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## *2011 Underwater Pumpkin Carving Specialist*

### Why Did I Do the Underwater Pumpkin Carving Specialist?

Odd yes, but it is true we came up with a way to make October diving fun and a challenge. For as long as I can remember we have been conducting underwater pumpkin carving challenges. But I saw a need to make it more challenging and rewarding so here it was we would offer a class. What is funny is without the class people have no idea on what to do and how to control the pumpkin. I feel this specialty is a fun way to award those divers who brave the cold to come out on an October day to have fun with us. I also felt we need some program just to keep everyone safe. You know it is an odd site watching 25 divers going onto the water at a time with knives out. The pumpkins want to float the diver want to sink; there is our first challenge, the diver is now cutting underwater with a bobbing pumpkin, another challenge. In most cases the diver is on the bottom and kicks it up so bad no one can see a thing, another challenge. So what we do is teach the diver about the pumpkin and floating, we show them ways to stabilize the pumpkin and then we suggest the proper tool to use while down there. We also assign spot to them so they do not settle in mud and kick up the lake. The course is fun the job is a challenge, but the party and games afterward are well worth the October DIVE.