



Four Lakes Scuba Club Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting
Wednesday, October 11th
7:30 PM

Babe's - 5614 Schroeder Road

Speaker: Ed Sorenson
"Not All Live-Aboards Are the Same"

Ed Sorenson will be speaking about his recent liveboard experience. Ed has been a Madison resident since 1993, diver since 1996, and a member of the club for over fifteen years. As a recreational diver, he has dived three of the Great Lakes, the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, as well as numerous inland lakes and quarries. He now dives mostly in warm water as his 7 mil and accessories have shrunk.

Message From the President

Thanks to Danny and Betsy for hosting a wonderful Phoenix party. The pizzas were so delicious and so were the side dishes and desserts! We cleaned up several anchors by roasting them in the fire pit and then plunging them into the bucket of water. The weather couldn't have been better. Thanks to whoever ordered that!

We have a couple interesting meetings coming up and a Holiday party in December. Hope to see you all at Babe's soon.

In case you missed our last meeting, Deb, our waitress at Babe's, has decided to move closer to her kids in Stevens Point. I don't know how they will replace her.

National Geographic Live—Coral Kingdoms and Empire of Ice



Photo: David Doubilet

Explore rarely seen undersea worlds with two photographers creating a visual voice for the world's oceans. David Doubilet is a legend in underwater photography. Together with his wife and underwater partner, photojournalist Jennifer Hayes, he has explored three unique marine environments for *National Geographic*. Join them to explore the rich and diverse waters of Kimbe Bay, Papua New Guinea, part of the "coral triangle." Follow them into the world beneath the Antarctic ice, then north to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to see whales, wolfish and harp seals. Together, they'll go beyond the published stories to share the reality of "behind-the-camera" adventures.

Tuesday, November 14th

7:30 pm

Capitol Theater, Overture Center ([201 State Street, Madison, WI](http://www.wisconsin.gov))

This event is open to ages 6 and up.

Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased online here: <https://tickets.overture.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=3507>

Women Divers Hall of Fame Applications Now Open!

The Women Divers Hall of Fame™ (WDHOF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and raising awareness of the contributions of outstanding women divers. WDHOF provides educational, mentorship, financial, and career opportunities to the diving community throughout the world. Each year, WDHOF awards scholarships and training grants that provide financial and educational support to individuals of all ages, particularly those who are preparing for professional careers that involve diving.

Scholarships are offered in marine conservation, marine biology, underwater archaeology, education (marine or freshwater), dive instructor education, and dive medicine. They are intended to support independent research and/or internship programs. They do not support living expenses or student loans. Scholarships are paid or awarded directly to the recipient.

Training grants provide funding for diving and related underwater training and, for some awards, scuba equipment (but only after dive training has been completed). For training conducted in the U.S., funds are paid directly to the training facility and/or the equipment vendor upon WDHOF's receipt of an invoice; they are NOT paid directly to the grantee. For training that is not conducted in the U.S., the awardee will be reimbursed after she/he completes the training.

Application information available here: <http://www.wdhof.org/wdhof-scholarshipDesc.aspx>

Trip Report: Iceland

By Nikki Acker

In September Brad and I visited Iceland for one week. The trip was primarily for terrestrial activities, however we had heard great things about diving in Silfra and decided to check it out.

Silfra is a fissure located in Thingvellir National Park. It is where the North American and European tectonic plates are splitting apart and during this dive you are able to touch both continents at the same time. The dive site is also famous for its visibility. Since the water melts from a glacier and is filtered through porous lava rock before it reaches the rift, it has virtually no nutrients and is crystal clear.

The purity of the water also means there is no life in the canyon, besides a few varieties of bacteria and the occasional fish that accidentally swims in from the lake. Despite the lack of creatures, the dive is still very interesting as the canyon and rock formations are beautiful.



We dove with Dive.IS and had a great experience with them. They picked us up from our hotel and drove directly to Silfra. We didn't have to stop at a dive shop because they had all of the gear with them in a van. We rented all of our gear and it was very high quality, well maintained, and fit well.

Our dive masters Stefano and Victoria were very knowledgeable and helpful. When we arrived at Silfra, they put our equipment together and put all of our gear on us. We basically just stood there with our arms out while they pulled everything on. The whole operation was incredibly organized and efficient.

There are no permanent shelters at the dive site, so you are outside the majority of the time. Luckily it didn't rain on us! There are bathrooms available to use and Dive.IS does have a large van to use as a changing room if necessary.

The dive itself was incredible. Visibility was basically infinite; we could see the entire canyon. The water temperature was a chilly 34 degrees—quite a change from our last trip to Turks and Caicos! Even in the cold, it was a great experience and I highly recommend checking it out!

Your Article Could Be Here!

We are always looking for contributions to the newsletter! Please send your trip reports, articles, photos, etc. to news@fourlakesscubaclub.org. All submissions must be received by the first Wednesday of the month to be added in that month's newsletter.

In the News

[Florida Keys Reopen to Visitors After Hurricane Irma](#)

[Florida's Underground Scuba Site Devil's Den OK after Hurricanes](#)

[Oceans Eye Wearable Technology Turns Divers Into Scientists](#)

[Syliva Earle Featured in New Book By TIME Celebrating Badass Women](#)

[Here's Why Eating Farmed Salmon Doesn't Help Wild Salmon](#)

Jellen Halloween Party

It's that time again
Halloween is very near
You know what that
means

Set aside the date
and plan your costumes
and treats
We will see you soon

If you are afraid
To join us at our party
No candy for you

Saturday, October 28 at
7:00pm
[241 Hayler Court, Oregon](#)



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