

# DIVE AROUND THE CLOCK NEWS

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## 2010 Dive Around the Clock— “24 Hours - \$24,000”



The Fourth annual *Dive Around the Clock* will take place Friday, **July 16** (starting at 4pm) & Saturday, **July 17** (ending at 4pm) 2010 at Redondo Beach in Des Moines, WA.

In 2009, Dive Around the Clock raised over \$22,000 for Seattle Children's Hospital Cancer Research Program.

The goal of DATC 2010 is *24 Hours - \$ 24,000* (raise \$24,000 in 24 hours of diving).

Register now for 2010 *Dive Around the Clock* at [divearoundtheclock.com](http://divearoundtheclock.com).



*DATC Founders Larry Trenda and Kyle Larson pose for a celebratory photo .*

## Childhood Cancer Survivor Update

Those who attended the DATC Closing Ceremony in 2009 may remember Christina Konkler. She spoke about her son Nick and his battle against childhood cancer.

Nick was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 4. He went through five stem cell rescues and cranial spinal radiation. He was cancer free for almost four years when he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid leukemia. His AML leukemia was caused by either the chemo or radiation used to fight the original tumor. To combat the leukemia, Nick underwent a bone

marrow transplant at Seattle Children's in October of 2008.

We are glad to report that Nick is doing well. He celebrated his first anniversary of being home after spending one year in the hospital after his bone marrow transplant. He loves being in 7th grade and has started taking guitar and karate lessons. Both Nick and Christina hope to come and pay a visit to Redondo for DATC 2010.



*Christina Konkler talks about her son Nick and his battle with cancer at last year's DATC Closing Ceremony.*



*Dive Around the Clock* benefits Seattle Children's Hospital Cancer Research Program. Founded in 1907, Children's is ranked as one of the best children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report and Child magazines. Children's provides excellent patient care, conducts cutting-edge pediatric research and serves as the pediatric referral center for WA, AK, MT and ID.

### Dive Around the Clock

*DATC is a WA Non-Profit Corporation and is currently registered with the Secretary of State's office under the Charitable Solicitation Act, Registration Number 28319.*

**Visit *Dive Around the Clock* at NW Dive & Travel Expo**



The largest consumer diving and travel show in the Pacific Northwest is coming to the Tacoma Convention Center **May 21 - 23**. The Northwest Dive and Travel Expo focuses on everything underwater from showing people how fun it is to breathe underwater, to seminars to fantastic travel around the world and right at home.

Come visit the *Dive Around the Clock* booth

outside the main ballroom. We will have registration information, videos and photos from past *Dive Around the Clocks* and much more.

Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 will feature over 250 exciting exhibitor booths, 40+ free seminars, a chance for non-divers to try scuba for free, an under-water photo contest and professional dive opportunity presentations.

The weekend festivities culminate Sunday off site at Owen's Beach in Tacoma for the Annual *NW Dive News Treasure Hunt*. Plunge for thousands of dollars in exotic trips, local charters, drysuits, wetsuits, regulators, computers and more.

The Northwest Dive and Travel Expo is sponsored by NW Dive News. For more info visit, [nwdiveandtravelexpo.com](http://nwdiveandtravelexpo.com).

**DATC Diver Profile - Randy Williams**

*"We can all make a difference if we truly make an effort."* Rogest - Painter, Author & Environmentalist

Randy Williams has been an important part of DATC for the past 3 years. Randy, former President of Marker Buoy Dive Club, has provided the live underwater webcam off the Highline Pier that divers throughout the event made sure to stop by and wave into the camera. He even set up the underwater checker board. During DATC

2008, Randy did a 4 hour dive on his rebreather.

Randy is the Jedi Master on all things diving related. A former Commercial diver, Randy and his wife Randi Weinstein are the owners of Starfish Diving, Inc.

Thank you Randy for your energy, enthusiasm and support of DATC.



Photo courtesy of Calvin Tang

*Randy Williams in his element!*

**Dive Clubs Represent**



**2007 TLSEA Diving**

**2008 TLSEA Diving**

**2009 NW Dive Club**

**2010 Your Dive Club?**

Dive Clubs and their members are strongly encouraged to register for *Dive Around the Clock*. To help generate efforts to obtain pledges, thus donations to Seattle Children's Hospital Cancer Research, the dive club that collects the most money will be awarded a plaque the club will hold on to and

display until next years event.

In 2009, NW Dive Club came in first place—raising \$5,000.



**Start Fundraising Now!**

Visit [firstgiving.com/divearoundtheclock](http://firstgiving.com/divearoundtheclock) and update your event info and start collecting pledges.