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TRAINING SCHEDULE

All individuals applying for any dive classes offered by the NDC must submit the following items; NOAA Diving Training Request and Authorization form, completed NOAA diving physical, swim test, dive resume, Standardized Equipment Measurement form, and current First-aid/CPR certificates. All forms are available online at: www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html. Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the Diving Center.

Events scheduled through March 2007:

Jan. 8 - 19	MPIC	Seattle
Jan. 8 - 26	Working Diver	Key West
Jan. 22 - 26	Divemaster	Key West
Mar. '07	TBD Tentative WD Refresher	Sea.
May 7 - 25	Working Diver	Seattle
May 20 - 25	Divemaster	Seattle

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR NDC STAFF!



WHY SANTA DOESN'T DIVE

- 10) He's jolly enough without getting narked.
- 9) That big white beard makes it impossible to get a good seal on his mask.
- 8) He hates it when his dry suit leaks and his fuzzy red woolies get wet.
- 7) Rudolph's nose shorts out under water.
- 6) His sleigh failed Fleet inspection.
- 5) He's nervous because Great White sharks have made the "naughty" list 25 years running.
- 4) Wet suits not available in "jolly old elf" XXXXL sizes.
- 3) His elf-produced wooden regulator is dangerous at any depth!
- 2) Have you ever tried to get 32 fins on 32 little reindeer feet.
- 1) Still mourning the mysterious disappearance of his dive buddy, Frosty the Snowman, while diving in the Bahamas.

REMINDERS

1. We still have a few slots (3) in the January MPIC class here at the NDC.
2. T.R.I. air test kits will be going out the week of January 22.
3. There are still 3 slots in the Divemaster course in January.
4. Sign up for the Working Diver refresher class which will be held in the spring.



CONGRATULATIONS!

With close to 17,000 dives and only one case of DCS, this year for the NOAA Diving Program was one of the safest and most productive on record. Our divers are the reason for this, and only through your hard work, and safety conscious attitude is it possible to have results like these. Keep up the hard work, and remember to stay safe, no matter where or what you are doing this Holiday Season!



NOAA divers send us photos showing what they do on a daily basis. Here are just a few from top left to bottom right; learning to use new equipment in HI, supporting technical diving in NV, videography in CA, showing off the NDC to both VADM Lautenbacher and RADM DeBow, removing nets in MA, and finally showing off a little post dive fun in AK!