

OUR CAYMAN BRAC TRIP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS (SEE ABOVE). OUR GROUP PUT THEIR ARTIST HATS ON AND WE LEFT THE ISLAND A BEACH ROCK WITH A LOGO. WHY? BECAUSE THE AMBER WAVES TEAM ROCK!







JEFF WISON PADI ENRICHED AIR DIVER

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SUNDAY FIRST AID GRADUATES

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| NOV 10-12   |   |   |
| NOV 10-12<br>NOV 11   | OPEN WATER PART ONE COURSE<br>DISCOVER SCUBA, SCUBA REVIEW<br>COURSE, OR JUST COME AND PLAY |   |
| NOV 12  | FIRST AID TRAINING  |   |
| NOV 17-19   | OPEN WATER PART ONE COURSE  | Call 316-775-6688 to schedule your class  |
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| DEC 1-3   | OPEN WATER PART ONE CLASS   | ROATAN  |
| DEC 2   | DISCOVER SCUBA, SCUBA REVIEW<br>COURSE, OR JUST COME AND PLAY                               | TURQUOISE BAY RESORT  |
| DEC 3   | FIRST AID TRAINING  | FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024  |
| DEC 8-10  | OPEN WATER PART ONE CLASS   | DIVER-DBL \$2,433.00<br>DIVER-SINGLE \$2.592.00   |
| DEC 9   | DISCOVER SCUBA, SCUBA REVIEW<br>COURSE, OR JUST COME AND PLAY                               | NON-DIVER DBL\$2,076.00OCEAN VIEW UPGRAGE\$207.00 PER ROOM PER WEEK   |
| DEC 10  | FIRST AID TRAINING  | Package Includes: Package Excludes:   |
| DEC 15-17   | OPEN WATER PART ONE CLASS   | <ul> <li>Round trip airfare from<br/>Wichita</li> <li>Nitrox (\$119 + 19% tax for<br/>unlimited; if pre-paid)</li> </ul>  |
| DEC 16  | DISCOVER SCUBA, SCUBA REVIEW<br>COURSE, OR JUST COME AND PLAY                               | <ul> <li>7 nights' accommodation at<br/>Turquoise Bay Resort</li> <li>Round-trip airport/hotel<br/>transfers</li> <li>3 full meals daily</li> <li>Non alcoholic beverages &amp;</li> <li>Optional Chamber Fee of<br/>\$2.00 per person/day</li> <li>Personal dive equipment</li> <li>Tips to the Dive Crew</li> <li>Trip Cancellation or<br/>Interruption Insurance</li> </ul>  |
| DEC 17  | FIRST AID TRAINING  |   |
| MAKE EVERY WEEKEND A DIVE WEEKEND                                 |   | <ul> <li>local alcoholic beverages</li> <li>3 boat dive trips daily<br/>including tanks, weights &amp;<br/>weight belt</li> <li>Horseback ride</li> <li>Botanical garden tour</li> <li>¥500 DEPOSIT</li> <li>Wifi</li> <li>All hotel taxes and service<br/>charges</li> </ul>   |
| SCUBA INSTRUCTOR<br>AND DIVE MASTER                               |   |   |
| CLASSES ARE NOW<br>FORMING<br>CALL 316-775-6688<br>FOR INFORMAION |   | Image: Second system       Image: Second system         Image: Second |







# Life-Support Equipment

#### Regulators

The good news: Among major-label regulators--the kind sold in dive stores--there is no junk. Regulators have been perfected to the point that even budget regulators can offer high performance. However, you must do your homework before buying this vital piece of gear. We can help. Come in and talk with us because we only stock regulators that are rated as above average to excellent. If we don't have it in stock, we can order you almost any major brand. We carry Scubapro, Aqua Lung, Apeks, Atomic, Sherwood, Genesis, and Tusa. These are all major brands and they all have excellent regulators to choose from.

What It Does - Converts the high-pressure air in your tank to ambient pressure so you can breathe from it. A regulator must also deliver air to other places, such as your BC inflator and alternate second stage.

What to Look For - High performance. The best regulators can deliver a high volume of air at depth, under heavy exertion even at low tank pressures. Some regulators also have diver-controlled knobs and switches to aid this process, so it's important to understand the controls and how they work.

Comfort: Look for a comfortable mouthpiece.

**Cost** - From \$400 to \$1,600.

**Our Advice** - Talk to dive store personnel and experienced divers.

#### Computers

Nobody enjoys working the dive tables, but they're an invaluable tool for safe diving. Dive computers are an even better tool for the same reason a laptop is better than a slide rule.

What They Do - By constantly monitoring depth and bottom time, dive computers automatically recalculate your no-decompression status, giving you longer dive times while still keeping you within a safe envelope of no-decompression time. Computers can also monitor your ascent rate and tank pressure, tell you when it's safe to fly, log your dives and much more. That's why dive computers are almost as common as depth gauges these days.

What to Look For - User-friendliness. The most feature-packed dive computer does you no good if you can't easily and quickly access the basic information you need during a dive: depth, time, and decompression status and tank pressure. Some models have both numeric and graphic displays for at-a-glance information. Mounting options are an important feature to consider and let you position computers on your wrist, gauge console, hoses or attach them to BCs. Some computers are conservative in their calculations, automatically building in safety margins; others take you to the edge of decompression and trust you to build in your own safety margins. Only RSD publishes a chart ranking the relative conservatism of dive computers on the market today.

Before you buy, ask to see the owner's manual and check it out. Complete and easy-to-understand instructions are important, especially on feature-packed machines.

**Cost** - \$300 to 1,500.

BCs

The BC is the most complex piece of dive equipment you'll own and one of the most important. So choose carefully based on the style of diving you'll be doing most.

What It Does - What doesn't it do? It holds your gear in place, lets you carry a tank with minimal effort, floats you at the surface and allows you to achieve neutral buoyancy at any depth.

What to Look For - Correct size and fit. Before you try on BCs, slip into the exposure suit you'll wear most often. Look for a BC that fits snugly but doesn't squeeze you when inflated. The acid test: inflate the BC until the overflow valve vents. The BC should not restrict your breathing. While you've got the BC on, test all valves for accessibility and ease of use, then make sure the adjustments, straps and pockets are easy to reach and use.

Pay particular attention to the inflator hose. Is it easy to reach and extend over your head? Make sure there's a clear distinction between the inflate and deflate buttons and that you can operate them easily with one hand.

**Cost** - \$350 to \$900.

Our Advice - This is an important piece of equipment that you can expect to use for many years. Don't skimp; go for quality.

#### Where Should You Buy Gear?

Scuba equipment can be purchased in dive stores, at other retail outlets, by mail order or as used equipment from private parties. There are distinct advantages and disadvantages to each.

Private party. Buying used gear from a private party may be the cheapest possible way to go, but provides absolutely no guarantees. Unless you are extremely knowledgeable or an equipment technician, you will not know if a regulator, for example, can even be serviced. You will also not have any performance data. The seller's statement that the regulator "breathes fine" and your breathing on it out of the water are both meaningless. We recommend **not** buying used life-support equipment from private parties.

Non-dive store retail outlets. Sporting goods and discount stores may have scuba gear for sale. Some of these stores actually have scuba departments and should be considered dive stores. However, most are simply retail outlets and cannot provide the service, support and expertise that a dive store can. There is no reason to buy at these non-dive store outlets.

Your Dive Shop. Remember if you don't support your local dive shop and they go out of business, where will you learn new dive skills or get dive training, get your tank fills, get your dive gear serviced, get last minute supplies, and make new dive friends.



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phragm first stage for use in temperate waters. Diaphragm-based first stages are environmentally sealed so that water cannot enter the inner mechanism. This first stage comes standard with the Thermal Insulating System (TIS), which keeps your first stage from freezing up and malfunctioning in cold water conditions. Additionally, its over-balanced diaphragm first stage design gives you better breathing performance at greater depths.

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This 2022 Aqualung presents us with the Helix, a mid-priced regulator,

which enjoys very good performance, undoubtedly above expectations. It represents the DNA of the Aqualung regulators. It is without Question the best option in terms of value for money currently available.

The Helix Proversion has two added features:

Aqualung's patented ACD system, technology that protects the first stage from accidental entry of water or dirt even when the regulator is not under pressure.

And sealed ambient pressure chamber, suitable for cold and/or polluted waters.

### YES WE HAVE BCDs IN STOCK







SCUBA PRO GLIDEX

SCUBA PRO WOMEN'S BELLA

AQUA LUNG WOMEN'S SOUL

AQUA LUNG AXIOM

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Properly functioning gear is crucial Your safety depends on it. That's why we are the best technicians in the business to service your gear.

### What to expect

We are certified technicians that always follow manufacturer guidelines. Conscientious and thorough, we examine every part of your gear. We're always on the lookout for wear and corrosion, immediately swapping out anything worn or damaged. We want your next dive to be your best dive!





\$999.00

THE MK19 EVO/G260 REGULATOR

IS PERFECT FOR ANY CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO DIVE DEEP, IN COLD WATER, OR IN SILTY ENVIRONMENTS. THIS SYSTEM IS IDEAL FOR HARSH CONDITIONS, MAKING IT A TOP CHOICE FOR TECH DIVERS AND CAVE EXPLORERS. THE COMPACT MK19 EVO IS FULLY SEALED, ENSURING TROUBLE-FREE OPERATION IN COLD OR MURKY WATERS. THE G260 IS A HIGHLY IMITATED AIR-BALANCED SECOND STAGE WITH METAL COMPONENTS AND A LEFT-RIGHT HOSE ATTACHMENT OPTION, MAKING IT EXCELLENT FOR TECH DIVING SETUPS AND A CONSISTENT TOP PERFORMER.



The Apeks XTX50 Regulator is what you're looking for in a top of the line regulator, at a reasonable price. The Apeks XTX50 is designed to handle every diving condition you could put it through. It can even be changed from right hand to left hand use, by an authorized technician. You can change out the exhaust tee from a wider tee for minimal bubbles, great for photography, or a more narrow exhaust tee for a smaller more compact

- An over balanced diaphragm design first stage that is environmentally sealed
- Four medium pressure ports, with optional fifth
- Easily converts from right hand to left hand, by factory authorized • technician
- Pneumatically balanced second stage
- Diver changeable exhaust tee •

regulator. Apeks XTX50 features:

Nitrox compatible

\$720.00





# WISDOM 3 COMPUTER

The new Wisdom 3 is an intuitive easy to use and

operate with easy to read large digital display. The computer has diver selectable alarms, deep stop reminders, DECO warnings, and has Air, Nitrox and Gauge Modes. The repetitive dive planning mode uses information from previous dives to see limitations of your next dive. Logging your dives is made easy with the dive log function that stores profiles for later recall and viewing.

Simply the easiest computer on the market to use.

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