



Summer 2021

# Bottom Times Newsletter!

*"Where The Lands Ends and The Adventure Begins!"*

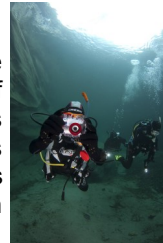


## Let's Go Diving!

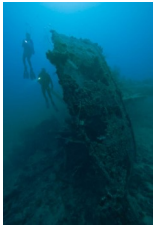
Welcome to this quarters newsletter! We have some great activities planned for this quarter to get you out diving! So take a look and let's go get wet!

### Digital Imaging Month!

The underwater world is an incredible place. We have the special ability to be able to visit it and store memories of our encounters with underwater life. What if there was a way to take these memories and show them to other people. That is what digital underwater imaging is all about. You can take those photos or videos and bring them back to amaze your friends, family members and co-workers. This month is dedicated to showing you how to take these photos and videos and then transform them to memories you can share!



### Wreck Diving Month!



One of the biggest thrills of diving, is to drop down from the surface and see the silhouette of a shipwreck waiting for you to explore. As you approach the wreck the details are becoming clearer. You can see the deck, the holds, and the forecastle. These are different parts of the shipwreck that make it interesting to dive on. This month you have the opportunity to learn more about shipwrecks with the different courses we are offering. Check inside for more details!

### PADI AWARE Month!

Our oceans need our help! The oceans are having more problems and issues at a rate never before seen! As a diver, we are the voice of the ocean. You are an Ambassador for the oceans and it is your responsibility to be heard. To learn more about what is happening to our oceans and how you can make a difference, check out our PADI AWARE programs in the month of September.

## DIVETORIAL

Welcome to the third issue of our newsletter. This issue is dedicated to our oceans. As most of you remember, during the classroom portion of your course we spoke about being an Ambassador for our world's oceans.

As a diver, have a special ability! You can do something that so few people in the world can, dive under the water! You get to see some incredible sights as you do!

With this special ability comes the responsibility to become a steward for all of those amazing things you see down there. You need to pass onto others what you've experienced underwater. All those wonderful sights, sounds and experiences you've had underwater. You need to become a voice to those non-divers.

You need to let them know what is happening to our worlds oceans. The pollution, the loss of marine life, the destruction of vital habitat.

The more who know about what is happening underwater the more we have a chance to turn the tide and help our oceans become healthy again.

We need to make a difference so our kids, grandkids and yes, even our great grandkids, have the opportunities you have had to experience the wonders under the sea!

So join us this summer and make a difference!

**Let's Get Wet & Go Diving!**

**Gene Battaglia**

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# COME ON! LETS GET WET!

## Classes

### July 2021: Digital Imaging Month

#### Digital Underwater Imaging Course:



This specialty course helps you easily achieve great photo and video results. We will be using PADI's proven SEA method of digital imaging. This course also counts towards the Advanced Open Water Diver course and your Master Scuba Diver rating.

#### Underwater Videographer Course:

Video is the best way to share the sights, sounds, motion and dynamics of the underwater world. If you want to get the best clips and also learn to edit your scuba diving stories to share with friends through social media, then the PADI Underwater Videographer Specialty course is for you. Learn to create underwater videos that are interesting, entertaining and worth watching again and again.

### August 2021: Wreck Diving Month

#### Wreck Diving Course:

Whether purposely sunk as an artificial reef for scuba divers, or lost as the result of an accident, wrecks are fascinating windows to the past. Ships, airplanes and even cars are fascinating to explore and usually teem with aquatic life. Each wreck dive offers a chance for discovery, potentially unlocking a mystery or spying something others have missed. The PADI Wreck Diver Specialty course is popular because it offers rewarding adventures while observing responsible wreck diving practices.



#### Heritage Awareness Diving Course:

Submerged cultural resources are exciting to explore. However, they are fragile, irreplaceable, and protected by law. Learn about the science of archaeology, how to help archaeologists, and how to help protect underwater heritage. Share the excitement of exploring the past without damaging or destroying these unique resources.

### September 2021: PADI AWARE Month

#### PADI Aware Course:

The PADI AWARE Specialty course is an introduction to the global AWARE movement for ocean protection. It focuses and expands on the 10 Tips for Divers and Snorkelers to Protect the Ocean Planet. Through interactive discussions, you'll learn how you can make a difference for ocean protection every time you dive or travel. A dry, 'fins off' course, this specialty is ideal for divers and non-divers alike to gain insight into how decisions above and below the surface impact our water planet.

#### Dive Against Debris Course:



Do you want to make a difference on every dive but are not sure where to begin? Gain the knowledge and skills to activate your inner citizen scientist by taking the Dive Against Debris® Specialty. You'll learn to complete Dive Against Debris surveys under the guidance of a PADI® Professional and help

keep your local dive sites healthier by removing trash.

## Featured Resources

This month's column is going to be a little different. We are going to point you to some great resources on the web for both photo and video for UW.

**Sealife Cameras**—They have an incredible amount of information on their web site page on underwater photography. Their resource page leads you to several video's by various photographers to assist you with developing your skills.

[www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com)

**Blue Water**—has a series of articles and videos on both Underwater Photography, as well as underwater videography. They have information for the beginner all the way through expert.

[www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photography-guide-beginners](http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photography-guide-beginners)

**Akasotech**—has a great article on how to get started in underwater videography. They offer their own camera that is a lot like the Go Pro. Check them out at:

[www.akasotech.com/blogs/underwater-videography-guide](http://www.akasotech.com/blogs/underwater-videography-guide)

**Dive Photo Guide**—is another site that offers information about both photo and video underwater. They have a series of good articles to get you started.

[www.divephotoguide.com/underwater-photography-techniques/article/shooting-underwater-video-basics/](http://www.divephotoguide.com/underwater-photography-techniques/article/shooting-underwater-video-basics/)

## Activity, Dives, Events & Webinars

### Activities & Dives

#### *FWB Boat Trip*

The water is warming up and it is time to get out onto the water. Come join us as we enjoy diving in the Gulf from one of our local boats! This trip is a two cylinder dive trip.

#### *Wreck Diving Trip*

Now you've taken the courses, it is time to put your new found knowledge to work. Join us for a two tank dive on some of our local wrecks!



#### *Underwater Clean Up Dive*

It is time to give back to our oceans! Come join us for a couple of underwater clean up dives on both a wreck and on a local reef. Here is our chance to give back to the waters that give so much enjoyment.

### Diver Webinars

We are thinking about offering a webinar on the diving basics. Such as how to pick out your first set of equipment and know it will work for the type of diving you want to do.

How about a webinar on identifying dive conditions. What goes into deciding that the conditions are good enough to safely make that dive?

What can you do to make your air last longer on your dive? What tips and techniques can you use to help your buoyancy underwater?

If these are of interest to you, please let us know. If we get enough interest, we will start a monthly webinar series on the basics of diving!

**FOR DATES ON ALL THESE CLASSES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, CHECK THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**

# Pro Page!

## PADI Pro Courses

### Divemaster



Share your passion for scuba diving by becoming a PADI Divemaster. As a divemaster you'll supervise scuba diving activities and assist with scuba classes. PADI Divemaster is the first step in your diving career.

The PADI Divemaster course teaches you to be a leader and take charge of dive activities. Through knowledge development sessions, waterskills exercises and workshops, and hands-on practical assessment, you develop the skills to organize and direct a variety of scuba diving activities.

### IDC: Assistant Instructor

Are you ready to join the ranks of the dedicated professionals who teach the world's most progressive and popular scuba diver education programs?

Successfully completing just the AI course results in a PADI Assistant Instructor qualification. When an AI is ready to progress, attending an OWSI program allows entry into an IE to earn a full PADI Instructor rating.

### IDC: Open Water Scuba Instructor

If you like people, have a passion for scuba diving and want an extraordinary life, become a PADI Instructor. Teaching scuba diving allows you to share your love of the aquatic world with others while doing what you enjoy, being in, around and under water. PADI Open Water Scuba Instructors and PADI Assistant Instructors are the most sought-after dive professionals around the world because they've completed the program that sets the standard for training dive professionals. You earn a PADI Instructor rating through hard work and commitment, but you're rewarded with a job that lets you share incredible underwater adventures with others - transforming their lives for the better and enriching yours.



### Specialty Instructor



More scuba diving and more fun sharing what interests you - that's what teaching specialty diver courses are all about. The best way to learn how to make your specialty diver courses really special is to take a specialty instructor course from us. Specialty instructor courses provide teaching tips and hands-on experience that you can implement right away. With 25 standard PADI Specialty Diver courses, and numerous distinctive specialties, you have lots to choose from - so get going!

### IDC Staff Instructor

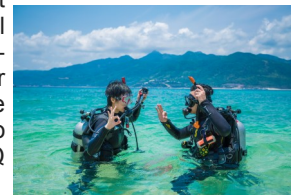
Just as scuba divers look up to divemasters, instructor candidates really respect IDC Staff Instructors. As the name implies, IDC Staff Instructors assist with instructor training and share their wisdom and experience with new PADI leaders. Taking the IDC Staff Instructor course provides you with in-depth knowledge of the instructor development process and prepares you to shape the next generation of PADI Professionals. It's also a great career enhancement.

## Pro Webinars

### July: What Does It Take To Become A Pro?

You've thought about becoming a diving professional. You've talked to different pros about their diving careers. You want to learn more before you make your decision.

Here is your chance to learn all about what it takes to become a successful diving professional in the diving industry. Join us, as we talk about our 30+ year career and what are some tips and techniques we've learned to stay successful. We will have a Q and A session after our presentation.



### August: Beyond Your Basic Wreck Class!

So you earned your Wreck Diver Instructor certification. You've issued a few certification to some of your students. Now what?

How do you keep their interest in wreck diving? What are some other courses you can offer to educate them on shipwrecks?

Join us as we give you some great ideas on what it takes to become a successful wreck diving instructor.



### September: How To Use AWARE Week To Your Advantage!

Did you know that there is a whole week devoted to Project AWARE? Join us as we discuss how to use that week to your advantage to get your dives into training and into the water!



## Medical Instructor Programs

### Emergency 1st Response Instructor Course

As an Emergency First Response Instructor, you teach skills based on internationally recognized emergency care guidelines, and you can offer courses to anyone. The great thing about EFR courses is they make learning easy by providing a comfortable environment to practice emergency care skills. Your students finish the course feeling confident with their new skills and ready to help someone in need.

Your role as an EFR Instructor is to be a coach that creates a positive learning environment. Along with learning how to structure and organize EFR courses; you practice, presenting course content, encouraging self-discovery in students, evaluating student understanding and skill mastery during hands-on skills practice and managing effective scenario-based learning experiences

### EFR Instructor Courses Tips

Did you know that folding the end of a gauze bandage on the first wrap will hold it in place?

Have you ever tied a knot on a triangle bandage? It will give the arm a place to sit when making a sling.

Have you used shaving cream as a blood substitute when doing donning and doffing of gloves, during the PEP?

Here are just a few ideas to add to your EFR course the next time you teach it!

# Institute of Diving Technology's Activity Schedule

## 3rd Quarter 2021

Put Me On Your Refrigerator

### July 2021

#### Classes:

**UW Digital Imaging Course**

July 20, 2021

**UW Videography Course**

July 27, 2021

#### Activity & Dive:

**FWB Boat Trip**

July 14, 2021

#### Pro Webinar:

**What Does It Take To Become A  
Diving Professional?**

July 29, 2021

### August 2021

#### Classes:

**Wreck Diver Course**

August 10, 2021

**Heritage Awareness Diver Course**

August 17, 2021

#### Activity & Dive:

**Wreck Dive Trip**

August 21, 2021

#### Pro Webinar:

**Beyond Your Basic Wreck Class!**

August 19, 2021

### September 2021

#### Classes:

**PADI Aware Course**

Sept. 14, 2021

**Dive Against Debris Course**

Sept. 16, 2021

#### Activity & Dive:

**UW Clean Up Dive**

Sept. 18, 2021

#### Pro Webinar:

**How To Use AWARE Week  
To Your Advantage**

Sept., 9, 2021



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