



Fall Newsletter - November 2007

Where did the summer go? This year is quickly coming to an end and what a year it has been! We started the year off with the Beneath the Sea show in New Jersey and then went into a heavy spring training schedule, followed by several fantastic Empress of Ireland expeditions, more training and then our last expedition, Truk Lagoon and Palau. It seems like 2007 will be a tough year to top, but 2008 is going to do just that!

Gunilda / Judge Hart 2008

The Gunilda is a 195 foot luxury yacht and has been labeled the “*finest ship wreck in the world*”. For the select few who have had the pleasure of diving this site, it’s easy to see why. Her final voyage to 270 feet below the surface of Lake Superior, where she now rests must have been a gentle ride, because the only visible damage is a broken bow sprit. To say the Gunilda is “*artifact rich*” is an understatement... everything is there and extremely well preserved. The fireplace mantle clock is still in place and apparently has the right time twice each day!

The Judge Hart is another wreck that brings new meaning to the term “pristine”. With preserves still on the galley shelves and the permits mounted behind glass in the wheelhouse, this is also a “*must*” for any diver in the area. These two wrecks should be at the top of any technical divers “*to dive*” list.

In September 2008 we’ll be running two 5 day expeditions to Lake Superior to revisit these incredible wreck sites. Expedition details and photos of both sites can be viewed at www.advancedexpeditions.com . Both trips are limited to small groups and we are now accepting deposits. If you are serious about diving these sites, contact me and we’ll make it happen!

Truk Lagoon and Palau





Truk Lagoon is known as the “*wreck capital of the world*” and it’s a well deserved reputation. What’s often not mentioned is the incredible marine life you’ll see, and in some cases be enveloped by, while visiting the wrecks. There’s also the common misconception that the wrecks in Truk Lagoon are all deep and require technical experience. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are deeper wrecks in the area but the vast majority is well within recreational limits and can be enjoyed by divers on a single tank. For those wanting to extend bottom times or engage in penetration, you’ll find plenty of opportunity to challenge your skills on every site.

Last month we went to Truk Lagoon (Chuuk) and had the pleasure of diving many historical WW11 wrecks. We stayed aboard the Odyssey which offers a great diving platform, excellent accommodations and staff that truly wants to ensure you have a fantastic experience while onboard... they were successful! It’s no wonder the Odyssey has been voted the best liveaboard operation in the world. After a week of paradise it was time to head off for the second leg of our expedition... Palau.



Palau actually has an abundance of WW11 wrecks as well, and although we did visit some of them, our main focus was marine life and wall diving. The topside beauty of this south Pacific location is unlike anything I’ve seen anywhere else in the world. It’s hard to believe that it can be trumped by anything, but the underwater world will blow you mind. We enjoyed diving many spectacular walls where 200 foot visibility is

the norm. The walls are encrusted with healthy hard and soft corals, sea fans the size of walls and an abundance of sea life. There was often so much to see that choosing what to look at as you drifted by was the only challenge. There was never a question about whether you’d see a shark on a dive, only how many and what species. Viewing these amazing creatures is truly a gift of nature and it’s sickening to think that the practice of shark finning accounts for the senseless death of 6 million of these apex creatures each year.

We enjoyed this trip so much we’ve decided to do it all over again. October 2010 we’re on our way back and have reserved the Odyssey once again. You may think that 2010 is a long way off but these trips need to be booked years in advance due to the high demand. This trip is limited to just 16 divers and with 6 spots already taken you need to move quickly to avoid disappointment. Contact me at tyler@advancedexpeditions.com for additional details and to secure your place on a trip you won’t forget!



Empress of Ireland

Many of you know that the Empress of Ireland has been the site where we spend a large portion of each summer. The 2008 season on the Empress is coming together very nicely. Although some trips are already fully booked, we still have plenty of great spots open for qualified divers.

The Empress has long since been regarded as a pinnacle dive with so much to offer. There are very few places in the world where you can dive on an ocean liner that's largely intact. The sheer size of the ship is hard to grasp and I can guarantee, you won't even scratch the surface of what's available to see in a one week expedition.

Empress of Ireland Schedule 2008

July 14-19
July 21-26
Aug 11-16
Aug 18-23
Aug 31-Sept 6

Spring Courses and Training Dates

Spring is perhaps the ideal time to advance your training. You'll have the entire summer ahead of you to embed the information and techniques you learn. We already have a busy spring training schedule that includes the following courses;

Technical Wreck Penetration	May 11-14, 2008
Advanced Open Water / Nitrox	May 15-16, 2008
Inspiration / Evolution Air Diluent	May 19-23, 2008
Advanced Nitrox / Decompression	May 28 - June 1, 2008
Entry Level Trimix (Open Circuit)	June 2-4, 2008
Advanced Wreck	June 5-7, 2008
Inspiration / Evolution Mixed Gas	June 14-18, 2008
Inspiration / Evolution Advanced Mixed Gas	June 18 – July 1, 2008

If you are interested in any of the above courses or a course you don't see listed drop me a line at tyler@advancedexpeditions.com and I'll do my best to accommodate your request. ***As an added bonus, anyone signing up before the end of 2007 will receive the 2007 course pricing even though the course(s) will be run in 2008.***



Diving Adventure Magazine

Diving Adventure Magazine is relatively new to the scuba world with only three issues presently in print but it has raised the bar for similar scuba publications. This is a full color glossy publication that is packed cover to cover with well written interesting articles. It certainly is a magazine that will find a permanent place on many coffee tables throughout the country.

If you haven't had an opportunity to enjoy this magazine or would like to subscribe, visit www.divingadventuremag.com to see what you're missing.

Well that brings you up to date on what's been going on and what we have coming up in the future. I always look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions so drop me a line and I'll be sure to get back to you.

Yours in safe diving,

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