



March 2009 Newsletter

Courses and Training

Many divers in the northern climates tend to either scale back their diving activities, or in some cases stop diving altogether during the cold winter months. As the days grow longer at this time of the year, divers find their thoughts turning back to the world beneath the waves. Spring offers an excellent time to refresh skills that may have become a bit rusty over the winter, or learn new skills that will open up other areas of diving that you may not have previously enjoyed.

Our spring training schedule will begin in May and offer a full range of closed circuit rebreather and open circuit technical courses from Advanced Nitrox, Advanced Wreck to Advanced Trimix Instructor. Regardless of your training interests, send me an email and I'll be happy to set-up a customized training schedule to suit your needs.



Remember, you are always welcome to sit through any course you have already taken with us to refresh your skills. This is also a great way to get back in the water and meet new friends!

Our training schedule can be viewed at www.advancedexpeditions.com/training .

Beneath the Sea – New Jersey, March 27-29, 2009

It's that time of year again when dive shows start popping up around the country. The largest of these shows is Beneath the Sea in New Jersey. This show offers something for everyone. If you are looking for workshops, seminars, new products or simply want to find out what's happening in the diving world, this show offers it all.

Visit the tradeshow website at www.beneaththesea.org for a show overview.

We will once again be there so drop by **booth # 419** and say hello!



EXPEDITIONS

Truk Lagoon / Palau 2011



In the last newsletter I mentioned that our 2010 trip to Truk Lagoon and Palau was sold out. Since that time we have secured dates for the 2011 trip and it is filling quickly as well. We will begin this trip on October 20 and end November 8, 2011. Once again we will spend a week in Truk Lagoon aboard the Odyssey, another week in Palau, a couple days in Guam and finish the trip off by visiting Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. This is certainly one of the best dive trips available anywhere in the world and promises a lifetime of wonderful memories to **both the recreational and technical diver**. If you are interested, don't wait. Contact me at tyler@advancedexpeditions.com and I'll provide you with the trip details. At the present time we only have 9 places left.

Empress of Ireland

I'm occasionally asked what my all time favorite shipwreck is and without hesitation, the Empress of Ireland fills that bill. This ship is not only rich with history; the human tragedy ranks it as Canada's worst peacetime maritime disaster. With the loss of more passengers than the Titanic, each visit to this wreck is a humbling experience.

When talking about the Empress of Ireland the discussion usually turns to the challenges of diving this site. It would be misleading to suggest these challenges don't exist, but steps can be taken to provide divers with an optimal chance to safely dive and enjoy this world class wreck. Decompression certification is required to join us on any of our

Empress of Ireland trips. When planning our expeditions to this site, your safety is number one and never compromised, and you will enjoy a full week both above and below the surface.

Take a look at www.advancedexpeditions.com/testimonials and read what divers who have joined us have to say about their experiences. We have a few spots left on two of our Empress of Ireland expeditions in the 2009 season.



Speaking Tube – Photo by Tyler Bradford



Gunilda and Judge Hart

Described as the finest shipwreck in the world, it is all but impossible to believe the Gunilda has been resting on the bottom of Lake Superior since 1911. This 195 foot long luxury yacht lies in 270 feet of water and offers the Advanced Trimix diver an incredible experience.

We will again be running two expeditions in September 2009 to this somewhat remote location. Our first date is already sold out but there is still availability on the second date. We've taken care of all the logistics required to dive this site. All you have to do is enjoy the dive and that won't be hard!



Photo by Doug Bell – Gunilda's Bell

Presque Isle

In July we are off to Presque Isle to dive some of the best preserved schooners in the Great Lakes. The timing and depth range (150-200 feet) make this an excellent opportunity to enjoy magnificent wrecks with limited decompression obligations. This trip is ideally suited for the entry level trimix diver and an excellent opportunity to kick off the summer season. There are still a couple opening on this trip so don't wait to contact me if you are interested.

Carl D. Bradley

Built in 1927 the Carl D. Bradley was 640 feet long making her the largest freighter on the Great Lakes at that time. On November 18, 1958 the Carl D. Bradley encountered a fierce storm on Lake Michigan. High winds and 30 foot waves ultimately caused the ship to break in two on the surface and sink within a couple of minutes. Thirty-three of the thirty-five crew on board were lost.

Today the Carl D. Bradley rests in 370 feet of water. We will be visiting this tragic wreck site in the 2009 season. For those of you, with experience diving in the 300 plus foot range, and with a desire to dive a massive wreck visited by very few, send me an email and we can discuss this further.



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Don't Forget Your Passport

Perhaps you enjoy watching the television show “Don't Forget Your Passport”. Personally it's one of my favorites. What you may not know is that with international travel undergoing tighter security scrutiny, a passport may not be enough. Several countries require that passports be valid for up to six months beyond the date of travel. Can you imagine the disappointment, not to mention the financial loss, of being turned back from that dream holiday because your passport's expiry date isn't far enough into the future?! Do yourself a big favor and check into this well before your departure date.

“That's a take” on another edition of our newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed it and feel free to share it with others!

Yours in safe diving,

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