



## Brockville-Morrisburg Shore Dives

**Underwater Sculpture Park, Canal, Submerged Town!**

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022

**Time:** Arrive in the Brockville area on Friday evening, Aug. 26, to be ready for an early start on Saturday morning.

- 9:30 am start time for the dive
- Allow 1/2 hour to find parking and off-load your gear before 9:30

**Location:**

- Saturday, Aug. 27 [Centeen Park, Water Street East, Brockville, ON](#)
- Sunday, Aug. 28 [Morrisburg](#)

**Divemaster:** Heison Chak, NAUI Instructor #59648

**Dives:**

- two shore dives Saturday
- two shore dives Sunday

**Dive Fees:** \$25 Blue North shore dive fee for the weekend

**Pay:** Send in your \$25 dive fee asap by eTransfer to bluenorthscuba@gmail.com to secure your spot on the dive weekend.

**Registration:** [Let us know you are interested - https://bluenorthscuba.ca/register-dive/](https://bluenorthscuba.ca/register-dive/)  
And send your **\$25 dive fee by eTransfer** to bluenorthscuba@gmail.com

**Deadline:** Register and pay by Aug. 13, 2022

### Day 1 - Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022

**Centeen Park Brockville: Shore Dive**

[Map of the Underwater Sculpture Park - https://saveontarioshipwrecks.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Centeen-park-map-2018.pdf](https://saveontarioshipwrecks.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Centeen-park-map-2018.pdf)

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022

**Divemaster:** Heison Chak

**Description:**

- Save Ontario Shipwrecks (SOS) created an [underwater sculpture park](#), 35 ft.
- You will see some typical Canadian freshwater fish species like trout, perch, bass, lake whitefish.
- Limited parking available (overflow lot near by), grassy area, benches for divers, washroom (accessible with dive token), camping, motels, hotel, restaurants in the area
- Centeen Park is populated with statues of people, fish and even park benches. The statues have various themes including nature and commemoration. One series in the park consists of five human sculptures looking upward as a memorial to those who have lost their lives on the busy St. Lawrence Seaway. Creation of the park started in 2015 with the assistance of the City of Brockville, as well as the students of local schools who constructed many of the statues. Currently there are approximately 36 statues in the water—including mermaids, turtles, more humans, and a clownfish inspired by the Disney character Nemo.
- The dive token is \$10.00 annually and will help pay to upgrade the facilities at Centeen Park to enhance the diver experience. The dive token also makes an excellent souvenir of your diving experience in Brockville. Purchase your voluntary dive token at a harbour or tourism office or dive shop such as [Dive Brockville Adventure Center](#), 12 Water Street East, Brockville

**Day 2 – Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022**

**Morrisburg: Shore Dive**

<https://morrisburgdivesites.com/lock-23-site-overview/>

**Date:** Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022

**Divemaster:** Heison Chak

**Description:**

- Shore dive, 40 ft.
- Part of the town was flooded to make way for the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Current, drift dive
- The submerged section of town had residential streets plus an adjacent area crammed with docks and boathouses, all of which were bulldozed in preparation for flooding. Maximum depth in the locks themselves is about 40 feet. The total downstream distance of the drift is 700 m/2300 ft. Most divers spend 50 to 60 minutes underwater. In the sketch below, today's shoreline and parkland is green. The 1959 shoreline and town area is turquoise blue. It's called "Lock 23" but there are actually two locks: the first and smaller Rapide Plat Lock built in 1847 and the larger Lock 23 completed in 1905. They lie side by side creating two areas to explore. There's a third inner channel leading to the foundations of the municipal hydroelectric plant, followed by a myriad of posts and cribbings of piers, boathouses and shoreline structures, with all kinds of stuff lying around. There's the municipal wharf and the ferry dock with its road leading inland. And there are more sites along the Rapide Plat Canal as it extends a few kilometres upstream. The gates of both locks were dismantled in 1959 for the Seaway flooding, as were the buildings and machinery on top of their walls. Most of this debris was simply pushed into the lock spaces where it still remains. Most dives at Lock 23 start at the same place and end at the same place.

**Requirements to participate in the dive**

- **Pay your Dive Fees** – \$25 shore dive fee for the 2-day weekend with 4 shore dives, Pay by eTransfer to [bluenorthscuba@gmail.com](mailto:bluenorthscuba@gmail.com) to secure your spot on the dive weekend.
- **Membership:** If you are not already a member of Blue North Scuba Club, get your membership:
  - Fill in the [Membership Application form - https://bluenorthscuba.ca/application-form/](https://bluenorthscuba.ca/application-form/)

- [Pay your annual Blue North \\$80 membership fee](#) – Payable by eTransfer to: bluenorthscuba@gmail.com
- **OUC Release:** If you are not yet a member, you will be asked to sign the annual [OUC Communicable Disease Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement](#) once you have been given your OUC number for this year.
- **Vax:** Bring your vaccination receipt to show you are [fully vaccinated](#) against Covid-19. [Get it online](#) if you don't have it.
- **Health:** Before leaving home, assess your personal health situation by following the recommendations on the [Covid-19 Self-Screening Questionnaire](#). Stay home if you feel unwell, or have symptoms of Covid-19, or if you have recently been exposed to someone with Covid-19. See health guidelines.

**Transportation:** We will try to assist with carpooling suggestions.

**Scuba Gear:** Bring all your own scuba gear – including **two tanks**

- [Sample list of dive shops in the Toronto area who rent gear](#) - <https://bluenorthscuba.ca/diveshops/>
- [Sample list of scuba gear to bring on the dive trip](#) - <https://bluenorthscuba.ca/gear/>

**Air Fills:** Air fills will be available at [Dive Brockville Adventure Centre](#) after the Saturday dive, no later than 4:45 pm.

- Backup location for air fills is [Dive Tech](#) about 20 mins from Centeen Park, they are another reliable shop for gas fills.
- WeGoDown is another backup, located between Dive Tech and Centeen Park. They can be our 2nd backup for logistics and air fills.

**Accommodation:** You are responsible for booking your own accommodation. Check the internet for motels, cottages, B&B, camping, etc. to find something that suits your needs.

**We have some ideas\*** below. It's fun if we stay at some of the same locations. Some people may want a hotel, and others may like camping. *\* Ideas where divers have stayed in the past; not endorsements from Blue North*

- St. Lawrence Park camping ~ CAD 39.50/night <https://brockville.com/index.cfm?PageURL=camping>
- Ivy Lea camping ~ CAD 80/night <https://koa.com/campgrounds/ivy-lea/>
- Comfort Inn ~ CAD 194/night ~ 7777 Kent Blvd, [855-516-1090](tel:855-516-1090)
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Brockville ~ CAD 184/night ~ 7815 Kent Blvd, [\(613\) 342-1883](tel:613-342-1883)
- Days Inn by Wyndham Brockville ~ CAD 184/night ~ 160 Stewart Blvd, [\(613\) 704-1335](tel:613-704-1335)

**Club Policies – Read** [Club dive policies](https://bluenorthscuba.ca/policies/) - <https://bluenorthscuba.ca/policies/>

**Questions or Comments?** Contact [bluenorthscuba@gmail.com](mailto:bluenorthscuba@gmail.com)