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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](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html). Fax (206-526-6506) or mail completed forms to NDC.

Course schedules through April 2006:

Sept 5 - Sept 23	Working Diver	Seattle
Sept 19 - Sept 23	Divemaster	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](mailto:laurie.barber@noaa.gov) with any questions.



## DMT IN DECEMBER

The NDC will be holding the annual Diver Medic Training again in December. The dates for this training are December 12th through December 17th. For those individuals that are returning DMT's, you will be required to bring your DMT kits along with you.

For any individuals who have previously been MPIC certified, and will not be attending the MPIC training immediately prior to the DMT class, you will be sent a refresher examination that must be completed and passed with a minimum score of 80% in order to qualify to attend the DMT training.

Please contact Laurie Barber here at the NDC for information on lodging, and class availability. Her email is [Laurie.Barber@noaa.gov](mailto:Laurie.Barber@noaa.gov).



## DIVE PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have any great photos of your last diving mission? Is there a story to go with the photos? The NDC is holding a contest with the following prizes: a DAN membership with a dry bag for 1st place and another DAN membership for the runner-up!

What we're looking for are any good photos you've taken and the story behind them! They can be funny, sad, or the perfect dive, but preferably they've got divers in them! So dig through your files, or keep your eyes open on the next dive for something good to snap a shot of. The contest will run through July 31st so send your picture and narrative (the photos must have a narrative) to LTJG Eric Johnson at, [eric.t.johnson@noaa.gov](mailto:eric.t.johnson@noaa.gov). Get those cameras out!



## DERELICT GEAR TRAINING

On 21-22 and 28-29 June, the NOAA Diving Center participated in a interagency effort in which Navy divers were trained by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to remove derelict fishing gear from the water. The Center's facilities were used for a portion of the training. Timothy Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, was present at the event. He spoke to the attendees and then went diving to get a first hand look at the net-removal training. He also got a tour of the basin that we use for training the Working divers here at NDC.

Other agency partners for this training included the Northwest Straits Commission, Coastal America, and National Fish and Wildlife Service. Diving for derelict gear is a specialized skill that the Navy needs to develop as discarded nets can be extremely hazardous to ships and divers, and may obstruct strategic waterways. The Navy trainees were senior divers who deal with underwater explosives, and this training is a military exercise in support of homeland security. NOAA and environmentalists also benefited from the exercise as discarded nets and gear will be removed from Puget Sound.



Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere with Steve Urick and LTJG Eric Johnson after his observation dive during the Derelict gear training at the NOAA Sand Point facility.

## NOAA SCIENCE CAMP

During the week of 11-15 July NOAA's Western Regional Center held it's annual Science Camp for Kids. The NDC participated during the camp by entertaining the campers in a simulated chamber treatment, talking to a diver in our training tower, and trying on various types of gear here at the NDC. All the kids had a great time and loved visiting us.



LTJG Johnson helps a student into the Superlite 17 surface-supplied dive helmet.

## PUBLICATION DATABASE

The Dive Center is assembling a bibliography of publications written by past and present NOAA Divers and other scientists involving the use of NOAA diving resources.

Specifically we are looking for: Refereed publications, non-refereed publications, Technical Reports & Proceedings, Journal Articles, etc.

Please send us anything you have assembled to-date. We already have the first cut of this on the NDC Website if you would like to take a look, but we know there are many more of you that have written articles that have not submitted them to us. If you want to get recognition for your hard work, please send us a list of your publications. If you have any questions, please e-mail Laurie Barber at [laurie.barber@noaa.gov](mailto:laurie.barber@noaa.gov) or contact her at (206) 526-6695. Thanks for your help.

PS: Remember the article/publication must include the use of NOAA diving resources.

