



## 1st Year Anniversary!

**W**ell divers, it is our first year anniversary for the Abyss Dive Center newsletter. We have to say that it has been great fun writing this publication and more fun receiving your comments. The number of divers who look forward to our monthly emails has encouraged us to continue this quirky dive newswire for yet another year. So, look forward to 12 more months of Playa sunshine that is filtered right into your email mailbox.

To compliment our writings, Dave has purchased a new digital camera so you can have up to the minute shots of us and all your diving friends. Here we thought Dave was a dangerous man with a beer in his hand, wait till you see what happens when he gets a digital camera and a beer...YIKES!

The newsletter has provided us with some unforeseen surprises that no one could predict. Our intent was to communicate dive information, employee information, changes and routines to our friends who dive at the Abyss. What we have received is a better understanding of you. People tell us in advance when they are coming to visit, let us know about their other dive trips (are there other dive trips outside of Playa, convince me) and let us in on family secrets. It has been great to get pictures of pregnant dive moms, new certified divers, and of dive sites close to people's homes. Your sharing means a lot to us, thanks.



So no more gushy stuff...lets get back to some real dive business. Let us share what is happening in the next 12 months that will wet your whistle and get you to come and visit us for some more diving, good times and beach BBQ's. We realize that our cute faces may not be enough to get you to come and visit so we are planning a year that could knock your socks (sorry fins) off.

First, we are planning a Halloween pumpkin carving contest and costume dive to celebrate the Western Halloween tradition and the Mexican 'Day of the Dead'. Maybe you will see Diego, Dave or Mitch dressed in a pink tutu with pink fins??? Could it be....or Selma and Nicola in dive gear extraordinaire sponsored by Corona.



The festivities will continue at the Rana Cansada (our favorite hang out) with our hotel/bar hosts, Pia and Thed who are known to throw a great party!

Secondly, there will be a week long festival in Tulum in November done in partnership with our dear friends and associates Japhet and Ry who own the El Crucero and Juan Carlos who owns the El Parisio Hotel on the beach in Tulum. We are combining diving, beach volleyball, a Frisbee tournament and beach BBQ's with some after-activity cocktails to celebrate this great town. If you joined us for the opening party on August 1, you know what you are up for. If you missed it then this is a must. Dates will follow in the October newsletter.



Thirdly, we are setting up equipment repair programs for our divers. Being a good diver is very important but knowing your dive equipment is even better. Under the direction of Stathis, the Seac Sub distributor here in Mexico, we will begin equipment repair seminars throughout the year.

Our regular activities will be on schedule, the Treasure Hunt on February 21st, Saturday evening BBQ's, diving, diving and more diving. Christmas is getting busy in both Playa and Tulum so book your hotels now. Look for new stay and play packages with the Rana Cansada in Playa Del Carmen, El Crucero in Tulum, and others on the website.

So what else can we tell you. Everyday we are up for diving and everyday we look forward to new and old friends showing up at the dive center for a great day under the water. As we always say 'it is never a 'Goodbye' here at the Abyss it is always 'See you later'.

## DiveChick Dive Chica

If you walk into the dive center at any time during the day you will see this little head that is hidden behind the desk typing away and not saying very much...don't let this women fool you she is silent but deadly...but our Abyss Secret weapon.

Once in a while we let her out into the ocean as she is a PADI Dive Master soon to be an SSI Instructor(that is how we recruited her, sucked her in on the diving and then put her to work in the office) but rethink this all the time. Her diving skills are great, but her land



navigation and driving abilities are to be, should we say questioned....With a recent trip to Holbox for the whale shark trip and some interesting dealings on the highway in Tulum, we have decided that she can only do ocean or computer navigation. Land navigation is not her forte (derecha means right in English not left Nicola)...maybe she runs out of gas on purpose...or maybe she really thought Valladolid was on route to Holbox. We still think that she runs out of gas on purpose so she can be rescued by the Federal Police or some other good looking man who will help her...did you ever get the Doctor's name who helped you out Nicola????

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