

Tales from the Deep Blue

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Abyss Photo Contest

What do divers love more than diving? Divers like taking underwater pictures to show family, friends and other divers the sites and sea life of their last trip. With the introduction of digital cameras, underwater photography is becoming as much of a part of diving as breathing through your regulator.

Here at the Abyss Dive Center we see hundreds of great photos per year. Instantly we see the skill and vision of our guests and share in their enthusiasm of their artwork. It was a few weeks ago when we viewed the photos taken by Barb Round that the staff decided that a photo contest and online web gallery could enhance everyone's diving experiences.

The contest is simple and we have outlined some basic rules in order to provide everyone with an opportunity to win one of our prizes.

CONTEST RULES

1. A maximum of one photo can be submitted per customer per month
2. Participants must be Abyss Dive Center customers and submit only pictures that were taken while diving on our boats or in Cenotes in Playa Del Carmen.
3. Photos need to be submitted in JPEG format at a resolution no higher than 72 dpi.
4. Photos can only be submitted once.
5. Participants provide the Abyss Dive Center with permission to use the pictures on the website in the online photo gallery.
6. You must include in your e-mail:
 - A) Your Name and full e-mail address.
 - B) Your home address (street #, name, city, province or state, postal or zip code, & country)
 - C) A description or title for the picture including date and approximate place of picture
 - D) A picture
 - E) "Entry Into Photo Contest" should be in the subject field



Photo: Barb Round

The contest will be held monthly with one winning photo per month. The winner will be posted on the website each month and receive a prize from the Abyss. In February 2004, a panel of judges will determine one grand prize winner from the twelve monthly winners. The 2003 grand prize winner will receive a total of 5 two tank ocean dives at the Abyss Dive Center to be used within the year excluding December 15 to January 15 and Easter week. The contest will begin again February 2004.

So get your cameras ready. Any photos taken from January 1st 2003 are eligible for entry. Please email contest submissions to info@abyssdiveshop.com. The photo gallery will be up and running on our website by March 2003 at www.abyssdiveshop.com



Photo: Barb Round

The Dutch Dive Chick

For those of you who have been diving with us in the past two and a half years, you will know or know of Selma, our only female dive instructor. She is our most multi-lingual instructor being fluent in three languages, Dutch, Spanish and English. Selma is a welcomed addition to the team and has obtained various nicknames from customers and staff. Tortuga queen is appropriate for the number of times she has guided on Tortuga reef, Dutchie due to her place of origin and the abominable snowman for the 7mm semi-dry she wears diving in the winter months. She has recently become cave certified so if you are looking for an alternative guide to Diego, she is the one!

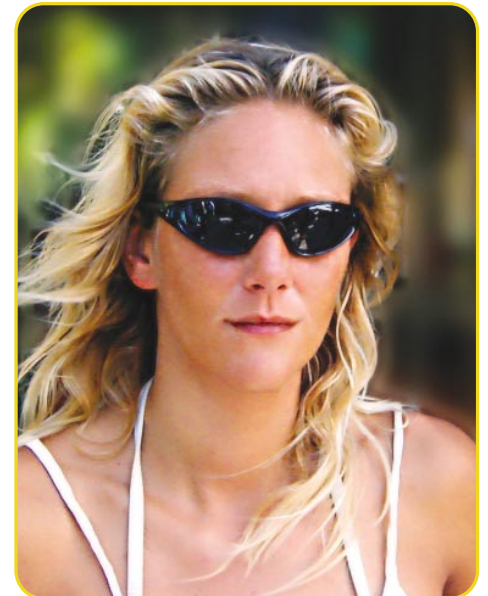


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