WE ARE FOR SCUBA
Who we are

- RSO here at UW
- Formed Autumn 2008
  - Mack Talcott and Collin Ray
- Meet “every once in a while”
Me

• Started diving in high school (Feb. 2006)
  • All of my gear – rental / Craigslist
  • Advanced Open Water, Nitrox certs
    • Rescue?
Scuba

• Meet a lot of cool people

• Fun sport for the rest of your life

• See things most people don’t ever get to see
Diving in the Sound

- Different conditions than tropical diving
  - Temperature
    - Average temperature of the water in Puget Sound is **45** degrees in January.
    - Average temperature of the water in Puget Sound is **53** degrees in July.
  - Tides – strong currents
    - Plan dives around low/high tide (slack current)
  - Visibility
    - Murky at times (15-25 feet generally)
    - Can be as low as 3-5 feet
Diving in the Sound

• Scuba? Where?
  • West Seattle
    • Coves 1, 2, 3, Junkyard, Pipeline
  • Edmonds
    • Underwater Park
  • Tacoma – Narrows
    • Tons of places!
  • Hood Canal
  • Olympic Penninsula

• Lots of places very close to large cities
Diving Alki
Edmonds Underwater Park
Diving in the Sound

• Aquatic Life
  • Shrimp
  • Rockfish
  • Anemones
  • Sea stars
  • Sea cucumbers
  • Crabs
  • Nudibranch
  • Jellyfish
  • Wolf eels

• Cabazon
• Sculpin
• Ling cod
• GPO!
• Six gills
• …
Aquatic Life

http://scuba.huskychemist.org/PacificNorthwestMarineLife/index.htm
Six-gill Shark
Pacific Giant Octopus – Sund Rock
Sweet! How do I start?

- Open Water Diver – PADI
- Underwater Sports
  - $100 per person certifications (sign up with a friend)
    - Books - $67 (can share)
  - 2 week class – Tuesdays and Thursdays
    - Dives on following Saturday and Sunday
  - 1 week class (M-Th), 2 weekends
  - Weekend courses available
  - Check out www.underwatersports.com for course schedules
  - PADI offers online classes
- From there:
  - advanced, specialties (nitrox, wreck), rescue, divemaster
Gear

- Tank
- Wetsuit
- BCD
- Regulator (backup, pressure gauge)
- Weights
- Other stuff
  - Mask, snorkel, boots, gloves, fins
BCD
Regulator/Octopus
Gear

- Snorkel
- 1st Stage
- Dive Mask
- Bouyancy Control Device (BCD)
- BCD Inflator
- Weight Belt
- Regulator/2nd Stage
- Safety Sausage/SMB
- Dive Computer
- Tank
- Compass
- Pressure Gauge
- Wetsuit
- Fins
- Booties
• Seattle Scuba – half price! (includes everything)

• UW Sports - $40 gear rentals
  • Half price next day
  • Includes 2 tanks, wet suit, bcd, regulator, weight
    • (Need mask, snorkel, boots, gloves, fins)

• Can get expensive...
  • All my gear – old rentals, craigslist
  • Works for a long time - investment
Want to get certified?

• Find a friend who also wants to get certified
  • Meet one here
  • Email me, I’ll pair you up so you can get the UW Sports discount!
Fun Dives

- We’ll organize some fun dives for this quarter
  - Probably Edmonds or Alki (Seacrest)
- NOT guided dives, we just happen to be getting in the water at the same time
  - Bring a buddy
- Transportation
  - We can work out ride sharing
  - Let me know if you have a car and some extra space!
Our Discounts

• Underwater Sports
  • 2-for-1 class certifications
  • Student discount for weekday rentals?

• Seattle Scuba School
  • ½ price rentals (~$50 for everything)
  • [http://www.seattlescuba.com/rentals.html](http://www.seattlescuba.com/rentals.html) for pricing
  • Additional 20% off store purchases
  • Bring your Husky card!

• Must be on current Underdawgs roster to get discounts
  • If we don’t have your information, send information to [udawgs@u.washington.edu](mailto:udawgs@u.washington.edu)
    • Name, Email, Student ID, Cert. Level, Gear
Underwater Sports
Seattle Scuba Schools
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