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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 January class, the slots go fast in Key West. 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:

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](mailto:laurie.barber@noaa.gov) with any questions.



## LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

Letters of Reciprocity for diving with other organizations are processed through the NOAA Diving Center. These letters must be requested **at least a week** prior to the date they are needed. Individuals requesting reciprocity letters **must have all their training certificates up to date**. This means that all CPR, First Aid, and DAN Oxygen Administration are current. Divers **must also be in authorized status** before the NDC will process letters for them. If you have any questions, feel free to contact LTJG Eric Johnson at [eric.t.johnson@noaaa.gov](mailto:eric.t.johnson@noaaa.gov), or by phone, 206-526-6460


## REMINDERS

The following items are a few things to jog the memory and let our divers and units keep on top of all that's going on and coming up in the future.


- Currently certified MPICs attending DMT in December who aren't taking the MPIC class must have their MPIC pre-test in to the NDC by Oct. 31st.
- For those that are attending the Key West January Working Diver or Divemaster classes, the contact number for the Navy BOQ is 305-295-4118. Rooms go fast so call them as soon as possible.
- T.R.I. air test kits have been sent to all units with compressors, if you haven't sent your kit back, please contact T.R.I. and let them know the status of your testing.



## NOAA CORPS DIVEORDERS


It's time for all NOAA Corps Officers to renew their dive orders. The form can be found on the NDC website, and also on the MOCDOC's on all of our Ships. The form must be filled out and signed by your command and submitted to the NDC in order for you to continue to receive dive pay. Current orders expire at the end of September. If you have any questions on this, please contact LTJG Eric Johnson at the NDC (eric.t.johnson@noaa.gov) or at 206-526-6460. 



LTJG Melicharek, Wayne Lusardi and a friend get ready for winter diving last year in Thunder Bay NMS, Michigan! This photo is just to remind some of our divers out there how cold it really gets in some areas of the world where NOAA divers are in action! 

## NEW WORKING DIVERS



On the 23rd of September, the NDC graduated 14 new Working Divers. The class was comprised of a mix of NOAA and NON-NOAA individuals and included the Los Angeles PD, Mercer Island PD, Washington DOT, Snohomish County Sherriffs Dive Unit, Seattle Fire Dept., Seattle Harbor Patrol and our first individual from a Navy branch (Naval Historical Center). Join us in congratulating everyone who completed this course. 

## NEW DIVEMASTERS



Join us in congratulating the NDC's latest group of successful Divemasters who also completed their training on the 23rd of September. This class was comprised of NOAA employees, Snohomish County Sherriffs dept., Mercer Island PD, and the Seattle Fire Dept. search and rescue dive team. Well done!

