

A New Addition to the Dive Family

Well, this is not about a birth of a child or new employee, (sorry for those who got their hopes up). This is about the birth of a new training program here at the Abyss. We are now officially an SSI Instructor Training Facility. We are now qualified to teach theory on the beach and diving in the turquoise waters of the Caribbean to new instructors who want the life we have.

Under the direction of Dave McKenna, an SSI Instructor Trainer who has come from Cuernavaca, Mexico and David Tomlinson, our fearless dive leader, Jefe (that's Spanish for boss) and dive center owner, the Abyss will be holding instructor training courses for **SSI Instructors, Advanced Instructors, Specialty Instructors, FIRST AID/PABS Instructor** and much more! This has been one of our dreams and finally it has come true. The courses will be offered in 2003 during the months of June, September and November. The course details and time frames are posted on the website for all to see. This designation makes us the second SSI training facility in the area and the only active one offering courses regularly.

What does this mean for our divers? Well, it means that we will be kept on our toes regarding new dive information that we can pass on to you. We will be hosting more international divers who want to become professionals, which will add to

the cultural melting pot we already have at the Abyss. These components will make us the number one

training facility for SSI here in the Mexican Caribbean. If you want to know how to become an instructor, whether you are certified by SSI or another dive organization, we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



One word though. The course is designed for divers who want to reach a professional level but it can also be used by those who wish to use this level to enhanced their underwater hobby. Once you have completed the course you can assist at your local dive shop part time or make you feel extremely confident in your knowledge base.

We recommend the instructor training course for anyone who is enthusiastic about diving and wants to expand their diving knowledge. Next month we will discuss the cave diving certification and how this can also assist in your diving ability. Stay tuned...

News, news, and more news...

We receive feedback from customers all the time. So this month I am going to share some with you. If we can maintain good communication on info@abyssdiveshop.com and keep a divers information hub, then we are achieving what we are supposed to do. So here is some news...

First, congrats to Rick as he has been reunited with his wetsuit. All is good, each rightful owner has been found across the country and the wetsuits are being swapped as we speak. Second, we are putting together a list of international dive shows. If you know of one in your area, let us know. Thirdly, the photo contest is coming along nicely and we urge all divers to submit photos. Don't be shy. Finally, we will apologize again for the delay in the additions to the website. The connections here have been bad over the past little while and our poor webmaster has been frustrated with trying to get all the new information online in time. The Whaleshark trip to Holbox starting end of June, detailed training outlines and courses, the photo gallery, photo contest details and some great surprises will be up soon.

We want to hear from you. This newsletter is for everyone's enjoyment and we want to ensure that you are getting what you need from us. Let us know at info@abyssdiveshop.com. Even if it is that you want to say hi and see how the weather is, we are always happy to hear from you.

Cristian

A recent addition to the Abyss, Cristian puts a new meaning to the Abyss Family. Jorge, featured last month, is the father of Cristian. Both work on our boats and each day father and son come to the beach and work together. They even take the same day off! Cristian is our marinero, which is Spanish for boat help, and is there to

assist the captains while on land and in the water. He is currently taking his open water course and hopes to continue to a professional level.



Congrats Warren

We have a new Dive Master!!!! Warren Conley completed his Dive Master course on May 9, 2003. He has had to leave Playa to return to his other job, a trainer for the Cirque de Soleil, but threatens that he will return. Warren, we promise you, any time you want to come and lug tanks, we are happy to have you come and visit. We will reserve on for you.

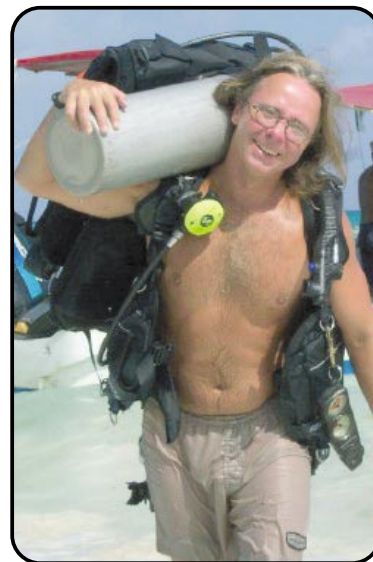


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