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The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

Dive Supervisors, take a look at your current roster and see if you need to get people into the September Working Diver or Divemaster classes! They're already filling up. We still have available slots for an upcoming refresher training sometime in August. All paperwork must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the start of training to avoid last minute complications.

The following are the forms required for an applicant to the Working diver classes.

- NDP Training and Authorization Request form
- NOAA NDC Standardized Equipment Measurement form
- **Completed** NOAA Diving Physical package, (there are new forms for NOAA Corps officers and Wage Marine employees DD-2808, 2807-1)

These forms are available at the following web address: www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html. Fax (206-526-6506) or mail completed forms to NDC.

Course schedules through April 2006:

Nov 28 - Dec 9	MPIC	Seattle
Dec 12 - Dec 17	DMT-Advanced	Seattle
Jan 9 - Jan 27	Working Diver	Key West
Jan 23 - Jan 27	Divemaster	Key West

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



NOAA Diver Oliver Dameron battling the net-monster during training for the marine debris removal project in Hawaii. These divers must be experienced in removal and how to deal with the special hazards that fishing nets present to divers.



DMT CLASS PREPARATION

Hello all DMT training candidates;

The prerequisite for initial or renewing certification as a Diver Medical Technician (DMT) is training or certification in emergency medical care. Two training programs that qualify are: Emergency Medical Technician (or higher) certification, or STCW Medical Person-in-Charge (MPIC) certification.

In order to qualify per 1) above, candidates must provide proof of current state or National Registry certification. To qualify per 2) above, candidates must either attend the 2-week NOAA MPIC class immediately preceding the DMT class, or provide proof of successful completion of a USCG-approved, MPIC course. Previously certified MPICs must pass a refresher exam in order to be eligible to attend the NOAA DMT course. This exam consists of 200 multiple choice questions covering material presented in the MPIC class. A passing score on the exam is 80%. This is an open-book exam and any available resources may be used to answer the questions. If you do not obtain a score of 80% or higher, you will not be allowed to attend the NOAA DMT course.

If you need to take the MPIC refresher, per the above instructions, please let us know and we will send you a copy of the exam and an answer sheet. In order to be considered for the December 12-17th, 2005, DMT class, you must complete and return the refresher exam to the NOAA Diving Center by COB on 31 October 2005. Exams will be graded as soon as they are received and candidates will be notified regarding their score and eligibility to attend the DMT class.

Please contact Laurie Barber at 206-526-6695 or at Laurie.Barber@noaa.gov, if you have questions.



SCBA FILL ADAPTERS

The NDC has developed the two SCBA adapters you see below. These will allow ships to refill their SCBA bottles accurately.

These adapters were assembled for us by Arnold Henry of Masterline Inc. located in Kent, WA. Mr. Henry has agreed to supply NOAA with these adapters at the prices listed below:

- scuba fill adapter-to-scba yoke - \$185.00
- scuba fill yoke-to-scba yoke - \$205.00

The pricing is very reasonable, both units have passed manned testing here at NDC and each come with a relief set to release at 2250psi.

To obtain these, each unit can contact Arnold at (425-656-9107), and he will arrange for you to receive either type you would prefer.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Gordon at the NDC (bill.j.gordon@noaa.gov or 206-526-6450)



Photo of SCBA adapters now available to the NOAA Fleet. Top is SCUBA-to-SCBA, bottom is Compressor-to-SCBA adapter.