

DIVE AROUND THE CLOCK NEWS

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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 22 - 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 22 and Sunday, May 23 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.



Stop by the DATC Booth for more info and to register!

2010 Dive Around the Clock Prizes

DATC organizers have been amassing fantastic prizes for participation in 2010 DATC.

Here are just some of the fabulous prizes you could win, graciously donated by event sponsors. Can we get an ooh and aw?

- Bandito Charters - 2 tank dives
- Divers Choice Charters, Nanaimo BC - 2 day charter
- Pacific Adventure Hood Canal Dive Charter - 2 tank dive
- Panera Bread Co - Free bread for one year
- DATC Rogest poster signed by rock legends Roger Daltry and Alan White
- Queen poster signed by keyboardist Spike Edney



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.



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.

First Giving - Making On Line Giving Easy

DATC participants are encouraged to make a personal fund raising page on firstgiving.com. Firstgiving.com makes the fund raising process easy. It guides you through an easy to follow template where you can add photos, make a personal appeal,

and set and track fundraising goals.

Firstgiving allows friends and family to donate securely via credit or debit card. All donations are sent to Children's Hospital via direct deposit minus a small 7.5% transaction fee.



To get started, go to www.firstgiving.com/divearoundtheclock.

DATC Diver Profile - Valerie Lyttle



Valerie Lyttle (right) and Georgia Arrow (right) keeping the night dive fires burning!

Valerie Lyttle has been an important part of DATC since 2006. With her intrepid buddy Georgia Arrow, Valerie has been covering the hard to fill pre dawn shifts. This dynamic duo truly makes the event dive around the clock.

Valerie Lyttle began diving in 2001 after growing up watching Jacques Cousteau and using her father's spent

CO2 cartridges as scuba tanks for her Ken doll. After a trip to Australia certification in the Pacific Northwest soon followed.

A professional career began in 2006 as a Divemaster and DAN Instructor (2007 Excellence in Teaching Award), then Assistant Instructor in 2007 followed by Instructor.

Valerie has also had a

PNW video exhibited at the San Diego Underwater Film Exhibition, in local television productions and has had photos published in Paul Humann's "Coastal Fishes" (2008).

In her "other" life, she is a Certified Emergency Department Registered Nurse and staff educator.

Check out more about Valerie at - jellyfisheducation.com

Sierra Fuller Update - DATC San Diego?



Sierra Fuller is all smiles after completing her 2009 DATC dives!

Previous DATC newsletters have shared updates about one of our favorite young ladies - Sierra Fuller. Sierra Fuller is a childhood cancer survivor who was inspired by Dive Around the Clock to become a certified diver along with her older brother Chris.

Here is an update from her mother, Maria -

"Sierra is 6 years in remission about to graduate from 8th grade at Madrona Middle School in Edmonds. She has had an

active school year. In addition to clarinet in wind ensemble, she took up the bari saxophone in jazz band. Sierra played soccer in the fall, which she loves. In the winter she skied a little with her family, but mostly concentrated on her voice lessons and rehearsals for the musical "Oliver" at the Madrona Children's Theatre. She played the female lead, Nancy. This spring she joined the track and field team and found another new love of Long Jump and running the

track. She is also experimenting with shot put."

Chris and Sierra's father now works in San Diego. The kids will spend much of the summer there. Sierra and Chris do look forward to having their own mini Dive Around the Clock in San Diego. The Fuller kids will get sponsors and collect donations for Children's Hospital to dive while they are in San Diego.

Go Sierra and Chris!