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The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers

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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:

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| Sept.11 - 29 | Working Diver | Seattle |
| Sept.25 - 29 | Divemaster | Seattle |
| Nov. 27 - Dec. 2 | DMT | Seattle |
| 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. |

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



MARINE DEBRIS TRAINING

The NDC supported the second Marine Debris Removal Training Class here at Sand Point during the week of 14 to 19 Aug 06. Class attendees utilized the NDC's classroom and dive site prior to moving to an open water location for actual gear removal.

Attending this training were Navy divers from CA and HI and Army Divers from VA. Both NOAA and the USCG are supporting this effort which is being managed by the Pacific Northwest Straits Commission.




Navy hardhat diver entering the water for derelict gear removal at the NDC.

NDC AGA MASK SERVICE

All NOAA issued AGA masks are to be serviced annually. AGA mask service occurs during the month of November at the NOAA Dive Center. As divers move from ships to land, or unit to unit, AGA masks are sometimes forgotten about or transferred to another Divemaster. Please check your dive lockers and personal equipment for AGA masks. When sending AGA masks in for service, please include your name and a return address. Turn around time for service during November is usually only a few days. There are currently several unaccounted for AGA masks floating around out in the field so If you have an AGA that's questionable as to when the last annual service was, do not use it until it's serviced this year.


AGA masks are serviced, issued, and tracked by Bill Gordon at the NDC. If you

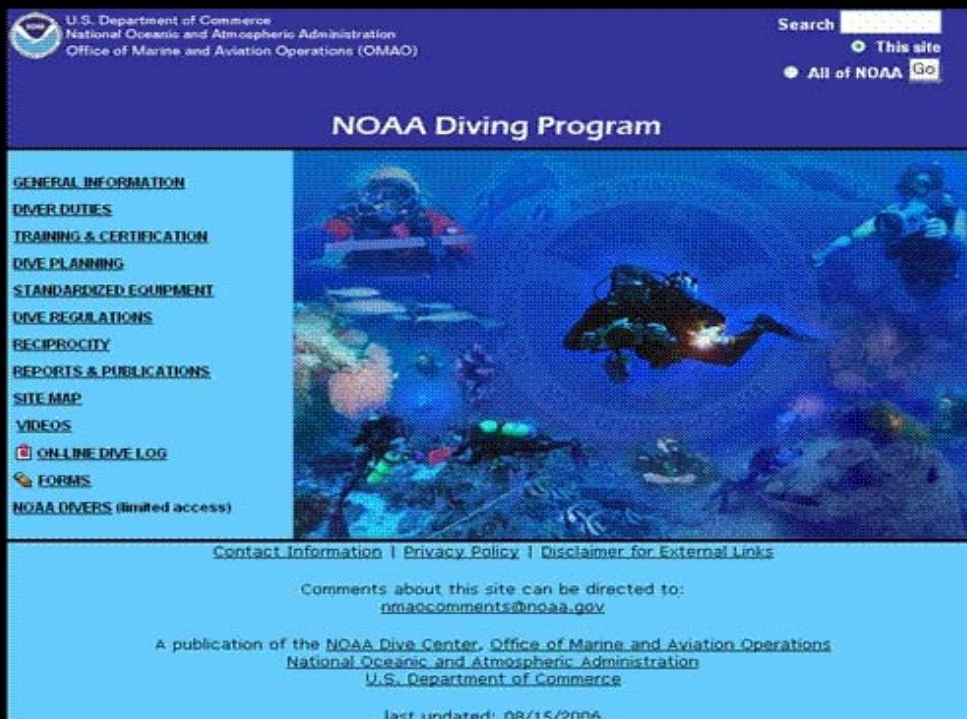
have been issued a mask, your name is attached to it, and you are responsible for that mask. Watch during the month of September as AGA information will be added to personal equipment inventories. If you were issued an AGA mask in the past and have lost track of it, now is the time to track it down.

Any assistance with AGA's will be appreciated. Contact Bill Gordon with any questions on AGA masks and NDC issued Oxygen kits. 

NDP WEBSITE

The NDP website has some new features and looks. There is a link on the left side taking NOAA divers to the NMAO Intranet site. All relevant documents will be shifting over to this secure side over the next few weeks. Please take a look and let us know what you think about it!

Submit questions and comments to LTJG Eric Johnson at the NDC, thanks! 



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