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The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers

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, Minimum physical fitness standards 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 January 2008:

May 7 - 25	Working Diver	Seattle
May 21 - 25	Divemaster	Seattle
August	Tentative WD Refresher	
Sept 10 - 28	Working Diver	Seattle
Sept 24 - 28	Divemaster	Seattle
Nov 26 - Dec 1	DMT	Seattle
Dec 3 - 14	MPIC	Seattle

Please contact Laurie Barber at 206-526-6695 or via e-mail laurie.barber@noaa.gov.



TICKLERS

It is not too early to plan ahead for the August Refresher Class, dates TBD if there are enough applicants. Please take a look at your rosters and plan accordingly for the September Working Diver/Divemaster course as well

Looking further out we will be holding a DMT course in Nov/Dec. and MPIC in December so please start planning and sending in your requests now to hold a spot. DMT Certifications must be renewed on a biennial basis.

Laurie Barber will be sending out TRI Air test kits the middle of July, but if any ship or unit would like to get theirs on a different timeline, please send an e-mail request and let her know what timing you would like the kits to come to you.

All NOAA Divers, please take a moment to look at your online profiles and ensure that all information is correct. If you have new training (CPR/FA, DAN O2) or an address change please notify the NDC or fax copies of new certification cards.



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USS ARIZONA

On December 7th, 2006 NOAA Scientific diver and Pacific Islands Region NMSP Maritime Archaeologist Kelly Gleason participated in an interment dive at the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, HI.

All USS Arizona survivors may have their ashes returned to the shipwreck to be laid to rest with their shipmates. Kelly is part of the National Park Service's USS Arizona Memorial dive team which, in addition to performing interments at the shipwreck, also maintains and monitors the site for hull integrity and oil leakage.



USS Arizona Memorial superintendent Doug Lenz passes the urn of a USS Arizona survivor to Kelly Gleason to be placed inside the shipwreck to be interred with his shipmates.

NDC VACANCY

As all NOAA divers were informed in a recent email, the NDC has a vacancy as Carla Feoranzo is no longer working here. All correspondence that would normally have gone to her for processing should be sent either to Laurie Barber or LT Eric Johnson until the position is filled.


This information would include dive-logs, training updates, LOR's (please give us at least 10 days for processing with the short staff), and new diver paperwork and processing. Thank you.



NEW BMI STANDARDS

The NDC is in the process of finalizing a completely new NOAA Diving Program Medical Manual. Among the items that will be found in this manual are complete descriptions of physical processing, disqualifiers for diving, responsible staff, waivers, and who is responsible for what.

New standards for BMI have already been adopted and will be used from this point forward for initial screening and periodical physicals. They are based on BMI indexes and are listed below. If a diver falls above the range, or has additional risk factors, the same procedures will apply and cardiac stress testing might be required for clearance. UDS's should ensure that height and weight are completed on physical forms.

More to follow on the new Medical Manual as we receive the information. These standards are unisex. Please contact Capt. Al Exner 206-526-6474 with questions. 

<u>Height (in)</u>	<u>Maximum Weight (lbs.)</u>
58	142
59	147
60	152
61	157
62	163
63	168
64	173
65	179
66	185
67	190
68	196
69	202
70	208
71	214
72	220
73	226
74	232
75	239
76	245