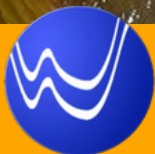


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HELLO, PARADISE!

Cayman Brac, a small island north-east of well-know Grand Cayman, is a happy place for divers & nature lovers alike. Just a 30-min flight from Grand Cayman brings you to this quiet island with phenomenal diving, beautiful beaches & caves, and no crowds. We loved staying at the Cayman Brac Beach Resort: great dive staff, wonderful pool, peaceful beach hammocks good food,.. what else could you need?







THE DIVES

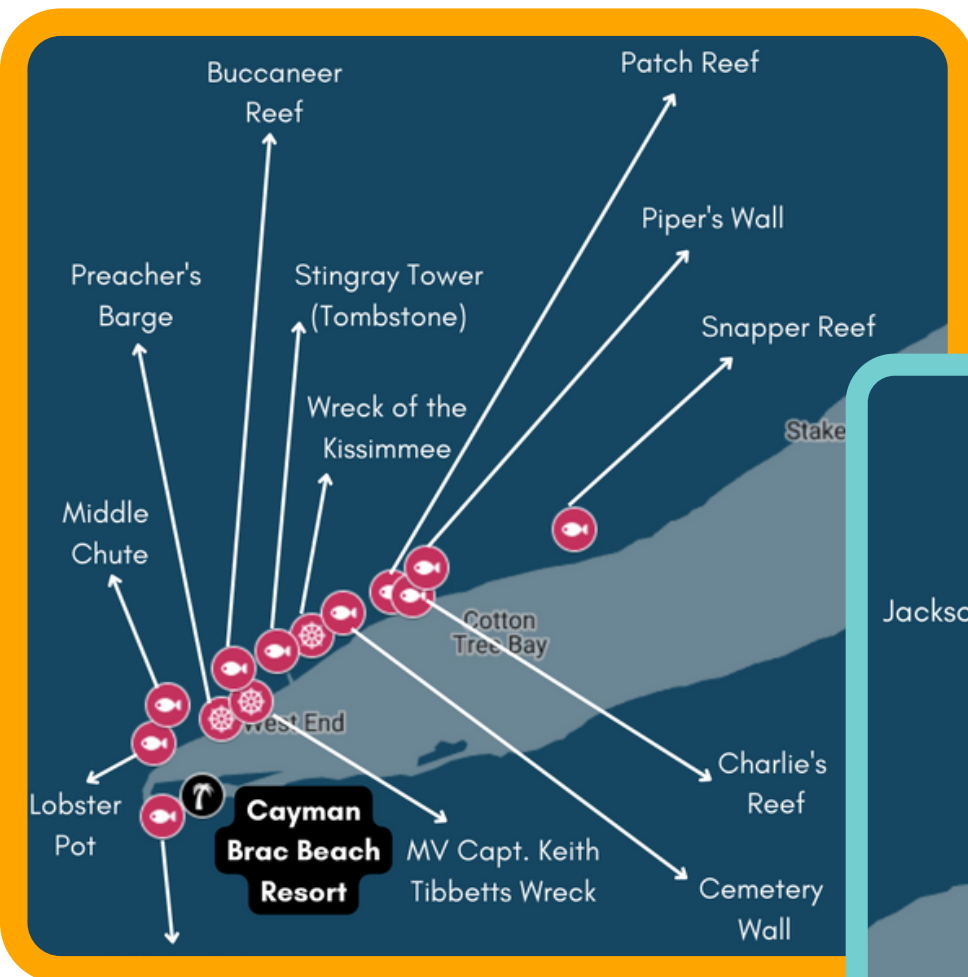
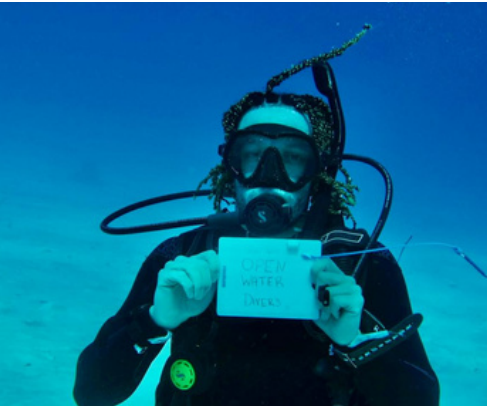
Courses Completed:

Open Water: Debbie, Ethan, & Suzanne

Deep Adventure Dive: Debbie & Ethan

Fish ID Speciality: John & Yasmin

Total dives completed: 15



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Major Milestones

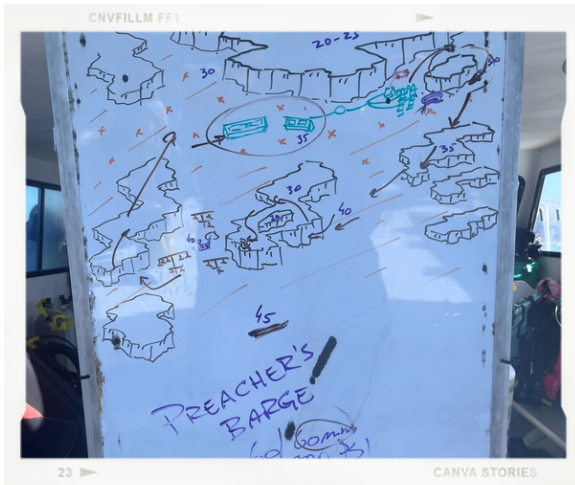
Special congratulations to these four for achieving major diving milestones while on our Cayman Brac adventure:

- 10th Dive: Debbie & Ethan
- 100th Dive: Jane & Yasmin
- 300th Dive: Eileen



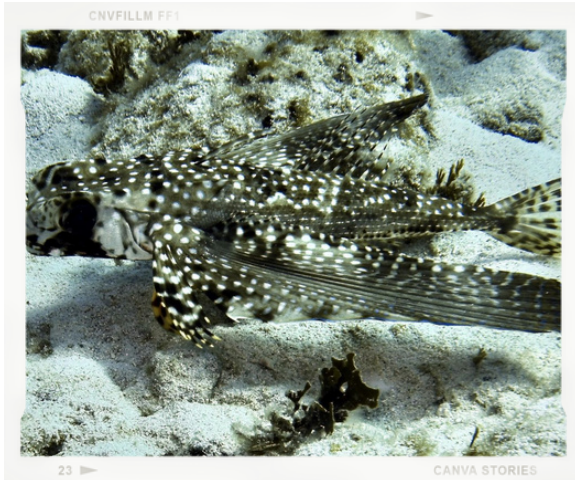


Day 1



Dive 1: Patch Reef

Our first dive of the week on our boat Fantasea. Refreshing skills, adjusting to new gear, and getting our gills wet. Huge barracuda and some happy southern stingrays greeted us throughout the dive
Open Water Dive 1 for Ethan, Debbie, & Suzanne.



Dive 2: Preacher's Barge

With more confidence from the previous dive, divers played with their cameras, adjusted weights, and enjoyed checking out the wreck. Barbie even found a flying gurnard, a turtles, and a squad of squid joined our safety stop!
Open Water Dive 2 for Ethan & Debbie



Dive 3: Charlie's Reef

As many relaxed by the pool, a few decided to venture out again and it paid off- lots of eagle rays and lobsters!
This site was voted a crowd favourite by the afternoon dive squad.

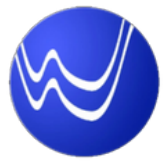


One of our dive guides/captain Jucky posing for a picture on our last dive day.



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Day 2



Dive 4: Piper's Wall

Our Open Water Divers worked towards their certification and experienced their first wall dive. The swim through here was a highlight for sure! Lots of lobsters, porcupinefish, and eagle rays to keep us company.

Open Water Dive 3 for Ethan, Debbie, and Suzanne



Dive 5: Kissimmee

This 12m tug was sunk as an artificial reef in 1982. With incredible visibility, this site was perfect for Debbie & Ethans final certification dive! Big Tarpon were a challenge for photographers- but an eagle rays and curious trunk fish were big hits!

Open Water Dive 4 for Ethan & Debbie



Dive 6: Lobster Pot

Aptly named, this site had lots of lobsters for us to spot! With the small afternoon crew, we spotted the rare Sea Goddess nudibranch along with a lemon ray, porcupine fish, and big schools of wrasse.



Instructor Grace hanging on boat before teaching Open Water dive 3!

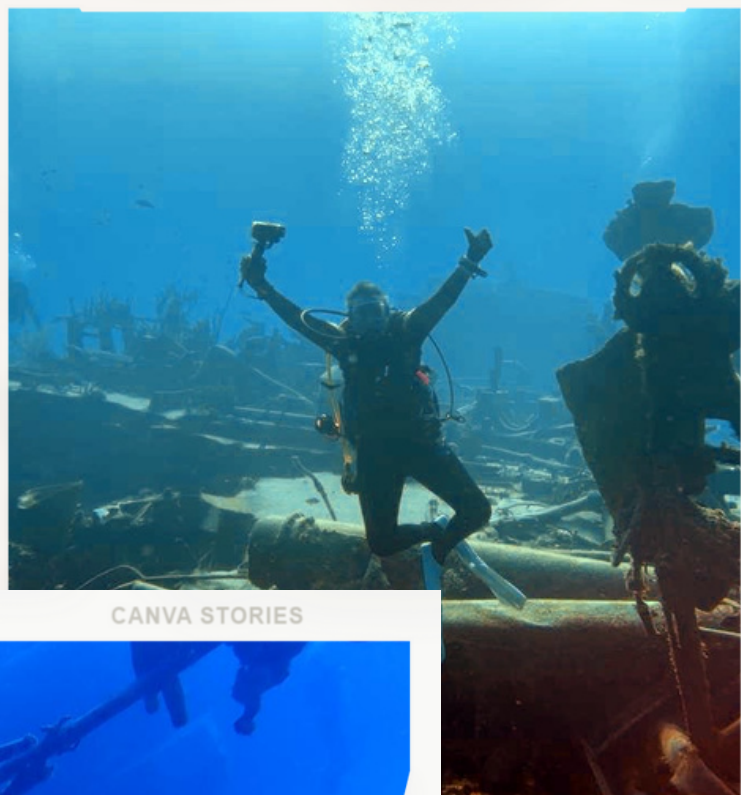




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Exploring the MV Capt. Tibbetts Wreck



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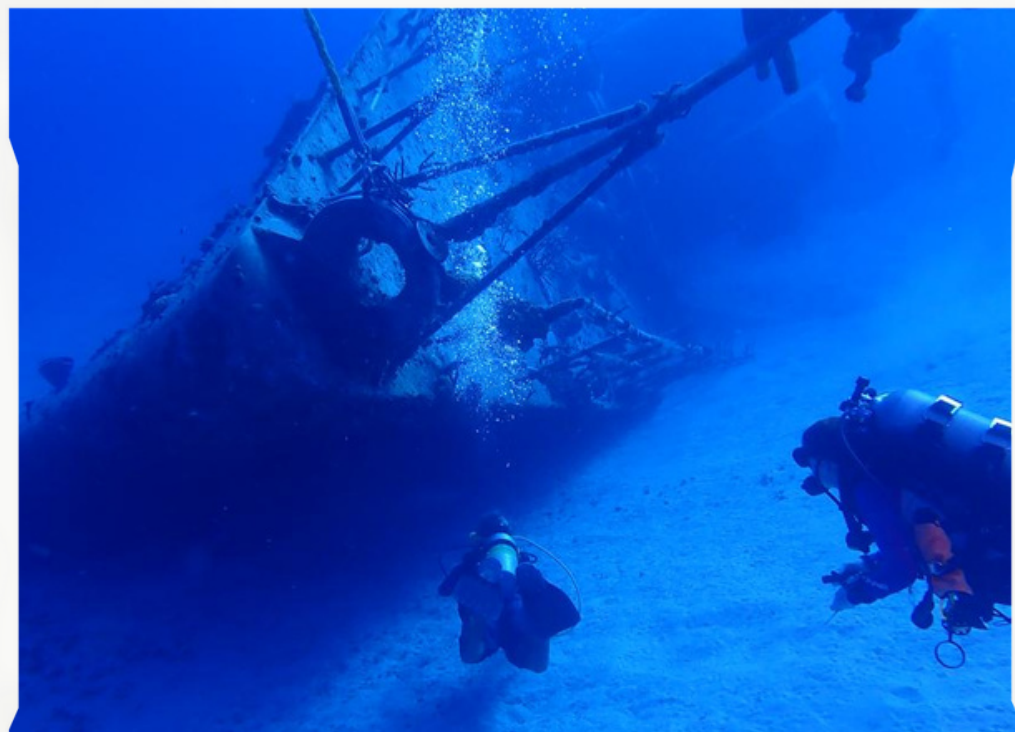
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Day 3



Dive 7: MV. Captain Tibbetts Wreck/356

This 330-foot-long Koni II class frigate was built for the Cuban Navy by the Soviet Union in 1984. It was purchased by the Cayman Islands and sunk in 1996 as an artificial reef and dive site.



Exploring the wreck and a cool coral swim-through were highlights of this amazing dive.

Open Water Dive 3 for Suzanne

Dive 8: Snapper Reef



With Gary the Grouper to hang out with, this dive site was a group favourite. Tons of big coral towers, a few lionfish, and even a High Hat, this was an incredible dive. Ethan worked on his Navigation Adventure Dive in his first dive for his Advanced!

Dive 9: Middle Chute



A great chill afternoon dive, our small afternoon dive team got some close ups with an amazing hawksbill turtle, eagle ray, southern stingray, and french angel fish. Don't forget to look in close for Flamingo tongues!





Day 4



Dive 10: Jackson's Wall

As we journeyed over to Little Cayman to dive the incredible Bloody Bay Wall, this site did not disappoint. Riddled with swim-throughs, Debbie and Ethan completed their Deep Adventure Dive while snappers, groupers, towering healthy corals, and more wowed the group.



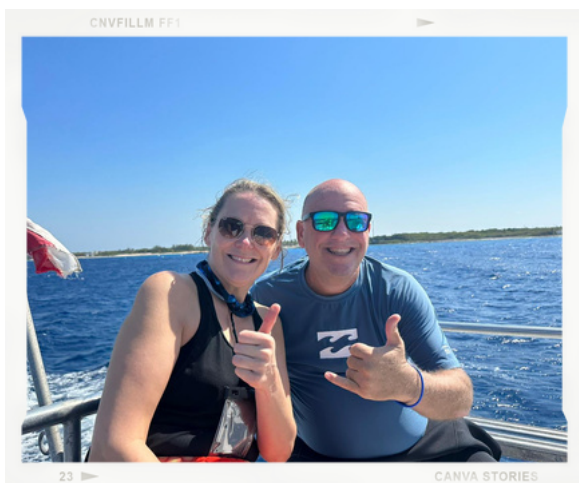
Dive 11: Nancy's Cup of Tea

This site was perfect to work on the Fish ID skills for our divers. With a hawksbill turtle to guide us back to the boat and a blacktip reef shark hanging out, this was a fin-tastic dive. A 3.5 ft lobster right under the boat made for a fun safety stop!

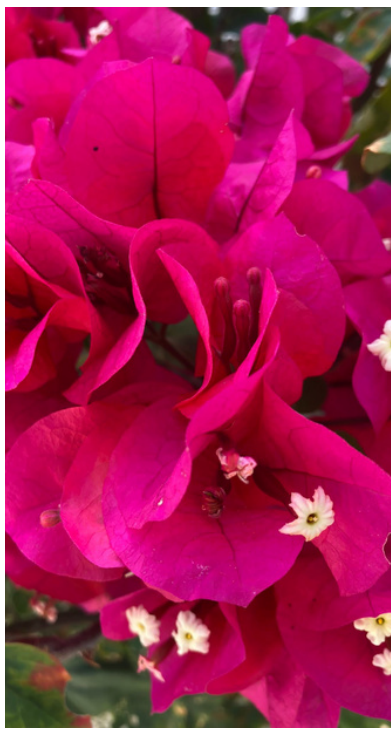


Dive 12: Sting Ray Tower

With many divers choosing to relax by the pool after our boat ride back from Little Cayman, others enjoyed this relaxing dive. True to its name, lots of southern sting rays were found along with some lobsters out for a walk.



Debbie and Eric hanging out on the upper level of the dive boat on a surface interval.





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Debbie, Suzanne, & Ethan completed their Open Water this trip! Congrats to our new divers!

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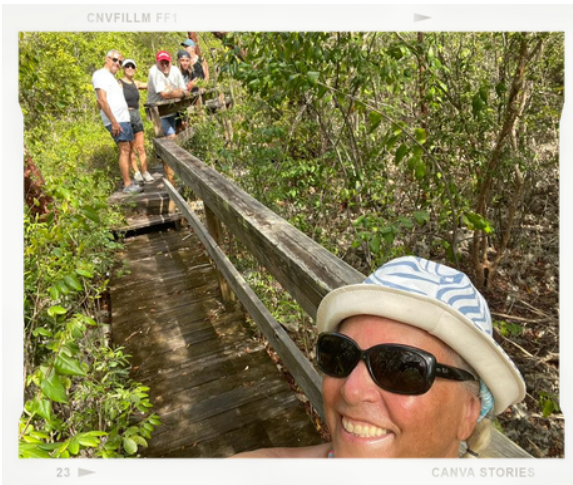
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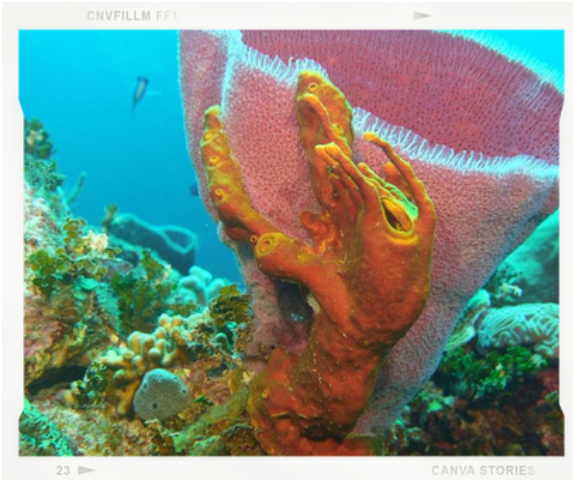
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Dive 13: Cemetery Wall

This steep wall was covered in massive barrel sponges, and healthy soft corals. Pairs of butterflyfish hide along the wall with a few lucky divers spotting an eagle ray gliding by! Suzanne battled through sea sickness and earned her Open Water Certification!

Open Water Dive 4 for Suzanne



Dive 14: Buccaneer

This site was full of reef patches, making it a great spot for our last Fish ID dive! As the student squad pointed, acted, and did their best to draw, other divers followed Jucky to look for snappers, french angelfish, and more.



Dive 15: Lighthouse

Stingrays galore! Big schools of wrasse, a few snappers, and many incredible swim throughs made for a great afternoon.

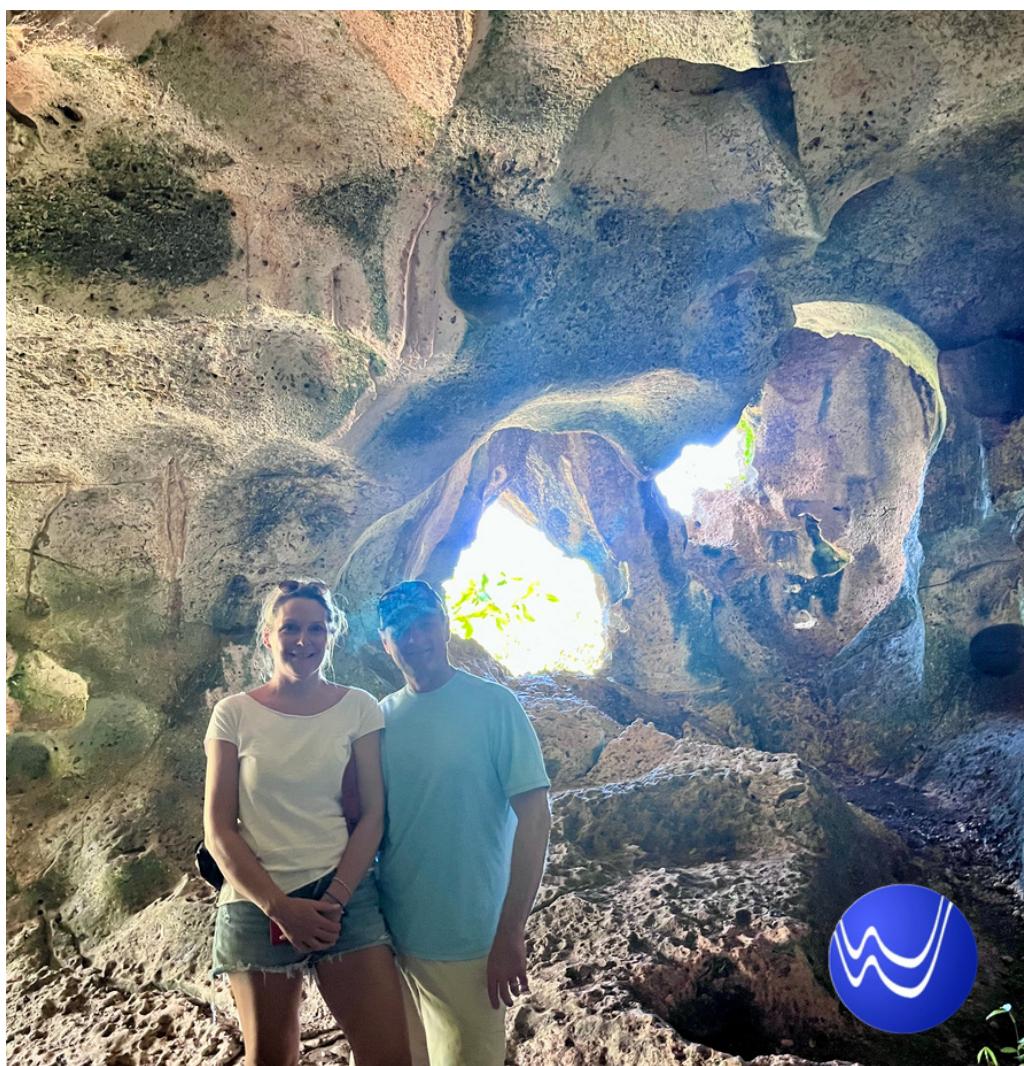


Unfortunately, our last dive day was cancelled due to rough weather. Many decided to explore the island on bicycles or by car... and some decided to supervise the beach & pool!



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Planned for October of 2020... 5 rescheduled dates due to COVID-19... finally led to this incredible week. Relaxing by the beach & pool, playing poker & Cards Against Humanity, diving on beautiful reefs, and so much more with these lovely people. Can't wait til our next adventure!



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