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# LARA LATSHAW

OWSI, Specialty Instructor (PADI & SSI)  
500+ Dives

(Utila, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, The Red Sea, Socorro, Ushuaia, Orkney Islands, Portugal, Mexico)

I began diving in early 2019 and quickly learned it means more to me than something to do while on vacation. I continued to dive while growing and expanding my businesses. In January 2022 I was able to move to Utila, Honduras and pursue my diving career.

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## WORK HISTORY

- August & September 2022 - MSDT Internship, Utila Dive Center, Utila Honduras
  - July 2022 - Operation Wallacea - Volunteer Divemaster
    - Lead groups of 4-6 young adults on youth scientific diving program including fish, coral and invertebrate identification, laying transects and quadrats, performing basic marine science projects.
    - Assist graduate students with scientific diving in completing University thesis projects.
    - Assign and maintain and store dive gear.
    - Perform check dives for students and manage any difficulties when diving.
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## SPECIALITIES

EFR Instructor  
Care for Children w/AED Instructor Emergency Oxygen Provider Instructor  
Self-Reliant Instructor  
Adaptive Techniques Speciality Instructor  
Deep Instructor  
Enriched Air Instructor  
Sidemount Instructor  
Tech Rec Gas Blender Instructor  
Peak Performance Buoyancy Instructor  
Project Aware Instructor  
AWARE Coral Reef Conservation Sp Instructor  
Resort & Marina Operations  
PADI Equipment Specialist  
Caribbean Lionfish Containment Instructor

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### SKILLS

- Completed the GoEco program at UDC including fish, coral and invertebrate identification; coral nursery maintenance diver; coral health monitoring diver.
- Certified Scuba Magician
- Completed 40/45/50 Tec Course
- Drysuit Certified

### EDUCATION

#### UDC

- OWSI March 2022
- Divemaster October 2021

#### Indiana State University

- Bachelor of Science 2003

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## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Advanced Computer Skills
  - Website Design
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Various Marketing Platforms
- Business Development and Management
  - 10+ Year US Business Owner
  - Human Resources
  - Developing Operation Manuals and Training Manuals
- Public Speaking & Education
  - Pet Tech CPR & First Aid Instructor 10+ years
  - Nominated Barkleigh Best Upcoming Speaker of the Year 2013
  - Teaching Business and Pet Grooming classes at conferences across the US
  - Open Division Competition Groomer

## ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY

### **Owner - Gordon's Grooming LLC & Gordon's Feline Exclusive Grooming, Indiana**

- 2012 - Started Gordon's Grooming LLC, 192 sq feet
- 2016 - Expanded into 2000 sq feet of space
- 2019 - Opened second location
- 2020 - Doubled space of second location, added self-pet wash
- 2021 - Opened Feline Exclusive Salon

### **Chief Grooming Officer - Hydrodog Mobile Pet Grooming, Florida**

- Assisted with grooming trailer design
- Wrote training and operations manuals
- Hired and trained employees
- Grew grooming fleet from one unit to 10 units in 2 years