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**DECEMBER**

**We are excited to announce new classes and workshops that will be offered in 2022.**

**Underwater Photography-Video Workshop**

Instructor: 5 time Emmy awarded NBC Photo-journalist

Series of workshops:

- A) Creating a basic video.
- B) Shooting Options - I Phone, Go Pro, Others.
- C) Editing and Music sourcing.

**Underwater Archaeology PADI Certification**

Location: MidWest School of Diving, Square Lake, Lake Superior, other Minnesota or Wisconsin Lakes along with possible trips to the Caribbean to assist on processing wrecks.

**Underwater Buoyancy Workshop**

In a pool setting work on buoyancy, understanding how wetsuits can affect buoyancy along with weight distribution. Workshop will expose students to various underwater obstacles and simulated coral reefs.

**Freediving PADI Certification**

Location: MidWest School of Diving, Centennial High School, Square Lake and other various lakes in Minnesota and Wisconsin

The course will cover safety and physiology as it pertains to freediving.

Basic, Advance and Master Freediving

## 2022 ICE DIVING FESTIVAL

### Charity Event Fundraiser

The Ice Festival will be held on Saturday, January 29th at Square Lake, Stillwater Township - Minnesota.

Planning on at least 5 ice holes; 3 for training and 2 for certified Ice Divers. Safety harnesses, safety ropes will be provided. During training the ratio in the hole will be 1 instructor and no more that 2 divers.

**Costs:**

- Ice Diving certification \$250, certification and Ice Diving Festival commemorative t-shirt.
- Ice Divers \$50 includes to use of a 80cf tank for the dive and a commemorative Ice Diving Festival t-shirt.

We will have at least 3-4 Ice Instructors at each training hole, and at least 1 experienced ice diver/Dive Master/instructor from the staff to watch the other holes. PADI Ice certification requires 3 dives.

**Minimum requirements for Ice Diving Certification:**

- 18 years of age
- Advance Open Water Scuba certification
- Cold water diving experience

- MidWest School of Diving will provide as we do for all of our certification courses, free use of all scuba equipment during the ice diving certification; 6.5mm Farmer John wetsuit, BCD, Tanks, weights, boots, fins, gloves, hood etc..

While MidWest School of Diving is the Dive Shop supporting this event, the Ice Festival main purpose is to support 2 great charities; Veteran Scuba (supports disabled veterans in certification and scuba therapy) and Midwest Underwater Recovery (group of 6 Fire Department Dive Teams).

**We can provide donation receipts for attending.**

In addition to the 3 holes MidWest will conduct training in; Sol Mates Charter (Hanz Lehrke) will oversee one of the holes and Midwest Underwater Recovery will oversee the other hole.

Each hole will have their own warming tent, all holes will be far enough a part so that divers will not crisscross into each other.

We will have a registration tent, but encouraging all participants to preregister no later than Friday, January 28th. All divers will be assigned a specific hole to dive. Each participant will have a color waterproof wrist band to designate which hole to go to. Rebreather divers are welcomed to attend!

We will have 2 fire pits on the ice for warming participants.; one by the registration tent the other by the food-manufacturer tents.

Right now we have confirmation from the following scuba manufacturers on attending: HUIISH (Oceanic, Zeagle, BARE, Stahlsac, Atomic, Hollis), Ocean Technology Systems (OTS—Scuba Full Face Masks and underwater communication), Rip Tide (Time Concepts, Sharkbanz, Victory Koredry, Deep Blu Dive Computers, Pepper's and Chili's Eyewear, Qysea, LeFeet Underwater Scooters and ROV's, Osprey and Light and Motion) on attending and , Sea Pearls (Scuba Cylinders and weights) supporting the event, in discussion with a couple of more organizations to attend or support event.

The Fire Departments and Veteran Scuba will have food available: Wild Rice Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Hot Chocolate, Chips, Coffee, Water and Hot Cider.

The 2 Charities will be having a silent raffle for Scuba gear, Sporting Memorabilia and Sporting Goods.

We are currently designing a commemorative t-shirt for the event all participants will receive one.

Right now we have divers coming in from Florida, Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, Ohio, Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Diving will be completed by 4pm so that we can breakdown and the Ice Diving Festival out of town participants can attend the Winter Carnival evening activities if they want to.

Parking will be at Golden Acres Campground at Square Lake, Stillwater Township, Minnesota (small parking fee).

Full Face Mask and Drysuit from MidWest School of Diving will be available, but limited in numbers (only have 10 student-rental drysuits and 4 full face masks). If reserving a full face mask or drysuit, you will need to be certified in each specialty, no drysuit or full face certification classes will be held during the festival.

As additional information becomes available it will be posted on our social media facebook page.

Call 651-653-1174 or email [info@mwschoolofdiving.com](mailto:info@mwschoolofdiving.com) to register! **Visitors are invited to stop and watch!**

