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FY 2010 Training Schedule

Jan 11 – 29, 2010
Working Diver
Jan 25 – 29, 2010
Divemaster
Key West, FL

Jan 12 – 29, 2010
MPIC**
Norfolk, VA

April 2010*
Refresher Class
Seattle, WA

May 3 – 21, 2010
Working Diver
Seattle, WA

May 17 – 21 2010
Divemaster
Seattle, WA

Aug 9 – 20 2010 (tentative)
Physicians Course
Seattle, WA

Aug 2010*
Refresher
Seattle, WA

Sep 13 – Oct 1, 2010
Working Diver
Seattle, WA

Sept 27 – Oct 1 2010
Divemaster
Seattle, WA

Happy Holidays from the entire staff at NDC. We have just completed the NDP Annual Report for 2009. This year's report will be distributed electronically and should be arriving in your e-mail boxes within the next couple weeks. It will also be available on our website. In it you will find highlights of this year's diving achievements throughout the agency, diving statistics and a summary of NDC's accomplishments. We'd like to thank our Line Office Diving Officers, Unit Diving Supervisors and ship Diving Officers for submitting their summaries of unit activities and many thanks to those who have shared their photos and project information. ~ Lt. Cimillucca



DAMP IT JIM! I'M A DOCTOR NOT A....OH WAIT....

Effective immediately, LCDR Joel Dulaigh, USPHS is the contact person for diving emergencies. His cell phone number has been added to the DAMP template and the Dive Planning form. CAPT Powers' information has been removed. These forms have been uploaded to the NDC website. Please revise any Dive Planning forms or DAMP forms that you may have with the correct, update forms that are now available on the webpage. Don't get caught in an emergency without having LCDR Dulaigh's phone number: 206-300-2089.



Zachary Hileman



Doug Noyce

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

NDC would like to introduce two more new members of the NDC Staff – Equipment Specialist Zachary Hileman (pictured top) and Equipment Specialist Doug Noyce (pictured bottom).

Zachary comes to NDC with 20 years of diving experience as a US Army Salvage Divers, a NASA NBL Support Diver and most recently a commercial salvage diver in Alaska. Doug is an ex-US Navy 1st Class Diver also with 20+ years of diving experience.

Both Zach and Doug will work in support of NDC and the NOAA Diving Program by conducting Dive Unit inspections, as Diving Instructors and as relief Chamber Supervisors and Divemasters.

HIGHER LEARNING

Congratulations to the latest group of graduates from the September 2009 Diver Medical Technician class held at NOAA's Western Regional Center in Seattle WA.



Class graduates included Jonathan Anderson, NOAA SHIP *Rainier*; Natasha Davis, NOAA SHIP *Miller Freeman*; Justin Keese, SEFSC; Jason Kehn, NOAA SHIP *Hi'lalakai*; Kris Mackie, NOAA SHIP *Miller Freeman*; Frank Maurizio, NOAA SHIP *Hi'lalakai*; Chad Meckley, GRNMS; Douglas Noyes, NOAA Diving Center; Mark O'Connor, NOAA SHIP *Hi'lalakai* and Faith Opatrny, NOAA SHIP *Oscar Dyson*.

MEET THE DIVERS

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 2000 to protect a nationally significant collection of shipwrecks in Lake Huron. Over the past few years, sanctuary staff have used a variety of techniques to document these wrecks from side scan and multibeam sonar to ROVs and AUVs. However, nothing beats diving for pure efficiency and thoroughness. In 2009 NOAA archaeologists Tane Casserley, Joe Hoyt, Russ Green, and Michigan State Underwater Archaeologist Wayne Lusardi documented the wreck of the freighter *Grecian*. Built in 1891 and sunk in 1906, the 300-foot long steel hulled vessel rests in 100 feet of water and is one of the sanctuary's most popular wrecks. The sanctuary maintains a seasonal mooring buoy at the site to prevent anchor damage to the wreck, facilitate public access and make for safer diving.

~ UDS Russ Green TBNMS

Get Tested

T.R.I. Air Test kits will be mailed around the 3rd week of January. If ships are not going to be in port during that time, or other circumstances would prevent conducting the test during that period, please let NDC know and the kit can be mailed at a more convenient time or to a specific destination.



In this photo the sanctuary's latest certified NOAA Scientific Diver, Sarah Newman, gets a chance to dive the *Grecian* while completing a fellowship in Thunder Bay NMS. Sarah is a PhD candidate at Brown University.