

DIVE CLUB MARLBOROUGH SPRING NEWS LETTER

Our long wet winter is nearly at an end with the days getting warmer and longer. I don't know whether it's me getting older or the winters colder, but each one seems worse than the last.

Although we have had to compete with some pretty miserable days in recent months, the club has been pretty active over the winter, with our Kai dive weekend being very successful and the Lermontov Lodge trips departing on a regular bases.

This summer I am making a major and very exciting change to the way Go Dive operates its tours. From October I will be basing "Dive Marlborough" permanently at the Lodge in Port Gore, along with Tomo our full time staff member who will be running the Lodge, compressor and tender. The catalyst behind doing this was the popularity of the Lodge trips, the cost of running the boat backwards and forwards and the opportunity to start diving areas we can't reach on regular day trips out of Picton, like Titi Island, the Chetwodes etc.

Having Tomo based permanently at the Dive Lodge will open it up for club members use 7 days a week from October to April. Club members will be able to book themselves, friends and families into the Lodge, whether diving, fishing or just holidaying for a few days. There will be no requirement to be on a dive trip to stay at the Lodge

We will be running scheduled trips via Picton every Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, so you can either travel in with us or if you want to find your own way, we will meet you at the top gate and escort you down to the Lodge.

Club member costs:

- Days diving inclusive of up to three dives and one nights accommodation \$150.00
- Accommodation per person \$55.00 per night including bedding, *children 10 and under free (*This accommodation rate applies only if you, friends or family are not diving, otherwise accommodation is included in the dive package price*)
- Meal & Refreshment package \$30 per day, per person
- Transport from Picton to the Lodge and back to Picton \$30.00pp
- Tender charter with skipper \$125.00 a day plus gas (*max load 4 plus skipper*)
- Air fills if diving independently of a Go Dive trip \$10.00, otherwise free

**only two FOC 10 and under's per family group*

Reservations are essential, currently there is plenty of space over the Christmas holidays, so if you're looking for somewhere a bit different to holiday, who won't find a better or more affordable place stay. Up to two non club members can accompany you at these special club rates. Dive, snorkel and fishing kit are available at the Lodge for those who don't have their own, with Discover Scuba Dives available for those who don't dive.

Also keep an eye on my regular blogs and events calendar for exploratory dive trips out to the Outer Islands over the summer. There is some world class diving available to us out their, that will now be within our reach.

I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Safe Diving

Brent