



# NEWS



DEPP Newsletter 2009

Welcome DEPP Members

We wanted to pass along information we receive on available trips, new equipment articles and new information on DEPP.

Watch your mailbox for an important letter coming from DEPP. We will be outlining new features and programs now available.

Dive Shop Operators/Owners

You have asked over the years for separate coverage for your shop and we heard you. We are looking into making this now available through DEPP.

You will be receiving a packet via mail which will include the information below. If you are interested, please fill out the provided materials and send back to DEPP. You should be receiving this information soon.

- A. Dive Shop Association with a message board, updates and other information provided by other dive members.
- B. Business Owner Policy for your shop at association rates & benefits
- C. Free Analysis on your current coverage.

## New Merger

### **Underwater Photo Tech and Backscatter**

Long term friends Berkley White of Backscatter and Fred Dion of Underwater Photo-Tech have merged their businesses to create Backscatter East in Derry, New Hampshire. "I am thrilled to work more closely with Fred Dion" says Berkley White. "We have shared the same business values for over 20 years. We both believe the customer comes first and only sell products that we would dive ourselves."

### **Fred Dion to manage Backscatter East**

Fred Dion and the Underwater Photo-Tech crew have serviced the underwater imaging community for 25 years. We are excited that Fred will add his wisdom to the Backscatter experience. Fred will manage Backscatter East and will be available to clients via phone and email daily. Please stop by our new east coast showroom to see the latest in imaging equipment and receive hands-on help from Fred and the crew.

### **Coast to coast support 9:00AM - 8:00PM EST**

Coast to coast or international, we have you covered! We now offer extended work hours for all time zones. Our west coast shipping hub offers the latest shipping times in the US and our extended hours will give you easy access to the best technical phone support in the industry.

## What system is best for you?

We are asked that question often. When you have a claim and have the opportunity to upgrade or have no choice but to upgrade, what system do you go to. Backscatter does a lot of the work for you by diving and shooting with everything they sell. If you are upgrading or changing systems talk to a professional who knows the equipment and can ask you the correct pertinent questions to get you in the best system for the way you dive and photograph.

See the link below to check out a few systems chosen by Backscatter to be the best in each price range. While the exact system listed may not be what you need or what is best for you it can point you in the right direction.

<http://www.backscatter.com/learn/article/article.php?ID=57>

## Available Trips

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Sonoma Coast, California

May 2009

Join Dolphin Scuba on May 9th and 10th for a Sonoma Coast Abalone diving adventure. The excursion is intended to be an instructional and fun event covering the basic aspects of free diving for the giant red snail. The participants will be guided and coached throughout the weekend enhancing skills that can be used on future trips. The group will be housed in a private compound in Sea Ranch and dinner will be provided Saturday evening. The weekend is all-inclusive and includes instruction, lodging for two nights with dinner provided Saturday night. A clinic will be held at the Sacramento location on April 29th to cover the procedures, equipment, logistics, and free diving skills. Space is limited to nine divers, so call soon. All skill levels are welcome. Scuba divers are also invited and can be guided in exploring new sites. Lodging will be a rustic mix of bunks and double beds. Bring your own linens or sleeping bags.

For any questions, please contact Paul Maxwell at 916-929-8188 or email him at [paul.maxwell@dolphinscuba.com](mailto:paul.maxwell@dolphinscuba.com).

Price \$189

Scuba Club Cozumel, Mexico

August 2009

August is the perfect time to visit Cozumel. The visibility is excellent; the weather is warm without being too muggy, and of course, the hospitality offered at Scuba Cozumel is unequalled. For a week you can dive or take some time to lounge in the hammocks watching the sunset while you sip a margarita! The all-inclusive package offers six days of boat diving, unlimited beach diving, room, meals and air fare.

For any questions please contact John Daniels at 916-929-8188 or send him an email at [john.daniels@dolphinscuba.com](mailto:john.daniels@dolphinscuba.com).

August 1st - 8th, 2009, \$1,749 - INCLUDES AIRFARE

Puerto Galera, Philippines

November 2009

Given the number of things to see while you are diving, one lifetime is not enough to see them all. Luckily we have the Philippine Islands that put many of life's more exotic creatures in one place. Pygmy Seahorses, Mandarin Gobies, Cuttlefish, Frogfish, Leaf Fish, Swimming Crinoids, Lionfish, Flying Guenards, and many more of the most unusual animals are all gathered together in one place. Diving from the pangas is the easiest way to go! If you wish to try to grow gills, you can make up to five dives per day. The resort itself is set in a small diving community with plenty of opportunity to see the day-to-day life in the Philippines. A four-star chef provides meals to make your mouth water. The resort's premier dive staff guides you on unforgettable dives, whether you are a novice or a pro. Bring your camera and a smile and prepare to be dazzled.

For more information, call Dolphin and ask about what will be your next perfect vacation. October 31st - November 7th, 2009

\$2,598 - Includes Airfare

Looking for some more relaxing time? Take a look at the Dumaguete Extend the previous trip for only \$1,598 more.

Dumaguete, Philippines

November/2009

While we have spent many a day at the Atlantis Resort in Puerto Galera, we have only taken a few travelers to the Atlantis resort of Dumaguete. Well, all of that will change this March when we explore the wonders of the reefs at Atlantis's second location. Like the resort in Puerto Galera, the hotel at Dumaguete showcases deluxe rooms that have climate-controlled air conditioning, ceiling fans, en-suite facilities, cable television and a fully-stocked refrigerator. You can upgrade to any of the various suites, such as the deluxe sea view rooms or even the Honeymoon suite, if you really want some extra room! The PADI 5-Star Dive Center offers the full range of scuba certification programs, or even a full rental department if you left an important piece of your gear at home. There is a freshwater swimming pool that is filtered by the same system that supplies the hotel's drinking water. Situated at the end of the swimming pool is the poolside bar, where you can enjoy a cocktail while soaking up the ambiance of the pool's waterfall. There is a pool table, or you can play ping pong. There is even a golf course nearby. If you don't think you are getting enough exercise in the water, there is a fully-equipped exercise room at the resort. One of the many highlights of the resort at Dumaguete is their tropical garden. It is filled with a huge variety of indigenous species of plants and trees. Some of the rooms abut the garden which gives you a gorgeous view. For those of you who just can't quite break away from civilization, they even have internet service. An important part of every vacation, of course, is the dining. The Atlantis Resort at Dumaguete houses Toko's Restaurant, which sits right on the sandy beach of Dauin's Harbor. You can dine on the international or local cuisine while seated on the patio, or you can be shaded in the

palapa. Alternatively, you can be served at either the poolside bar or on the pool deck itself. The diving at Dumaguete is quite spectacular in and of itself, even without the splendor of the resort. The house reef is just outside the resort. Slightly longer day trips will take you to the world-famous dive site of Apo Island. This package is all-inclusive. Your very reasonable cost includes your airfare from San Francisco, one-week's stay, double occupancy, four day dives for six days, and all of your meals.

November 7th -14th  
\$2798

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