



Abyss II Tulum

Okay this is our BIG secret and surprise. Dave has taken the plunge so to speak yet again and opened Abyss Dive Center and Training Facility II in Tulum. For the past few months he has spent hours scouting for appropriate properties, meeting the locals and finding just the right spot to open another Abyss Baby. The criteria for the location was close to customers, a kick ass bar and restaurant and hotel facilities. After months of searching, he found the right spot and in one of the best locations in Tulum, by the Tulum Ruins. He did say that the bar research was the killer but being the trooper he is he found the right place.

The Dive Center is located near the entrance to the Ruins on the Highway with a beachfront property opening very soon. With the development of a new Center, Senor Dave has also given birth to another boat, Orca 33, which will have permanent residence in Tulum. The Staff is taking turns diving in the Tulum area throughout the next few months and we will soon be hiring more recruits for the Abyss family.

So what does this mean for you? New dive spots, new places to stay and explore, an additional BBQ on Friday nights in Tulum and best of all, more diving with us at the Abyss. In the next few newsletters we will highlight the diving south of Playa, let you know what there is to see both above and below the ocean and local post-diving activities. The Dive Center at the Ruins is a part of a community that has a hotel, restaurant, bar, bakery and artist workshop. Ry, Japhet, Enrique and Renee are all looking forward to meeting the many friends we speak about all the time.

We have to thank the overwhelming responses we got to our last newsletter and email. The theories hypothesizing the surprise were entertaining and gave us hours of enjoyment. Here are some of the emails that kept us amused while we are stuck working on the beach and in the sea day after day, in the hot sun and sandy beach:

1. Carlos is now a proud father??
2. Dave is getting married?
3. Mitch learned to tell time after a six pack?
4. Dave stopped speaking Mayan after a 12-pack?
5. Diego has officially changed his name to Epstein?
6. Larry "By the Sea" actually does have last name??

Well Carlos is fixed, the marriage thing I don't know that will be a biggy when that happens, Mitch is still in Canada, Dave still speaks a derivative of a Canadian Mayan some such language and Diego, well he is happy with his current name, no changes in site at this point.

So look for new Tulum dive packages, reef explanations and pictures of our new adventures in Tulum. We will be maintaining the Playa Del Carmen Dive Center and complimenting it with our Tulum Store so there is more to go around! For those who want to join us for the opening party, it is on August 1, 2003 at 7:00 pm. If you miss it due to lack of vacation time, look for the pictures online at www.abysssdiveshop.com.

We want to thank all of our friends/divers who have made this possible. It is your enthusiasm about diving and Mexico that has encouraged this next leap to a new Dive Center and discovery of new dive sites. Muchas gracias nuestros amigos!



El Crucero



Sooner or later, everyone comes to the crossroads: the intersection of lives, and the meeting of minds. El Crucero in English means crossroads and if you have ever been to Tulum, this hotel is definitely the center of the Tulum community.

The proprietors, Ry and Japhet are brothers from Oregon who have a long family history of hotel ownership. As a family they have brought to the El Crucero Hotel a sense of family and hominess that lacked previously at this location. With a bit of TLC over the past few months, the brothers have brought this property alive with spirit and architecture. The gardens are vibrant with 'Flame' trees occupying the entire space. Pathways and secret spaces have defined the area for the hotel, restaurant and bar. A resident artist has worked with the brothers to further enhance the space with murals and designs in hotel rooms, washrooms and other quiet spaces. This property is transpiring into an artwork of its own that draws both locals and travelers into its space.

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