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The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers

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## TRAINING SCHEDULE

Take the time now to review your complement and see if you will need to add divers either now or in the future. It is not too early to start looking ahead to the January and May classes for slots. They have already started to fill.

Diver candidates must submit the following forms to Laurie Barber by August 6, 2004 for the September Working Diver Class:

- NDP Training and Authorization Request form
- NOAA NDC Standardized Equipment Measurement form.
- **Completed** NOAA Diving Physical package, (there are new forms for NOAA Corps officers and Wage Marine employees DD-2808, 2807-1)

Forms are available at the following web address; [www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html). Fax or mail completed form to NDC.

Course schedules through January 2005:

Sep 13 - Oct 01	Working Diver	Seattle
Sep 27 - Oct 01	Divemaster	Seattle
Jan 10 - Jan 28	Working Diver	Key West
Jan 24- Jan 28	Divemaster	Key West



## NEW WORKSHOP

On November 17 & 18, 2004, the NOAA Diving Center is hosting a 2-day workshop on contaminated water diving. This event is open to divers from all federal, state, and local government agencies.

There is no charge to attend this program, but attendance is limited to 200 participants the first day and to 50 the second day (second day is an interactive session). It is important to sign up early. Please specify whether you want to attend the first day or both days when making your reservations

For more information, or to reserve your space, contact Ms. Laurie Barber at: (206) 526-6695 or email at [Laurie.Barber@NOAA.gov](mailto:Laurie.Barber@NOAA.gov).



## MPIC-DMT

An intensive Medical-Person-In-Charge (MPIC) course will be conducted at NDC from November 29th-December 10, 2004. MPIC will be followed by an advanced DMT course to be held December 13-18, 2004.

Instructors will include NOAA medical staff personnel, and visiting guest lecturers from Madigan Army Medical Center and Bremerton Naval Hospital. Both courses will include classroom and practical sessions.

The Medical-Person-In-Charge (MPIC) curriculum, is designed for shipboard medical providers. U.S. Coast Guard approval for the MPIC certification is pending. However, the National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology (NBDHMT) has approved MPIC as meeting the requirements for basic emergency medical training, as a pre-requisite for DMT training and certification. The second week will focus on DMT material including practical sessions in IV's, intubation, suturing, injection administration, operating a hyperbaric chamber, and more. Any questions, please contact the NDC.

MPIC November 29- December 10, 2004

DMT December 13-18, 2004

Prerequisites for DMT: Must be current EMT or MPIC certified and be a certified diver (doesn't have to be NOAA). There is no cost for this course for NOAA Employees, their units just need to pay their travel and per diem. 



## NOAA DMT SHINES

On June 17th, 2004, while flying to Adak, Alaska, NMFS employee Kate Call found an unexpected opportunity to utilize her skills. During the flight a passenger became acutely ill and flight attendants asked for volunteers with medical expertise of EMT or greater to examine the passenger.

Kate identified herself as having had NDC DMT training, and immediately rendered assistance. Kate displayed the utmost professionalism and excellent bedside manner during examination and treatment of the passenger, who was having a severe allergic reaction to coconut in cookies served as dessert.

Kate assessed vital rates, queried the passenger for symptoms and medical history, communicated with medical personnel on the ground, administered treatments (antihistamines and oxygen), and provided guidance to the flight attendants (who had first aid/CPR training).

Kate's care, attention and manner clearly reduced the anxiety level of the passenger, and mitigated the reaction sufficiently to allow the flight to continue to Adak. At Adak care of the passenger was transferred to ground medical personnel.

Kate's professionalism, and her handling of the entire situation, reflect well on her own abilities and the medical training she received through the NDC. Great job Kate! 

