

Gear Head Equipment Corner

Aqualung and Total Diving Systems

All divers know how important reliable life support equipment is for safe, enjoyable diving. If you're tired of relying on uncredited dive shops to ensure your life support equipment is serviced and properly cared for, it might be time for you to purchase your own Total Diving System. Ocean First Divers has several attractive systems that meet any experience level or budget.

All staff employees and instructors dive on Aqualung's Balance and Libra back inflate BCDs, which are weight-integrated, have stainless steel D-rings and triloaders, self-adjusting lumbar support and are contoured for the male and female physique, respectively. We also use the Legend regulator, which has an over-balanced 1st stage, making breathing easier as you go deeper, an auto-closure device to prevent water and dust from entering the 1st stage, is nitrox compatible and environmentally sealed. Our computer of choice is the Suunto Cobra 3, which has an electronic 3D compass, matrix display that shows all the critical dive information at a glance, has personal and altitude adjustments, depth alarms and air, nitrox and gauge modes. This set of equipment, which is part of our Adventure Diver Total Diving System, provides the comfort, performance, buoyancy control and user-friendly interface that all the dive professionals at OFD demand.

For those travel savvy divers who are looking to keep those pesky airline baggage fees at a minimum, we've put together an amazing Travel Lite Total Diving System that delivers incredible performance and reliability while keeping your baggage weight down. It begins with the Zuma BCD, Aqualung's ultra-light, weight-integrated, back inflate buoyancy compensator that weighs in at a mere 4.4lbs and packs completely flat or can be rolled to fit into even the smallest spaces in your luggage. Then we added the Apeks Flight, an ultra lightweight, high quality regulator that features a durable, solid brass 1st stage, impact resistant, balanced 2nd stage, an integrated venturi system (IVS) and is neutrally buoyant! The package is rounded out with the air integrated Vyper Air computer, an Air Source 3 alternate air source, Imm neoprene wetsuit, Hot Shot fins, Akona fin socks, Technisub mask, Impulse3 snorkel, a departure roller bag and all the accessories necessary to make your dive trip worry free. We also offer a number of other Total Diving Systems, including Snorkeler, Open Water, Caribbean and Ultra packages. Come visit the friendly staff at OFD and find the system that's right for you and your pocketbook!



The Spirit of Adventure Is at the Heart of Scuba Diving

2011-12 Trip Schedule
Colorado's Premier Diving and ECO Adventure Center

- Key Largo, Florida Apr. 14-17, May 5-8, Jun. 23-26, Jul. 21-24, Aug. 11-14, Sep. 15-18, Oct. 13-16, Nov. 11-14
- Galapagos, Ecuador Aug. 19-29 SOLD OUT
Sept. 9-19
- Palau & Yap, Micronesia Sept. 24 - Oct. 9
- Bonaire Nov. 19-27
- Belize Dec. 28, 2011 - Jan. 4, 2012
- Solomon Islands May 21-30, 2012
- Red Sea, Egypt Sept. 13-23, 2012



Destination Highlight Solomon Islands

The fabled Solomon Islands are comprised of one thousand islands, 147 of which are inhabited. This idyllic paradise is home to incredible walls, fringing reefs, pinnacles and coral gardens that stretch for miles across the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean. The diversity of marine life is staggering. Along with droves of anemonefish, butterflyfish, angelfish and triggerfish, divers will often be greeted by huge schools of barracuda, big-eyed trevally, bumphead parrotfish and other pelagics.

Our liveaboard, the MV Bilikiki, was built in 1989 and hailed as the first full service luxury dive vessel in the Solomon Islands. She was also one of the first in the world to offer private showers and toilets in every cabin. The MV Bilikiki has 10 deluxe cabins, each with a double bed and single above. Her large size and cleverly designed hull, customer built for the South Pacific seas, are two reasons why guests consider the MV Bilikiki to be one of the most spacious liveaboards in the world. This trip of a lifetime is certainly one you won't want to miss!

Training Center

"Learning is like rowing upstream; not to advance is to drop back"
- Chinese Proverb

GO PRO Night

Have you ever imagined yourself working on a tropical island, spending your days leading divers around pristine reefs? Do you love sharing your passions with other people? Would you like to earn some extra money doing something you love?

Taking the plunge into scuba was an exhilarating step in all of our lives and we love sharing that experience. The day you took your first breath underwater was the beginning of a journey; where it will take you is up to you!

We would like to cordially invite you to our annual GoPro Night this coming **Thursday, April 7th at 7pm**. Come talk to our instructors, hear their stories and learn about the incredible people they've met and magical places they've dived all around the world.



We will also be offering one night only specials for all attendees, including 15% off all tuition, up to \$100 off international trips and \$200 off Total Diving Systems. Don't miss this event!

5th Annual Summer Party June 11th Marks Another Festive Celebration

It all started in June 2007. It was just three months into the Ocean First Divers legacy and Graham's historic birthday bash. Now, four years later, we've upped the stakes and have planned the most audacious party to date. The festivities kick off as soon as the doors open at 10am. We'll be cooking up a storm on the barbeque, playing cornhole and volleyball and hosting our latin jazz fan favorite, ONDA, for another live performance from 1-4pm.

There will also be a huge used gear sale, including items like the Seaquest Pro QD and Aqualung Pearl BCD's, Vyper wrist computers and consoles, Scubapro Potenza full foot fins, a wide selection of masks and snorkels and much more. The celebration will be culminated with a big raffle, highlighted by regulators, Akona bags and Henderson, Atomic & Scubapro gear. Come celebrate with us!!!

Highway Cleanup

Adopt-A-Highway Mile Marker 50-52



On July 15th, 2007, Ocean First Divers adopted a two-mile stretch of highway between Longmont and Boulder in an effort to keep our community clean and reduce the taxpayer's significant annual expenditure on litter removal. The Colorado DOT spends \$5.6 million a year removing trash from our highways. The Adopt-A-Highway program has helped save taxpayers \$1.5 million! Join us for our 4th annual highway cleanup this coming **Saturday, April 23rd** at 9am at Ocean First Divers. After a short safety video, we'll hit the streets. BBQ party for all participants immediately following the cleanup.

Summer Diving

Local & Weekend Dive Trips

Here at Ocean First Divers, we welcome the arrival of summer as an opportune time to get back into the water and do some local and weekend dive trips. It all starts right here, close to home, at Aurora Reservoir, a great place to complete your navigation training or dry suit certification. We'll be going to Aurora often this summer, beginning June 4-5. Come join us and satisfy that near insatiable desire to blow bubbles.



Another great summer diving destination is the Blue Hole near Santa Rosa, New Mexico. This spring fed, bell-shaped pool is one of the most popular diving destinations in the country and boasts great visibility and a constant inflow of 3000 gallons per minute. While the surface is

80 feet in diameter, the pool expands to over 130 feet at the bottom. We go to the Blue Hole every month so check your calendar and join us this summer!

If you're a tropical diver inside and out, we have just the answer for you. Every month, OFD takes a quick trip down to the Keys to dive the world famous reefs around Key Largo. Warm, clear waters, prolific fish life and the "Keys" lifestyle abound. Join us for a great weekend!!!



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April 25th Social 6:30pm
Graham Casden and Amy Christopher
BORNEO

Join Ocean First Divers' very own Graham Casden and Amy Christopher as they share their stories, photographs and movies from their epic month long journey to the fabled island of Borneo. From diving in Sipadan to the prehistoric rainforest of Danum Valley to the cultural center of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, this was a trip of a lifetime and a presentation not to miss!



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