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**The NDP Newsletter for NOAA Diving Supervisors and Divers**

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## TRAINING SCHEDULE

All individuals applying for any dive classes offered by the NDC must submit the following items; NOAA Diving Training Request and Authorization form, completed NOAA diving physical, swim test, dive resume, Standardized Equipment Measurement form, and current First-aid/CPR certificates. All of these forms are available at the following web address: [www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html). Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the Diving Center.

- Events scheduled through Sept. 2006:
- March 7 - 10 UDS Conference Seattle
  - March 28 - 31 WD Refresher Seattle
  - May 8 - 26 Working Diver Seattle
  - May 22 - 26 Divemaster Seattle
  - July 10 - 21 Physicians Course Seattle
  - Sept.11 - 29 Working Diver Seattle

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## WD REFRESHER CLASS

The NDC will be holding its Working Diver Refresher class at the end of March (28-31). This class is for previously authorized working divers who have been inactive for an extended period of time. The class will be held in Seattle from Tuesday -Friday and will include classroom and open-water diving. Please let us know if you have anyone in your units who needs to become reauthorized as a working diver. The forms necessary for this course are the same as those for a regular Working Diver course; Training request form, current physical (within one calendar year), dive resume, Standardized Equipment program measurement form, completed swim test, and current CPR/First Aid and DAN O2 certifications.

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## ANNUAL SERVICE OF BCD INFLATOR HOSES

Some information for all SEP participants.

Beginning in January 2006, the NOAA Diving Center will be adding your BC oral/auto inflator hose assembly to the list of equipment that requires annual service. If you are currently enrolled in the Standardized Equipment Program (SEP), a serviced or new replacement inflator will be included in the box with your annual replacement regulator. Return the old inflator, as you would your regulator, by shipping it to NDC for service.

1. To remove the inflator assembly, spin the collar only, counter-clockwise. Do not spin the corrugated hose or relief valve. The hose should remain inline with the BCD shoulder strap during removal.

2. After removal of the BCD inflator assembly, retain the sealing gasket for later installation of your serviced or new inflator assembly. If the gasket is not in place, the BCD will leak air at the connection point.

3. To install the serviced or new BCD inflator assembly; make sure gasket is in place, align corrugated hose with BCD shoulder strap and rotate the collar only, clockwise until hand tight.

4. Inflate BCD to ensure that it 'holds' air and check for leaks.

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## REMINDERS

- Annual Medical History Forms due to NDC by March 1
- Tri Air Test Kits were sent out in January to those units with compressors, please make sure you've completed the testing and sent the sample back to TRI Air



## COMPLETED MEDICAL TRAINING



The NDC would like to congratulate the class of new MPICs who completed training on the 9th of Dec., 2005.



Congratulations also to the latest class of Diver Medical Technicians who completed their training on the 16th of December, 2005. These individuals will be acting to support dive operations in multiple locations around the nation. Well done!