



Open water check outs Apr 29-May 1, 2011

- Prerequisites**
- Complete all pool and classroom components of course.
 - Successfully complete scuba written exam.
 - Paid \$30 +HST = \$33.90 and registered for check outs with Ben Jaeckle (905) 870-3695
 - Please bring a payment of this amount to the last session or make arrangement prior to checkouts

Location - Duck Divers is dive resort in the Picton area right on Lake Ontario, see attached directions.

- Accommodations** - On location they have several cottages with kitchenettes and camping facilities. Since there is only certain number of beds in these cottages, I suggest booking as soon as possible because it is on a first come first serve basis. So be prepared to share a room with someone of the same sex that you may not necessarily know. Please bring a sleeping bag.
- Cost/person/for both 2 nights is \$75 (in their cottages).
 - Camping is available and prices are? (call)
 - If cottages are full and you do not wish to camp they have arrangements with other B&B and Hotels. Ask them for price. (see attached alternate arrangements)

Call Duck Divers at (613) 476-3764 or email at susan@ducksdive.com to reserve your spot.

- Facilities** - At this resort they have a limited dive shop so you will be expected to bring your own dive gear and we will use their facilities as emergency spares.
- There are no restaurants in the immediate area so bring food.
 - There are large open areas if you decide to bring a large motor home. Options are limitless.
 - Charter boat is available for additional offshore dives. We may have the boat for Sunday afternoon,
 - Air fills for your tanks will cost \$7 each.

Suggested Kit List

<u>Scuba</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Other</u>
Mask, Fins, Snorkel	Jacket	Food
2 Tanks	Seeping Bag	Beverages
Wet Suit - Complete	Ablution Kit	Snacks
Regulator	Warm Clothing	Lawn Chairs
Buoyancy Compensator	Comfort Clothing	
Weights (approx. 26lbs)	Bathing suit	
	Towels	Positive Attitude

Checkout Weekend Continued

Schedule -Friday, Apr 29 (*Open Water Students*) Show up at Duck Divers, organize your accommodations and relax for the evening.

-**Saturday, Apr 30** (*Instructors*) Meet in bunkhouse, 0800 hrs.

-(*All Students*) Meet in front of bunkhouse, @ 0900 hrs.

- 1000 hrs @ Dive site #1, Down by park and docks.

-Lunch

-1400 hrs @ Dive site #2, behind dive shop on beach .

-Dinner and Free Time

- **Sunday, May 1** Meet in front of bunkhouse, 0900 hrs.

-1000 hrs @ Dive site #3, Beach location to be announced

- Lunch and presentation of certificates. Course complete!

- There will be a charter boat option for the afternoon and will be announced up there (they average about \$35/dive). This may also be available Monday for those wishing to stay???

PS. Additional evenings and boat charters can be arranged through Duck divers.

Instructors to call for additional check out dive weekend information

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Dive shops

Marlins Scuba* 2127 Country Club Dr, Burlington (905) 870-3695

The Dive Academy 1380 Speers Rd #10, Oakville (905)847-9595

Bob`s Sport & Dive 222 Kenilworth N. Hamilton (905) 549-1043

Float N`Flag 3245 Harvister Rd #9. Burlington (905) 333-3483

Dan`s Dive Shop 329 Welland Ave. St. Catherines 1 800 268-3267

*** Marlins has a limited number of sets of gear and are first come first serve. Reserve early***

Directions



Kind of a tough spot to find, but we will try to mark the entrance to the cottages.

To Duck's Dive:

(at the very tip of Point Traverse)

401 East to Wooler Rd (Exit #522, about 215 km east of Burlington) Turn Right

Wooler Rd south to **Hwy 33** (6.4 km, thru 2 lights) Turn Right

Hwy 33 11.9 km to **Prince Edward Rd 1** (Near Consecon) Turn Left

Prince Edward Rd. 1 south to rejoin **Hwy 33**
(28.3km Straight thru intersections @ hwy 2,& hwy 62)

**** At Hwy 33 decide:****

(A) Need to visit Picton for supplies.

OR

(B) No need to visit Picton, straight thru to Ducks Dive.

If (A): Turn Left and Picton is a short drive down the road.
(Return to this spot and resume directions at **(B)** below when you are supplied.)

If (B):Go straight thru the intersection and continue on **Sandy Hook Rd** for 1.8 km to **R.R. 10** Turn Right (you are now following signs to Milford)

R.R. 10 into Cherry Valley (6.8 km) Turn Left at Stop Sign

Cherry Valley to next Stop Sign (6.2 km) Turn Left (Still on **R.R. 10**)

Stop Sign to Milford (Next right >>.1km @ Gas Station) *Last gas*

Milford Gas Bar to Lighthouse (4.5 km on Left hand side) Turn Right

Lighthouse to Stop Sign at **Babylon Rd** (11.7km) Turn Left

Babylon Stop Sign to Ducks Dive (5.6 km Cottages will be on your right)

Ducks Dive - Alternate Accommodations

The check out weekend of May is a big weekend, so accommodations in the area will be filling up. It would be a good idea to encourage people to book their spaces with either us or, for those who choose either not to stay here or for whom space has run out with us, to book a spot in one of the following places as soon as possible in order to ensure accommodations for the weekend.

Following is a list of local accommodations, listed from the closest to us onward to Picton. Some have a contact person noted.

The time indicated is the approx. driving distance time from us.

1. Smuggler's Cove Campground : 613 476-4125 Cottages. 10 mins.
2. South Bay Ostrich Ranch: 613 476-3433 - Daneen Douglas. Nice trailers by the water. 15 mins.
3. McGibbon House : 613 476-8072 - Milford - Sandra Wells - B.& B. 20 mins.
4. Marysburgh House on the Millpond : 613 476-7125 - Milford - Eleanor Hinde B.& B. 20 mins.
5. Picton Harbour Inn : 1-800-678-7906 Picton. Motel by the water. 30 mins.
6. Tip of the Bay : 1-888-955-5030 Picton. Motel by the water. 30 mins.
7. The Waring House Inn & Restaurant 1-800-621-4956 Just outside Picton. 30 mins.

As mentioned, we can accommodate campers who wish to bring their own tents.

As well, if there is sufficient interest, for those who would be interested in camping, but who don't own a tent, we would consider renting & setting one up for the weekend. If you could please give me an idea of how many would be interested in this, then I'll look further into it.

In the meantime, I'll get back to you shortly with the cost, per person, for the accommodations (cottages and camping).

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