

Welcome to the first Tech Dive NZ newsletter! It's been a busy year getting things up and running since Jamie and I first put our heads together and came up with the idea of a technical diving training business last year. Things all came together in April and May with our trip down to Taupo to complete our TDI Instructor courses and the website going live. As well as all the hard work on getting things started, we've still managed to fit in some great diving, with trips away to Matai Bay, the Rainbow Warrior and both the Canterbury and the Waikato.



In terms of training, we recently ran a very successful wreck diver course on the Waikato. Three dives on the Saturday allowed both Chris and Rob to complete the course, leaving Sunday free to fully explore the wreck. Many thanks to Kate, Luke and the rest of the Dive! Tutukaka team who made it a great weekend!

Despite the recent cold snap, there's no shortage of good diving to be had. At the end of June, Jamie and I are planning a trip to further explore Lake Taupo and hopefully do a drift dive down the Waikato River, and everybody is welcome to join us! When we dived in Lake Taupo in April, we didn't really get the time to explore the dive sites but we were impressed by the clarity of the water and the topography of diving in the crater of such a large volcano. There are also plenty of critters for photographers, with some inquisitive catfish and some quite boisterous freshwater koura on which to focus the lens.



We're also planning a midweek excursion, with the intention of doing three dives, one on the wreck of the Waikato and two at the Poor Knights. Keep an eye on the website for when we confirm the date, or just drop me an email if you are keen.

Looking ahead to July, the GUE Fundamentals course is fully booked but there has been plenty of interest, so more course dates will be arranged soon. We'll also be running a Self-Reliant Diver course towards the end of the July. You will have noticed that we aren't offering many courses, just those that are either exclusive to us or that we can deliver with a unique flavour. For any other course, we suggest that you contact your local dive shop.

As a final note for our first newsletter, Jamie and I would just like to thank everybody for the support and encouragement we've received over the last few months. We're really looking forward to the opportunity of getting out and diving with more of you, and where we can to help you get more out of your diving! Keep an eye on our website, or our Facebook page, for details of planned trips – if there's something you particularly want to do then let us know as we can help arrange it. And remember the old adage, if you like what we do then tell your friends – and if you don't like it, tell us!

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