

2010 Northeast Rebreather & Advanced Diving Technology Workshop

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Hosted by the University of Rhode Island's
Center of Excellence in Undersea Technology

When: Saturday January 23, 2010
830AM registration/coffee, presentations begin promptly at 900AM

Where: Coastal Institute Auditorium, University of Rhode Island

Registration: you MUST pre-register to attend!
\$20 pre-registration by December 15 (\$SPACE IS LIMITED)
-pre-registration includes an event t-shirt
-a light lunch/refreshments will be provided
FREE for students with valid student ID (must confirm attendance by Dec. 15)

To Register: Please remit payment via Paypal to explore@oceanopportunity.com,
OR send check to 'Ocean Opportunity Inc.', PO Box 4668 #31885,
New York, NY 10163-4668. *Be sure to reference your t-shirt size when you register.*

Program Overview:

The adoption of rebreathers and other advanced diving technologies for undersea operations has blurred the defining lines for recreational, technical, exploration, scientific, and commercial diving. Training programs/standards have evolved, and the systems themselves have become more user-friendly. However, there are challenges faced across every discipline of use including standardization of equipment/system configuration across makes/models, manufacturing quality control/assurance processes, and educating others on rebreather safety and their true utility benefits. Though the population of advanced/technical divers is growing, there are still obstacles in creating cross-collaborations between industry, academia, and the private sector. This workshop bridges that gap, providing a catalyst for discussion on the above mentioned topics, and will offer an opportunity for information exchange to advance our respective areas of interest, and foster new collaborations and opportunities.

The event will include several keynote presenters, and a moderated Q & A discussion panel. All divers are invited and encouraged to bring their rebreathers for a unique 'show & tell' part of this event where configuration tips and techniques can be shared with all participants.

Confirmed Featured Speakers:

Eliot Daner, closedcircuitdiving.com
Dave Sutton, Trawler Explorer
Jeff Godfrey, UConn Dive Safety Program
Richard Cooper, Ocean Technology Foundation
More to come...

Organizer/Moderator: Michael Lombardi, Founder/President of Ocean Opportunity Inc.,
freelance scientific/commercial diver, Dive Safety Officer for the American Museum of
Natural History, former DSO for NOAA's Caribbean Marine Research Center.

Event Sponsorship: We are seeking sponsors to offset the costs of this event. Please contact Michael Lombardi at explore@oceanopportunity.com to request a sponsorship packet.

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