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## The President's Corner by Mel Rich, Jr.

I recently returned from my fourth live a board dive trip. Not exactly a veteran like our maestro **Paul Gacek**. But believe me I'm working on it! My first trip was aboard the **Turks and Caicos Aggressor**. That was three years ago. The Aggressor name is synonymous with excellent quality. And the Turks and Caicos Aggressor lived up to that standard and then some. She well deserved to fly the Aggressor flag. I had such a great time on that first trip I booked another for the following year. It was from that time on that I decided all my trips would be live a boards. And so many great destinations from which to choose!

Live aboards offer more for the adventurous spirit. No hauling you and your equipment to and from the boat. Everyone has their own parking space with a dive locker under your seat. Your tank is stored where you park. The filling whip comes to you. It's just so convenient. Eliminating that hauling business means more time to dive! And dive, dive, dive you can. It's a diving fool's paradise! Up to five a day for most destinations. While the shore based operators are heading back to port, you're heading out to the more remote sites. The day boats become a distant memory. As you're enjoying a cold one or out cold, your boat is steaming through the night. At sunrise you're moored over a new dive site. That what live a board diving is about. Lots of goood diving away from the crowds.

This most recent trip was to Honduras aboard the Bay Islands Aggressor. The three islands that make up the bay islands are Utila, Guanaja and Roatan. They lie about forty miles off the Honduran mainland. We landed on Roatan which is the largest of the three. The island is about 40 miles long and 8 miles wide. It's beautifully lush and mountainous. Its undersea topography is equally beautiful with

coral canyons, sand chutes and tunnels. These islands are noted for their prolific macro marine life. They're often called "the macro capital of the world".

And we'd be seeing all these great little creatures as we cruised and dived this three island paradise. So we dreamed! We arrived at the boat early Saturday evening. Although a bit overcast the warm moist air felt good. It sure beat what we left behind! We were greeted by the Captain and a couple of the crew. The Captain told us dinner would be ready soon. We all looked forward to that hot meal. Especially after eating that mystery appetizer aloft. Taca airlines served what we collectively thought to be an Alpo and armadillo wedge. YUK! After a good dinner the captain gave us a briefing about the boat and our plans for the following day. So far so good. The FCDA contingent enjoyed private accommodations on this trip. This due to only 12 passenger being aboard. The maximum is 20. Although this boat is 120 feet long I sincerely don't believe she could take on 20 in comfort. Most of us got a good nights rest. The next day we woke up to some stiff winds and overcast skies. The winds were coming in from the southwest. With the island lying in an east/west position there was no place to hide. So we made the best of it. We got tied up to our first mooring around 9am in lumpy seas. No problem. Most of us made that dive. This was our shakedown dive after all. A little tune up if you will.

When we surfaced something was missing. THE BOAT! Oh what a surprise! Not that big of deal. Somewhere between the boat and the mooring ball something let go. I never asked and was never told what exactly it was. Most of us were cool headed about it. To make a long story short it wasn't too long before the skiff came to our rescue. In two roundtrips all were back onboard. A little tired but all OK. The winds calmed a little that afternoon and the sea started to lie down. Not much diving that first day. I think three dives was the max.

Day two things began to change. Some for the better, some for the worst! The weather was becoming sunnier but the winds were still blowing a little. But

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## January Meeting Raffle Winners

After a fascinating slide/video presentation on **Diving the Exuma Islands in the Bahamas** by our own Scott Monnier, we held our regular monthly raffle to support our **DAN** sponsorship.

Winners in our **DAN** raffle were: Dive Snorkel donated by Orbit Marine - **Andrew McDonald**; Dive Knife Sheath donated by Ski and Scuba Connection - **Rich Pikikero**, Underwater Notebook donated by Ski and Scuba Connection - **Pat Franz**; Dive Mask Bag donated by Ski and Scuba Connection - **Ed Arsenault**; Whales, Porpoises and Dolphins donated by Mel Rich, Jr. - **Steve Ziobrowski**; Return to Midway donated by Mel Rich, Jr. - **Pat Franz**; Fathom Magazine - **Mel Rich, Jr.** and our grand prize - A TUSA Dive Mask donated by Orbit Marine - **Paul Gacek**.

Special thanks to those who donated prizes for this meeting to help support our **DAN** Raffle: **Orbit Marine Sports Center**, **Ski and Scuba Connection** and **Mel Rich, Jr.**

Remember, you can't win if you don't buy tickets and you can't buy tickets if you don't come to FCDA events and meetings!

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## The President's Corner (continued)

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much nicer than the day before. Some-time that day it almost sounded if the old girl (the boat) pooped the bed. Under her aft deck there was something obviously broken. It was a banging noise the vibrated the boat. It turned out to be a steering component. This problem forced us to go to "backup steering" according to the captain. He called in for a spare part which never came during our stay. Our onboard Mr. Fixit 'SLIM' went below decks to make the best out of our situation. Slim is a good guy always ready to lend a helping hand. Our adventure however was turning into a 'Three hour tour....a three hour tour'. And Ginger was nowhere in sight! That night I started working on some new lyrics for the Gilligan's island theme song. That after a couple of cocktails. Hey you gotta have a sense of humor about these things.

The captain said he didn't feel safe to

sail the boat across to Utila or Guanaja. So we spent our week diving the western end of Roatan with all the day boats. A bit disappointing for sure. There was no leaving the day boats behind for the more remote sites. No visits to the remote fishing villages. But I must say I did enjoy my diving and the company of my friends. The crew treated us well and did the best they could. I'd like to see a better boat under their feet. I also enjoyed the company of our new found friends during our stay. The Swiss father and son team were absolutely nuts. They had us rolling and sometimes running. I consider the company I keep most important. In that category we scored a 10. As for the boat she's seen better days and I don't think she deserves to fly the Aggressor flag. She was born a river boat and maybe that's where she should have stayed. She's not the quality I've experienced on previous Aggressor trips.

## The Boston Sea Rovers Announce the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Clinic and Film Festival

BOSTON, MA - The Boston Sea Rovers, one of this country's oldest and most prestigious dive clubs, have announced they will be sponsoring their 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, St. James Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. This year's two-day show upholds their time-honored tradition to "*Raise the Level of Knowledge of the Underwater World*". Features of the Clinic include forty daytime seminars covering every aspect of scuba diving and the marine environment, a dozen detailed workshops on advanced diving techniques, a world class evening film festival, and, with over sixty booths, the largest display of dive equipment and services in New England for the year. Tickets for the evening show are \$20 per person, as are tickets for the Clinic Saturday, that includes exhibit displays and the diverse programs offered. On Sunday, admission is \$15, children under 12 are free, and admission for students with valid ID and Senior Citizens is only \$10. Daytime events run

from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 8, and 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 9th.

The spectacular Saturday Evening Film Festival, one of the most prestigious in the underwater world, is host this year to world premiers from some of the most recognized names in the business. This year we're proud to feature **Al Giddings**, **Howard & Michele Hall**, and **Paul & Jill Heinerth**. The Saturday Evening Film Festival runs from 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM, and will be held at the John Hancock Hall, in Boston.

The Sea Rovers are a not for profit, volunteer organization dedicated to increasing the awareness and appreciation of the marine environment. The entire show is handicapped accessible. A portion of proceeds benefits scholarships, and SeaMark, an organization dedicated to helping children with disabilities. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or obtaining further information should call (617) 424-9899, write to the Boston Sea Rovers, P.O. Box 935, Bedford, MA 01730-0935, or visit our website at <http://www.bostonsearovers.com>.



## Events of Interest to FCDA Members

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 1-2, 2003	<b>PADI Medic First Aid Course</b> - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Orbit Marine, Bridgeport, CT. Program covers first aid, CPR, and emergency care for numerous ailments including diabetes, heart attack, seizures, stings, fractures, etc. Certification good for two years. Text and work book included in \$75 cost. For more info call Orbit Marine (203) 333-DIVE (800) 395-DIVE
March 8-9, 2003	<b>Boston Sea Rovers 2003</b> , Boston, MA. Workshops, daytime Speakers, Exhibits, Evening Film Festival. For more information: <a href="http://www.strokeofcolor.com/searovers">http://www.strokeofcolor.com/searovers</a>
March 28-30, 2003	<b>Beneath the Sea 2003</b> , Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ. For more information: <a href="http://www.beneaththesea.org">http://www.beneaththesea.org</a>
April 5, 2003	<b>Metrowest Dive Club's 11th Annual Diving Symposium - "Wrecks 2003"</b> . Keefe Tech High School. Framingham, MA. 8:30 AM. - 3:00 PM. Meet the speakers party: 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Show consists of 4 world class speakers, including Tom Mount and Kevin McMurray, author of "Deep Descent". The show also consists of: Wreck artifact displays, Equipment displays, Photography displays, Manufacturers Booths, Raffles. Cost \$15 (buy your ticket at our display at the Boston Sea Rovers show in March for \$12) For more information: <a href="http://www.mwdc.org">http://www.mwdc.org</a>
April 6, 2003,	<b>The SECONN 2003 Scuba SWAP Meet</b> - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Polish American Club, 85 Maple Ave., Montville, CT. An opportunity to buy/sell new or used scuba gear prior to the 2003 "Dive" rush. Local dive shops show up with new and used equipment on sale. Individuals also sell used gear. You can try your luck at winning a scuba tank during the raffle or get a good deal at the silence auction. Where else can you spend up to four hours indoors during the winter talking dive lingo with other divers in New England. Bring a friend. Directions are located on the website at <a href="http://www.seconndivers.org/">http://www.seconndivers.org/</a> .
April 26, 2003	<b>New Jersey Shipwreck Symposium</b> - 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Post Theater, Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Admission is \$15 per person; \$10 for NJHDA subscribing members Seating is limited - reservations are required. For information, directions and reservations call <b>732-776-6261</b> or e-mail: <a href="mailto:NJHDA@aol.com">NJHDA@aol.com</a>
April 27, 2003	<b>Annual FCDA Underwater Easter Egg Hunt/Beach Cleanup</b> 9:00 AM - Registration, (High tide 9:35 AM), 10:00 AM - Dive, 11:00 AM - Cookout. Donations of salads and desserts welcome. For more information, call Pat Franz at (203) 333-7551.
June 7, 2003	<b>Annual FCDA "Kick off the Season" Clambake</b> - 7:00 PM. Catered by Swanson's Fish Market. Advance reservations required. For more info, call Pat Franz at (203) 333-7551.
September 20-21, 2003	<b>Cape Ann Weekend</b> . Great getaway weekend! In addition to diving, there's canoeing, whale watching and shopping topped off with cocktails by the campfire. For more information, call Mel Rich Jr, at (203) 622-7069 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:DiverMel@aol.com">DiverMel@aol.com</a> .



## Atlantic Sharks Found in Rapid Decline

### by Andrew C. Revkin

Shark populations in the northwest Atlantic Ocean have plunged by more than half since scientists began keeping careful track in 1986, with marquee species like the hammerhead and the great white falling more than 75 percent, researchers are reporting.

Such an abrupt decline in the ocean's dominant hunters could substantially alter marine food chains in ways that are impossible to predict and might take decades to reverse, the researchers and other experts said.

The researchers, from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, ascribed the drop to intensifying commercial and recreational fishing for sharks, which reproduce slowly compared with other oceanic fish. They described their findings today in the journal *Science*.

The Dalhousie researchers, led by Julia K. Baum, a doctoral candidate at the university, said similar declines had probably occurred elsewhere and that "pervasive overfishing of these species may initiate major ecological changes."

They said there was no evidence that the decline was the result of any natural cycle, partly because similar trends have been recognized in the Pacific and other waters under heavy fishing pressure.

Other biologists had reported declines in shark populations in particular coastal areas, but several experts not involved in the new study said it provided the first detailed overview of an oceanwide decline with broad implications.

"This is a very important synthesis," said Dr. James F. Kitchell, a biologist at the University of Wisconsin who specializes in the role of predators in ecosystems. "Like the ax and the plow, the hook and the net can create major changes in ecological structure and function. We've been fishing the top off the food web."

The impacts on other marine life, shark prey and other predators, remain unknown, but could last for generations, other experts said.

"It's a giant experiment, and we're not just playing in the laboratory here," said Dr. Robert E. Hueter, the director of the center for shark research at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Fla. "We're playing with the future of our marine food resources."

Shark experts said that the decline in sharks was unlikely to affect the number of attacks on humans, which remain rare, and in any event are mainly the result of the rising number of people in the water.

In the area studied, which included coastal and deep waters from Newfoundland to northern Brazil, only mako sharks showed no substantial drop in numbers, the scientists said. The mako ranges widely offshore.

The researchers found the trends by using various statistical models to analyze catch records from American vessels pursuing tuna and swordfish with longlines — miles-long strands with hundreds of baited hooks.

Sharks are usually an unintended catch for such fleets — which changed gear a decade ago to allow sharp-toothed sharks to break loose — but the catch rate provides a barometer of their abundance, Ms. Baum said. The Dalhousie researchers said they accounted for the change in fishing gear in their analysis.

The main strain on shark populations comes from European boats that fish for sharks because of the growing popularity of their meat and from recreational fishing, Ms. Baum said. Federal regulations restrict shark fishing by American boats.

Big declines in sharks were found in coast-hugging species like hammerheads and deep-ocean wanderers like the thresher, with its distinctive elongated sickle-shaped tail fin.

The number of threshers has dropped 80 percent since 1986, and even then the number was below what it had been in the 1950's, the study's authors said in interviews. The population of great white sharks declined 79 percent since 1986, they said. But hammerheads appear to have fared worse, the scientists said, with a population decline of 89 percent from 1986 to 2000.

Some researchers expressed skepticism about this particular finding, saying that these sharks tend to

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## FCDA Member Ads

Hey - have you got a non retail-diving business that you'd like to share with fellow members of FCDA? Get your business card size ad in the FCDA monthly newsletter "*Surface Interval*" for only \$50.00 for one year. Give your business a boost and help support the production of our monthly newsletters. For more information, write to FCDA, P.O. Box 3005, Fairfield, CT 06430 or email to [fcda@aol.com](mailto:fcda@aol.com).

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concentrate near coasts in waters not well scoured by longline tuna and swordfish boats.

Federal fisheries officials said they had measured smaller declines in hammerheads and other coastal species and saw signs that some species, like blacktip sharks, were starting a slow recovery.

Over all, though, many experts said the new findings, particularly for deep-ocean sharks, were very convincing and troubling.

Little is known about the way various shark species live, and so it remains unclear why some might be more affected by fishing than others, Ms. Baum said.

Sharks, along with rays and skates, evolved hundreds of millions of years ago along a very different path than most fishes. They have skeletons of cartilage, not bone, and take much longer to reach sexual maturity — 12 to 18 years for some species — and produce far fewer progeny than bony fishes like bass — sometimes just one or two live-born pups per female. The slow reproductive rate is likely to delay a recovery even if fishing pressure abates, the Dalhousie researchers said.

Dr. Hueter of the Mote Marine Laboratory agreed. "Sharks are adapted to being the predators, not the prey," he said. "If we take them to the brink and decide we don't like what's happened, that'll be too bad because it'll be impossible to bring them back quickly."

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## Swimmers Wanted! To Play Underwater Hockey!

Tired of just swimming laps? From the surface, the game looks like a shark feeding frenzy! And it's all played at the bottom of the pool with a foot-long, curved wooden stick, a three-pound lead puck (covered with bright orange plastic), and a long metal trench goal at each end of the pool.



It is played intensely, but there's a balance between getting fired up and staying relaxed. You have to slow your heartbeat down, and you have to slow your breathing down. The only thing between you and scoring . . . is the need to breathe! The air, of course, is at the top of the pool...Therein lies the challenge of underwater hockey.

**Call Jamie 203-426-8824 or E-mail [uwh@wirelesscp.com](mailto:uwh@wirelesscp.com) for more info.**

### WHO?

Our players are consultants, engineers, fisherman, firemen, and computer programmers. They come from all over the tri-state area and range in age from 21 to 65.

### WHAT?

Underwater hockey is, in fact, much better established around the world. The sport has taken hold around the world in places as diverse as Australia, South Africa, Canada, South America and Serbia. In South Africa, where every public school has one or two swimming pools, everyone plays underwater hockey!

### WHERE?

The University of Bridgeport Wheeler Recreation Center Pool.

### WHEN?

Monday & Wednesday evenings at 8 PM for 90 minutes of the strangest-looking, most physically challenging game you have ever encountered.

### THE GEAR?

Mask, snorkel and fins. Let us know your coming and we'll supply all (sticks and gloves, too).





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Bagnoli	Gene & Robbie	11 Olde Orchard Rd	Clinton	CT	06413	860 664-9841	688-2330
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Bartholomew Jr	Richard A	55 Marlboro Drive	Milford	CT	06460	874-7291	860 677-6975
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Bertaccini	Blair F	104 Fiske Street	Waterbury	CT	06710	574-0063	860 263-6623
Bianculli	Albert	P.O. Box 519	Durham	CT	06422	421-5265	
Bishop	Tim	80 Ferry Boulevard	Stratford	CT	06615	913-9090	386-1282
Bobko	Teresa & Kevin	111 Eastern Pkwy	Milford	CT	06460	882-8560	371-1488
Bradbury	Chris & Laurie	15 Glenwood Road	Weston	CT	06883	221-8127	846-7510
Brooks	Jeff	925 Oronoke Rd Unit 22F	Waterbury	CT	06708	419-0779	
Brown	Don & Jody	203 Harborview, 5 Glen St	Greenwich	CT	06830	629-3845	629-4776
Brunk	Martin	320 Partridge Lane	Fairfield	CT	06430	255-9796	
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Conoscenti MD	Craig	7 Dewal Drive	Norwalk	CT	06851		
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Danielczuk	Benedict	239 Sands Place	Stratford	CT	06615	375-2132	224-7342
Danielczuk	George	147 Alpine Street	Bridgeport	CT	06610	367-3422	385-0449
DeCarlo	Chris	24 White Tail Lane	Wallingford	CT	06492	284-9163	234-5658
Ente	David A	1019 Catamount Rd	Fairfield	CT	06430	895-5392	333-3483
Evans	Richard & Lynn	112 Gorham Road	Fairfield	CT	06430	259-5324	838-7183
Faggin & Manuel	Marzia	1463 Black Rock Tpk	Fairfield	CT	06432	367-0827	787-7022
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Friend	George	33 Byram Shore Road	Byram	CT	06830	531-1111	531-1111
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Husvar	Mike & Gulnar	7 Country Way	Bethel	CT	06801	790-1044	849-0450
Jackson	Bruce D	80 Ferry Boulevard	Stratford	CT	06615	377-2302	386-1282
Jandras	John K	41 Fairfield Ave Unit A	Norwalk	CT	06854	857-4499	357-1544
Jimenez	Hiram	30 Ashley Street	Bridgeport	CT	06610	333-1978	576-8126
Kelly	Donna & Al	156 Roland Road	Fairfield	CT	06430	254-0534	339-7475
Kitchen	Doug	67 Murray Street	Norwalk	CT	06851	354-8725	354-8689
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Livingston	H Lee & Margaret	730 North Madison Rd	Guilford	CT	06437	453-3671	453-3671
Lubarsky	Eric & Mary	41 Barden Street	Agawam	MA	01001	413 789-3984	413 736-9258
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Norton	Chris & Keely	37 Boston St Unit C	Stamford	CT	06907	703-2064	917 771-4268
Palmer	Capt Bill	136 1/2 Clifton Street	Wallingford	CT	06492	269-0619	269-0619
Patton	James	8 Wyndemere Road	Bloomfield	CT	06002	860 305-7323	
Pavia	Joe & Patricia	14 Ascolese Road	Trumbull	CT	06611	261-8372	452-0078
Peters	Donna M	649 Thorne Street	Bridgeport	CT	06606	372-2209	351-9898
Pikikero	Rich	14 Old Fawn Hill Rd	Monroe	CT	06468	445-9413	944-7689
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Provencal	Laura & Tom	383 Unquowa Road	Fairfield	CT	06430	255-1120	226-1853
Purington	Natalie	9 Brookdale Ave Apt 2	Milford	CT	06460	878-6886	221-5489
Reem	Glen	79 D Riverbend Road	Stratford	CT	06614	378-0854	
Ricciardelli	Nick & Kristin	380 Hitchcock Rd Unit 125	Waterbury	CT	06475	596-1446	
Rich Jr	Mel	70 Lower Cross Road	Greenwich	CT	06831	622-7069	554-1762
Rickard	Kate	365 North Cedar Road	Fairfield	CT	06430	255-0318	862-5254
Rieger	David & Jeanne	12 Fairview Ave	Shelton	CT	06484	924-0686	979-1217
Rizzio	James	51 Silver Hill Road	Ansonia	CT	06401	732-5908	324-7363
Sawczuk	Robert	27-38 164th Street	Flushing	NY	11358	718 539-7295	
Saxe	James A	44 Westport Road	Wilton	CT	06897	762-9996	
Schwarz	Emma	340 E 93rd St Apt 14K	New York	NY	10128	212 427-1679	817 339-6704
Shannon	Mark & Robin	225 South Pine Creek Rd	Fairfield	CT	06824-5631	255-7628	
Skibek	Joseph C	150 Cedar Lane	Beacon Falls	CT	06403	627-8770	
Smith	Terry & Pam	320 Highland Avenue	Norwalk	CT	06854	838-0497	838-0497
Stark	Hal	54 Crestwood Road	Monroe	CT	06468	261-3836	
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Stinchcomb	Rich	464 Booth Hill Road	Trumbull	CT	06611	377-8117	386-4929
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Tolles	Donald	17 Ludlow Manor	Norwalk	CT	06855	838-5139	838-5139
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## Urgent Safety Recall Notice From PADI

We've recently discovered printer errors in certain Recreational Dive Planners (RDPs). The problems may appear in six (6) versions of the RDP, including both air and enriched air tables. Our printer is working diligently with us to correct his error.

These tables may be included in Open Water and Enriched Air Crew Paks, book and table combinations, CD-ROM combinations and alacart tables shipped between 1 October 2002 and 31 January 2003. Please note that not all RDPs you may have received during this period contain printer errors.

While analysis of the problems shows that the risk of injury from the errors is remote, for the sake of safety, we feel a broad approach to this issue should be taken. We ask that you immediately check your existing inventory and remove any RDPs you received from PADI with the product numbers and production codes listed below. The product number and production code is generally located on the bottom right hand corner on the back of the table. The product number and production code consist of a series of numbers and letters resembling: Product No. 60049 XXXPDJ2.

There may also be a revision date (Rev 10/02) and/or version number (Version 1.0) listed. These numbers are inconsequential. In checking the production code for inaccurate tables, please ignore the first three digits and only check the last four.

Product Number	Description	Production Code
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60049	RDP, Enriched Air 32% Table, Imperial	XXXPDJ2, XXXPDK2, XXXPDL2, XXXPDA3
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61049	RDP, Enriched Air 32% Table, Metric	XXXPDJ2, XXXPDK2, XXXPDL2, XXXPDA3
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60053	RDP, Enriched Air 36% Table, Imperial	XXXPDJ2, XXXPDK2, XXXPDL2, XXXPDA3
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61053	RDP, Enriched Air 36%	
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XXXXPJ2, XXXPDK2, Table, Metric  
XXXXPDL2, XXXPDA3  
66054 RDP, Table, Imperial  
XXXXPJ2, XXXPDK2, English  
XXXXPDL2, XXXPDA3  
66055 RDP, Table, Metric  
XXXXPJ2, XXXPDK2, English  
XXXXPDL2, XXXPDA3

We will be notifying divers certified after 01 October 2002 via the PADI web site, email and other means. They will be directed to bring their misprinted RDPs into PADI Dive Centers/Resorts for free exchange. We ask for your assistance by including this information in your newsletters and any other correspondence that you have with your customers.

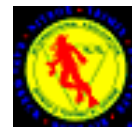
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and your customers. If you have questions regarding this notice please contact your Sales Representative (2440) or an Educational Consultant (2540) at PADI (+1 800- 729-7234 or +1 949-858-7234).



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## Upcoming FCDA Events

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