

AquaMarines

LET THE SEASON BEGIN

By Ray Simon

We ended the lobster season in mid-March with a number of bugs reported caught. Even more not being caught but narrowly escaping. No record book lobster...but that's not all that bad. This leaves good tender for years to come.

I find that with an economy that needs a boost, many of the dive gear manufacturers are being very generous these days. This is a good time to get your first set of gear or finally upgrade that old set of gear. Regulators, gauges, and computers do not need to be in working order to qualify for discounted upgrades. Stop by with your old gear so that we can modernize your dive kit for you.

This is also a great time to reserve your space on the 2—4 July Conception dive trip. We are taking reservations. This year the retail price on a space is \$539. HOWEVER, we are promoting our trip for \$495. We book below our allotment of seats to allow a little elbow room. This is not what is known as a limited load trip, but it's the next best thing to it without paying the limited load price. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit due to hold a seat and the balance due by 15 May. This is a trip that is a big hit every year. We have divers from all levels. Beginners to instructors; fun divers to photographers and a few hunters in the mix. Come and join us on a trip we look forward to each year.

Diving season has kicked off. But as all diving seasons, we have our off days. We anticipated great diving sometimes to only be disappointed when we arrive at the dive site. Sometimes it is wiser to skip the dive and grab a breakfast than to temp mother nature. The thing about mother nature is that if it really is a non-diving day and we attempt an entry, mother will always win. A thought that I leave with my instructors is that when you are standing shore side and the thought crosses your mind...hmm, I wonder if I should try this or not, it usually means that you shouldn't try the dive. The surf is too big, a storm is coming and the surge will make it a non-fun dive, or whatever. Bottom line is that we divers sometimes push prudence aside just to get in the water. It's no fun eating sand, looking for a mask, snorkel or fin. It does make good entertainment at times for those divers who decided to be prudent and not enter the water due to conditions. Hey, I like to sell dive gear, but not because mother nature took it from you. Listen to mother!

On a more somber note, The Scuba Center lost a friend on 30 March. Long time scuba repair technician, Bob Britt passed away. Known as "Britt" to those that worked with him, he was a familiar personality around the shop for a dozen years. I commonly referred to him as "Mr. Fixit." Britt will be long remembered and missed by those who knew him. Those that didn't know him but ever rented a regulator or bcd...or had those items serviced, most likely had their gear serviced by Britt. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Marine.

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22—24 Oct 2009

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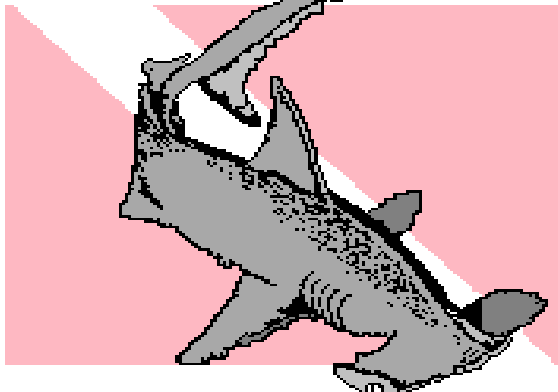
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April 2009

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