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BROCKVILLE TRIP

June 28 2009 Sunday

After arriving in Brockville – I and Ed saw Diane and Sherman already were sitting on the bench by the water. After we chatted a little bit, we had Tig and soon after, Benny came to join us. We did a little briefing and talked about the sites we just about to dive that day. We can't ask any better day for the weather condition. It's warm with a little breeze.

It was around 12:30pm, we were waited for our boat to show up. Around 12:45pm the boat showed up and captain Lawrence with his big smile to welcome us, as some of us were diving with him previous weekend. We waited for the other divers to unload their equipments from the boat. Soon after, we loaded up our equipments. The last one we did not want to forget was sushi tray, Benny brought us for our surface interval (break). We checked everything and Captain Lawrence gave us a little briefing about the boat rules and safety. Last but not least, at his closing, he mentioned, if we see him start wearing the PFD, we better start to wear one too. ☺

First site, we went to Muscallonge ship wreck. It's located approximately 3 miles east of Brockville. Muscallonge caught fire near Brockville. The captain tried to run the ship aground, and it broke in two as it slid into deep water in 1936. The ship sits in 90' to 100' of water. We went down with the line to the ship wreck and admired her. Although the visibility was not the best, we were able to see part of the ship until we realized the current was strong enough. Some of us had a hard time to come down and did not have a chance to enjoy the ship. Some of us tried to fight the current and cut their dive time short. Some of us just realized there was no point of fighting the current and went up to the surface. This dive spot is not an easy spot (beware of the strong currents and always bring a sausage), but she truly are a sight to behold! in a good day, probably quite spectacular in the past – has been severely overdived in the recent years, and also the weather condition and current might contribute to make what she is now. After we finished our first dive, we pleasantly enjoyed the sushi during our surface interval.



The boat ride was pleasant and we just need to move a short distance to Bubble's favorite Brockville dive spot, Robert Gaskin. This famous ship was sunk three times for her attempt to stay afloat, before she finally lies underwater. The ship sits in 55' at her bow and her stern rests in 70'. We were ready for the second dive and once again to get ourselves wet. This time, we really meant it. Although we have two drysuit divers in our group, both of them came up wet and cold to join the rest of the group. Just to comfort the drysuit divers who were no longer dry, the whole group agreed the water temperature had dropped quite a bit from our previous dive. To make it better, they also confirmed the visibility could be better as two divers had to abort their dive and can't enjoy the beauty of the ship. The sad part of the story was, one of them had a mission to tie the Canadian flag on the ship to celebrate the anniversary of our country. However, she had to abort the mission because her dive buddy cannot stand in cold wet drysuit underwater. Sorry!

It was around 4pm, everyone was happily ready to be back to the ground and unload their equipments. It was another day to enjoy the beauty of the nature and look forward to many more to come. We said to each other goodbye and safe drive home. At the same time each of us were thinking other plans for our next trip in the back of our mind already. And that was it – a wonderful local trip, with incredibly nice people, great surface interval food (thanks Benny), valuable experience and spectacular dive sites. Until then, be safe and enjoy the water.

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J. C. MORRISON Fun Dive

July 19 2009 Sunday

We had 11 divers came out to the J.C. Morrison at Centennial Beach Park, Barrie on July 19 for a fun dive and gathering. For those who never dove there, J.C. Morrison has been a very well known shore dive site in Barrie. Viz could be as good as 40' to 50' and water temperature is about 63°F. We had some good dives and good gathering. These pictures worth a million words. Enjoy.....



EDITOR NOTES

Time flies.... It is time for our second Newsletter of the year, already. This season has been busy. We had a Brockville trip, the Morrison trip and Toby trip coming up. We likely will have another trip in the month of September. Also we are planning on the "Underwater & Beach Clean Up". Detail will follow. *My Dive Center* is officially open for business (finally), so there is another place for us to hang out. ☺ We are running PADI con-ed on a regular base such as the Rescue 2009, specialties like drysuit diver, wreck diver, deep diver, Emergency O2 Provider etc. Anyone interested, please let me know. Last but not least, at the beginning of the season, we promised the Club T-shirt, they are on their way here. Stay tune.

BUBBLES ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulation to Open Water Divers: Wilma; Garry. **Rescue Divers:** Tig; Diane; Sherman. **Emergency O2 Provider:** Diane; Sherman. **Drysuit Diver:** Wilma; Garry; Xanthe. **DAN Instructor:** Siu Ming; Edward. **DAN Instructor Trainer:** Edward.



TOBERMORY Dive Trip

August 15-6 2009 Saturday, Sunday

It is going to be a fun trip to our dive hard divers especially for those have been asking for a Tobermory trip in the last five years... Finally, we are going to Tobermory. August 15 (Saturday) we will do some shore dives and/or walk-on boat dives; on August 16 (Sunday) we will do a 2-tanks morning boat dives that you need to sign up with Siodin before July 31. So far we have 14 divers signed up already & still have 4 spots left. Cost for member is \$60 and non-member is \$70 for the 2 tanks boat dive on Sunday, plus Park Fee which is \$4.90 per day or \$19.60 per year. On Sunday, we will dive the Niagara II and the Cave. Possibly we will do a third dive if condition

permitted. Water temperature in Tobermory at depth is about 42 °F, so be prepared. Drysuit is recommended but not required. Of course if you have never been in a drysuit before, a drysuit specialty course is strongly recommended. You may rent a drysuit from My Dive Center however you must hold a Drysuit Specialty Diver certificate. Talk to me if you are interested. You can also do your advanced training or specialty trainings such as Wreck Diver; Deep Diver or Digital Underwater Photography Diver there (you will get good pictures there guaranteed)..... BTW one day or 2 days is totally up to you, but please let me know in advance so that we can plan ahead. Don't Miss the Boat.



Rescue Diver Course 2009

Every year we run a PADI Rescue Diver course for our club members. Without exception, we had our Rescue Diver course this year beginning of July.

This year we have combined an Emergency Oxygen Provider Specialty course together with the Rescue Diver course. We had our open water training dives at Gulliver Lake Park and as usual, we had lots of fun that day. Now we have 3 more rescue divers in the club.



Underwater & Beach Clean-Up 2009

Call for Steering Committee Volunteer

While I am still enjoying the huge success of last year's Underwater & Beach Clean-up. It is time to plan for the upcoming one in October 2009.

There are a few volunteers already, and I am asking for more volunteers. Please let me know ASAP via email: batman@underwaterbubbles.com if you are interested since I would like to have our first meeting on **August 6, 2009 (Thursday)**.



More Dive Travel

Any Suggestions? Where? When?
Send your thoughts

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