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OPAF hosts First Dive Intro to Scuba Clinic in Boston

September 27, 2016 – Boston, Massachusetts –OPAF & The First Clinics, along with local dive shop East Coast Divers, hosted a First Dive Intro to Scuba Clinic at the conclusion of the AOPA National Assembly meeting. The event was held at the Boston Sheraton pool and afforded a dozen participants the chance to ‘try scuba’ in a safe and secure environment with trained adaptive scuba instructors. Participants ranged from students to seniors and a variety of physical challenges. The clinic was made possible through OPAF’s Gold Level Sponsor, PTC Products and Services, based in Boston.

“Once I got used to the apparatus, it got easier and easier. I relaxed more and didn’t want to stop! I had a awesome time! Thanks OPAF and all the instructors for giving me this amazing opportunity, I’m hooked!”

Posie Mansfield, Participant

OPAF’s Director of Scuba, Stacey Minton, owner of New Mexico Scuba came in to lead the clinic, along with the excellent staff from East Coast Divers.

“Outstanding program, beginning to end. Felt welcome upon signing in and they took it from there. The patience and energy of all involved was immeasurable. There was a feeling of belonging– like family. The professionalism was good.”

Nancy Nugent, East Coast Divers

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About OPAF: Serving as the philanthropic arm of the US orthotic and prosthetic community, the Orthotic & Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), develops, implements, partners and hosts adaptive recreational clinics for those with physical challenges. The First Clinics are recognized as leaders in adaptive recreation. Whether this is the first time a participant is trying an activity after illness, injury or episode or the first time they are ever trying, First Clinics offer top notch adaptive instruction specifically for them. Founded in 1995 to support the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, OPAF & The First Clinics have moved forward to offer introductory level adaptive recreation opportunities to everyone, not just the elite athlete. For more information on OPAF and The First Clinics, visit www.opafonline.org.

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