



What's Happening at Matthews Water Sports



What??? I just love to dive...

Wow, can you believe our new format for the Matthews Water Sports Newsletter. We can all thank Jamie Wayne for getting this done and pay close attention to the Matthews Water Sports website to as he is updating that for us too.

So much talent that we don't always know about besides diving and photography in our diving community.

This first issue is exciting because we have a lot to tell you about and want to hear from you about what you would like to see in the future .

Special Events & Dates:

- Open Water Classes each month—Sundays or Tuesday / Wednesday.
- Check out dives to Florida Springs every Month until May.
- Epcot / West Palm trip April 25th—28th.
- Carolina Coast weekend trips May 17th & 18th.
- Island based diving trip to the Cayman's Aug 2nd—9th.
- Live aboard trip to Nassau September 20th—27th.

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Disney / Epcot Center / Palm Beach Florida

April 25, 2008—April 28, 2008

Come join us on a repeat trip that everyone said was just a spectacular time!!! We will dive at Epcot Center in Disney World on Friday April 25, 2008 and then go down to Jupiter Beach (just north of Palm Beach) and drift dive on Saturday and Sunday. After the dives on Sunday many of us will drive up to the springs around Gainesville, Florida for several fresh water dives and then return to Charlotte on Monday night.

Non-refundable trip fee will be \$550. This includes the Disney dive, Saturday and Sunday dives, hotel for Friday and Saturday Night. Also includes snacks and drinks. Does not include transportation, Sunday night hotel and Monday dives at the Springs.

Come join us for a fun filled long weekend trip.

Sign up deadline is March 1, 2008. Deposit of \$250 by March 1st and balance due by April 1st.



Learn to dive from the SSI Professionals at Matthews Water Sports.

Don't forget, most of your scuba equipment requires annual servicing. Be sure to keep it serviced and up-to-date for the best performance & safer diving.

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Wilmington N.C. Coast Trip

May 17 and May 18 2008

Watch out Cape Fear, here we come again. Curt Russel's infamous Wilmington Trip is back by popular demand. We have the Hawksbill Dive Boat booked again. The boat cost hasn't changed much so the dives that are tentatively scheduled are Gill / Hyde (\$115) on Saturday the 17th and Markham / Hyde (\$90) on Sunday the 18th.

Don't like those? Then sign up early and tell me which dives you want to do. Want to do the tooth hunt instead? That can be arranged. It is deeper and a LOT farther out, approximately 40 miles. It also cost \$150. We can either change the Saturday dive or add a shark tooth on Friday. Everyone's choice, but it must be planned well in advance.

The cost of the trip will be strictly for the diving. Everyone will make their own room reservations, food, etc. I've chose this method because it is off season, some have family in the area they prefer to stay with and some may prefer to stay in different hotels. If you do want me to book a room for you then I can do that, but that will be handled between us, the shop won't be involved in this transaction. I won't be making money off this service, but I'll guarantee I won't be losing any either.

What do you need to do to get booked on this one? I need you to signup and a \$100 per diver deposit by April 1st. After this date I have to release the boat back to Cape Fear for them to open it up to anyone else that wants to get on board with us.

If you have any questions just call the shop and see if I'm around. If not then leave your name and number and I'll get back to you as soon as I can with an answer. And one question that is sure to come up, water temperatures that time of year. Water temperatures should be around 68-69 degrees. Only a couple of degrees different than the Florida Springs.



A beautiful juvenile Sea Turtle captured on camera in Bonaire

Grand Cayman Island

August 2, 2008-August 9, 2008

The Cayman Island are one of the best dives in the Caribbean Islands. We will depart Charlotte to Grand Cayman and stay at the Compass Point, a dive resort on the east end of the island. These are 1 bedroom condos with car rental included. There will be 2 boat dives a day for 6 days and as many shore dives available.

Trip fee, including air fare from Charlotte, will be \$1840 per person based on double occupancy.

Come join us for clear and warm waters.

Non-refundable \$200 deposit due by March 1, 2008. Payment of \$800 due by May 1, 2008 with the remaining balance due by June 1, 2008.

AquaCat Live Aboard

September 20, 2008-September 27, 2008

If you have ever wanted to go on a live aboard trip, this is the one. The AquaCat is a 102 foot luxury catamaran. This trip goes around the Exumas in the Bahamas. We will depart Charlotte to Nassau in the Bahamas and board the AquaCat for a week of relaxing and diving.

Trip fee will be \$2095 per person, we can add a 3rd or 4th person in one of the cabins for \$1295. There are additional fees for taxes, tip and service fees which add approximately \$550 per person. The AquaCat fees include the trip, food on board and diving. These fees do not include air fare to Nassau or dinner ashore on Friday evening on the last night.

Come join us on this beautiful live aboard.

Non-refundable \$500 deposit due by March 15, 2008. Payment of \$500 due by June 1, 2008 with the remaining balance due by July 1, 2008. Call the shop for more details as space is limited for each of these trips. All prices are based on per person, double occupancy. An additional charge of 3% added to credit card payments.

We are planning a trip to Hawaii in the spring of 2009, Let us know if you are interested.

Also, several people have asked about going to the Oriskany off the coast of Panama City Florida. We may do this trip in the summer.