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The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Diver candidates must submit the following items to Laurie Barber by December 01, 2005 for the January class:
 NOAA Diving Training Request and Authorization form, completed NOAA diving physical, swim test, dive resume, Standardized Equipment Measurement form, and current First-aid/CPR certificates. Forms are available at the following web address: www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html. Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the Diving Center.

Course schedules through May 2006:

Nov 28 - Dec 9	MPIC	Seattle
Dec 12 - 17	DMT-A	Seattle
Jan 9 - 27	Working Diver	Key West
Jan 23 - 27	Divemaster	Key West
March/April	Tentative WD Refresher	
May 8 - 26	Working Diver	Seattle
May 22 - 26	Divemaster	Seattle

Please contact Laurie Barber at 206-526-6695 or via e-mail laurie.barber@noaa.gov with any questions.



REMINDERS

- T.R.I. Air Test kits will be mailed the week of 23 January 2006. If ships are not going to be inport during that time, or other circumstances would prevent conducting the test during that period, please let Laurie Barber know and the kit can be mailed at a more convenient time or to a specific destination.
- All UDS's should be looking to scheduling travel and time for the UDS conference to be held from March 7-10th, 2006.



New Scientific diver Kevin Stierhoff gets checked out by a ruffled otter!



ANNUAL UNIT INSPECTIONS

Yes, its that time of year again!

All ships, diving units, and sub-units are required by the NOAA Diving Regulations to conduct an annual unit diving inspection.

The inspection checklist provides NOAA wide guidelines for the condition and requirements of dive units/lockers to ensure unit operational readiness and safety. This inspection should be performed in a conscientious and thorough manner to identify and address deficiencies.

Completed inspection checklists should be forwarded to the unit's (or ship's) LODO/ UDS no later than January 15, 2006. After careful review, the LODO should forward the completed checklists to the NOAA Diving Center by January 31, 2006. Any discrepancies are to be evaluated by the UDS/LODO/FDO and corrected by the unit as soon as possible.

A fillable PDF version is available on the NDC website (www.ndc.noaa.gov) under the forms section, titled "Annual Unit Inspection Checklist." The form can be completed, saved and printed. It is also available on MOCDOC's for the ships to access.

Please contact LTJG Eric Johnson if you have any questions or comments on the form or the inspection process.



NDC STAFF ADDITION

The NDC would like to welcome our newest teammate, Sharon Choy. She comes to us from her last position at the NWSPR in Honolulu, Hawaii. She will be taking over Sondra Huber's position and so will become the point of contact for any correspondence that Sondra previously handled.

Welcome to the NDC Sharon!

She can be reached at Sharon.Choy@noaa.gov, or via phone at 206-526-6623.

