboard on 'MV Pacific Hideaway'**

- Fri 31st Aug, Sat 1st Sun 2nd September

Come dive the Poor Knights with us and with 7 dives available, yes 7, it is definitely a worthwhile experience!!! These dives include wreck dives, deep dives, multi level and night diving, spectacular scenic dives and of course a costal Cray hunt!!!

Don't feel experienced enough? We have on hand experienced Instructors/divers who will gladly buddy up and dive with you.

Technical and deep divers welcome, there are already 2 deep deco divers booked on this trip; Nitrox and O2 available at Global Dive.

We will also be running a PADI Advanced Open Water course on this trip. This gives you free gear hire, free fills, free cylinder and dive computer use, 5 training dives including Deep, Night, Wreck, Navigation, project AWARE and two recreational dives. Most importantly you learn new skills which will enhance your diving and increase your awareness at depth.

All meals and accommodation are included in the price and yes we will be staying the night on the ocean, tucked away in one of many of the sheltered areas the Poor Knights has to offer in a luxury 53-foot catamaran called Pacific Hideaway.

Trip price \$380pp (meals and accommodation)

Advanced course \$595 (all dive gear/equipment, fills, cylinders, dive computer use, PADI Advanced Open Water dive manual and qualification, guided dives, meals and accommodation.)

### **Willie O Charter Launch - Tauranga**

- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> and Sun 30<sup>th</sup> September

Based in Tauranga, this weekend of diving will include deep, wreck (The Taioma) night and multi-level diving. We will also be catering for the hunter!!! So bring your catch bags and let's get our quota over the 6 planned dives! There are only 6 spots available on "Willie O" so be in quick.

Trip price \$360 (includes meals and accommodation)

\$595 Advance Course (all dive gear/equipment, fills, cylinders, dive computer use, PADI Advanced Open Water dive manual and qualification, guided dives, meals and accommodation.)

PLEASE NOTE 3 cylinders PER DIVER will be required.

### **Mikhael Lermontov**

There are also two trips that we know of planned for the Mikhael Lermontov later this year. If you are

interested in joining either trip please contact the organiser directly:

- Pete Mesley's trip – 3 days \$750 – see <http://www.petemesley.com/Lermontov%20trip%202007.htm>
- Sandra Bogun's trip – 6 days \$1,200 – see [www.globaldive.net/newsletters/lerny.pdf](http://www.globaldive.net/newsletters/lerny.pdf)

## **Night/scolly dive**

On 31 August we're heading out to Little Barrier for the first scolly dive of the season. Yes, we know the season doesn't start until 1 September, that's why this is a night dive. We'll drop down right on midnight!

Price \$110 plus kit hire for 2 dives.

## **Upcoming advanced training**

- Emergency First Response CPR/ First Aid; Primary & Secondary Care - 11th/12th Septy; evenings \$145
- PADI Rescue Diver Course - 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm-9pm plus 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 9am-6pm \$395
- TDI Extended Range Course - dates to be confirmed

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