



Tales from the Deep Blue

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News From the Beach

What a month February was! The diving conditions were great, lots of old friends came to visit, we met some new ones and the 4th Annual Treasure Hunt was a success despite the weather conditions that day.

We were extremely happy to have so many dive buddies come to visit this past month.



The ongoing visits encourage us to continue what we love to do, DIVE. Old friends arrived from all over the world and new friends joined in the fun. It was really nice to see that customers who have met while diving here have become good friends and keep in touch throughout the year. Thank you for making the Abyss your meeting place.

To say the least, the diving in February was fantastic! Visibility was the best it could be making it possible to see more sea life. One dive boat saw a hammer head on Tortuga reef, others saw an octopus, Selma spotted the first Tarpons of the season and large schools of fish came out to see their long lost friends who dive at the Abyss. It was a party in and out of the ocean.

We were disappointed that the weather did not cooperate for the Annual Treasure Hunt, but the party was not lost due to bad weather. We fulfilled our motto here at the Abyss (that being that the party must go on) and thanks to the quick thinking of our fearless leader, David Tomlinson, the event

was re-organized within 45 minutes with an alternative dive site and transportation to get us there. The event was to go on! Over 50 divers went to Puerto Aventuras to find wine bottles in the lagoon/marina and everyone came out a winner. By nightfall the experience was still being talked about at the dinner and post-event party. After a delicious BBQ (some even said it was their best meal in Playa thus far) each person walked away with a prize! Mark your calendars for next years event to be held February 21, 2004. If you missed it or want to see the pictures, visit the website and view these under 'Fun Stuff'.

March is looking to be as exciting as February with more friends coming to visit. Thanks for all your emails and we look forward to many months of great diving. If you wish to drop us a line email us at info@abyssdiveshop.com

And The Winner is...

Thank you for all of the submissions for the Photo Contest. After much deliberation, the panel of judges (Carlos the dog being the head of this team) decided on the photo submitted by Nico Van Leeuwen from The Netherlands. We look forward to the entries for March.



Photo: Nico Van Leeuwen



Elias Tank Boy Extraordinaire

Elias Velasco Estrada is a dedicated employee that has been with the Abyss for over 7 months. Being a very shy and quiet man, his job is perfect as it keeps him behind the scenes. For those who are surprised that they don't have to lift a finger while diving with us, you can thank Elias. He ensures that you don't have to lug tanks, equipment or anything heavy. He is originally from Chiapas on the southwest coast of Mexico. He says little but is a quick wit when you get to know him. We like to think of him as Eric Estrada from the long time North American Television show 'CHIPS' as he always wears his sunglasses. One of the captains even commented that he probably sleeps in them! Don't let him fool you either. He does know some English so if you see him, say hi!



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