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by Troy Farrar

## What to Do

Looking for adventure? Isla Mujeres has plenty to choose from and these are a few of our bucket list recommendations for must do adventures on your next trip to Isla Mujeres.

### Whale Shark Experience with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers

If you come to Isla Mujeres you must go on the Whale Shark Adventure - this is one of the coolest things I have ever done. We started with an early morning ride out to the deep water which took about 1 hour. Soon our captain spotted the whale sharks and we headed that direction. Our captain would drop us off right in front of a whale shark proclaiming "Face to Face!" and we would snorkel with the gentle creatures for a few minutes as they cruised along eating krill and plankton. Three words I would use to describe this experience are AMAZING, AMAZING, AMAZING! To be in the water swimming with these gentle giants is a definite bucket list activity and something you must do while in Isla Mujeres. <https://diveislamujeres.com/>





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## Scuba Diving with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers

If you plan to do some scuba diving while in Isla Mujeres you cannot go wrong with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers. Paul and Sharon have an amazing crew of instructors and dive masters that make the dive trip fun and exciting for beginners to experienced divers. My 13 year old son was unable to finish his check out dives in the states due to ear problems and finished his certification during our first dives in Isla with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers. We saw the MUSA underwater Museum, sea turtles, sting rays, queen angels, cow fish, beautiful coral and tons of other reef fish on our amazing 2 tank dives. If you plan to dive in Isla Mujeres make sure you give Aqua Adventures Eco Divers a call. <https://diveislamujeres.com/>



## Shopping

There are plenty of shops on the 2 main drags in Isla Mujeres that have lots of souvenirs. You can find typical Mexican souvenirs, clothes, jewelry, art, woven bracelets, cigars and just about anything else you are looking for to commemorate your visit to Isla.

## Sunset Sail Boat Tour

We took a fantastic sunset sail boat cruise with Captain Felipe and his first mate Willy that we booked through Aquatic Adventures. We enjoyed a private tour on his boat, The Manumit, which means to release from slavery. This is not your typical sail boat tour as Captain Felipe also owns the Sunset Grill, which means the tour includes some delicious appetizers from the grill. We enjoyed Ceviche made from local fish, Shrimp Tempura, Chicken Kabobs and even Penne Pasta with Meatballs for the kids. The tour was relaxing and very reasonable for a private sail boat tour. The sunset tour was the perfect way to end the day and the sunset was beautiful as promised. Captain Felipe is very friendly and had a ton of local knowledge as he has been on the island for 17 years. Enjoy a serene evening with Captain Felipe aboard the Manumit as you sail into the sunset. <https://diveislamujeres.com>





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Night Dive with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers  
 The Aqua Adventures Eco Divers 2 tank night dive was a great adventure. We started with a late afternoon dive and saw lots of reef fish, some sea turtles, queen angels and lobsters hiding out in the reef. Then Pedro our instructor told us to notice the difference on our second dive, how many of the reef animals would be hiding or sleeping and also how a whole new host of reef animals would be out at night. We saw sleeping sea turtles, lobsters out hunting, stingrays and an amazing octopus. It was my wife and 2 kids first night dive and they thought it was amazing. Aqua Adventures did a great job of keeping the dive safe and making it fun and exciting for all of the participants.  
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### Kin Ha Beach Club

Kin Ha Beach Club is the perfect place to spend a day at the beach. The beach club features a 3-level infinity pool with a water slide for the kids and a covered area with tables for dining or listening to the live band. There are covered beach chairs and a private beach with a trapeze swing for swinging into the water. They even have a hotel if you want to stay on property. There is no charge for the beach club – just pay for your food and drinks. The attentive waiters will keep your glass and belly full with great drinks and food choices. We had Texas French Fries, Nachos and Fried Cheese and all of them were delicious.  
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### Playa Norte (North Beach)

Playa Norte is ranked by Trip Advisor as one of the top ten best beaches around the globe and the number 1 beach in Mexico for a good reason. White sand, crystal clear waters and no big currents make this an awesome beach. There are plenty of places to rent an umbrella and beach loungers or even a covered beach bed and there are also plenty of places to buy food and drinks while at the beach. Playa Norte is a fun and safe place to spend the day.



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## Central Square

The Central Square which is also called Parque Principal is a good place to go in the evenings. One night we watched a band with dance performances by a group from Isla Mujeres and the Netherlands. Another night we watched a girls' basketball summer league game. There are lots of activities that happen in the Central Square making it a good place to walk by after dinner.



## Playa Centro (Central Beach)

Playa Centro is very similar to Playa Norte with white sand, crystal clear waters and no big currents. The big difference is that Playa Centro gets deep more quickly than Playa Norte which is not great for little kids but is fine for adults. There is a smaller crowd at Playa Centro, however the same amenities are available as Playa Norte.



## Punta Sur

Punta Sur is an ecological park at the "South Point" of the island with a lighthouse, a sculpture garden and the remains of the Temple of the Goddess Ixchel, an ancient sumptuary built by the Mayans. The Spanish found a variety of female figures here, hence the name Isla de Mujeres - Island of women. Punta Sur is the highest point on the island and the first place in the Mexican Republic that feels the touch of the rising sun. Punta Sur has dramatic cliffs overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and is worth the visit.



## Where to Eat

These were our favorite restaurants on Isla Mujeres and we highly recommend that you add them to your list on your visit to the island.

### Restaurante Lupita

Restaurante Lupita is a fun little spot located one block off the main drag in Isla Mujeres. The family owns three restaurants on the island that feature a nice variety of regional selections and this one is named after the owner – Conrad’s wife. We ate at Restaurante Lupita several times and had Chicken Tacos, Shrimp Tacos, Chicken Vera Cruz and Chicken Nachos – which were all excellent. Restaurante Lupita gets our vote for the best street styled tacos on the island (chicken or shrimp tacos with cilantro and onions), but all of our meals at Restaurante Lupita were delicious. For a great meal that is a little of the beaten path don’t miss Restaurante Lupita!  
[www.facebook.com/restaurantelupitaislamujeres/](http://www.facebook.com/restaurantelupitaislamujeres/)



### Poc Chuc

Poc Chuc is just 2 blocks down the street from Restaurante Lupita and is owned by the same family. We had an amazing breakfast at Poc Chuc with a Fruit Plate, Pancakes and Chilaquiles. We also had an afternoon snack of Chicken Nachos after a day at the beach. Our meals at Poc Chuc were delicious and the service was great. Poc Chuc is a small and quaint little café that is a few steps off the main drag and has a nice, quiet local ambiance. Don’t miss dining at Poc Chuc on your next visit to Isla Mujeres.  
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### Lola Valentina

Lola Valentina serves classic Mexican and Caribbean dishes in a fun and festive atmosphere. We had an awesome meal of Shrimp Wrapped in Bacon, Chicken Tacos, Spinach Salad and a Hamburger. Make sure you try their signature guacamole dish with green apples, fried cheese and bacon – it is amazing! The food was delicious and Lola Valentina is the perfect place to sit and people watch on one of the main drags in Isla Mujeres. The manager, Edgardo is very friendly and has been running the restaurant for a very long time. Lola Valentina has great food, a great atmosphere and great staff – what more could you ask for?  
[www.facebook.com/lolavalentinaislamujeres/](http://www.facebook.com/lolavalentinaislamujeres/)





### Green Verde

Green Verde is an excellent outdoor restaurant located mid island on Isla Mujeres. We had an amazing Steak Tampiqueña and a delicious Salmon dish, and bring your appetite because these are big plates. They also make some really interesting drinks at Green Verde, I suggest the mojito with passion fruit. Green Verde has a great atmosphere, delicious food and really friendly staff which make for the perfect mid island meal. [www.facebook.com/greenverderestaurant](http://www.facebook.com/greenverderestaurant)

### Churros & Coffee

Churros & Coffee is a nice little spot for breakfast. They have a great variety of choices for meals or quick little snacks and breakfast is their specialty. We had a Ham and Cheese Crepe, Churros, a Fruit Crepe, a Smoothie, a Shake and a delicious coffee. All of the food was fresh, light and delicious. Churros & Coffee has a small outdoor dining area or you can grab your meal and take it with you on the go. [www.facebook.com/churrosandcoffeeisla/](http://www.facebook.com/churrosandcoffeeisla/)



### Agave Taco Bar

Agave Taco Bar is a fun little restaurant with a great variety of tacos and libations. We had Chicken Tacos, Shrimp Tacos and a Chicken Quesadilla which were fabulous. Agave Taco Bar is also known for their variety of drinks making this the perfect place to hang out for an evening of fun. This outdoor restaurant is located on the main walking street in North Isla and is perfect for dining and people watching. [www.facebook.com/agavetacobarisla](http://www.facebook.com/agavetacobarisla)

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## Ocean's

Ocean's offers a variety of choices from Seafood, Mexican Classics, Pastas and even Pizza. Named after the owner's son, Ocean's is a fine dining experience in an upscale outdoor atmosphere. We had an amazing meal of Stuffed Chicken Poblano, Coriander and Parsley Pesto Penne, and the Catch of the Day which was Grouper with Cauliflower Mash. Our food was fantastic and the plates were large so bring your appetite. The Queso Dip is a delicious appetizer and big enough to feed a small army. Make sure you try their signature Coconut Lemonade and Cucumber Mint Lemonade – they are to die for! Ocean's has amazing food, amazing drinks and amazing service making it a truly amazing restaurant. [www.facebook.com/Oceans-Isla-105333331424442](http://www.facebook.com/Oceans-Isla-105333331424442)

## Xcatik

Xcatik is owned by Chema, a 4th generation islander who proudly serves traditional Mexican, Seafood, Pasta and even burgers. Be sure to ask Chema about the historic pictures on the walls, which are his relatives captured in action on the island from earlier times. We had a fantastic meal of Pancakes, French Toast, Shrimp Tacos and Enchiladas while learning a little history about the island. Xcatik is a quaint little restaurant with deep family roots to Isla Mujeres and really good food. For a great meal and some interesting history, don't miss Xcatik on your next trip to Isla Mujeres. <https://xcatik.mx>



## Geisha Valentina

Geisha Valentina is a traditional sushi restaurant which also has a hibachi table option. We opted for the hibachi table meal and it was a ton of fun. Our hibachi chef was Esteban Tut and he made the meal fun and more importantly delicious. We had Salmon and Shrimp Hibachi and it was truly amazing. Chef Esteban was a master of the hibachi and really added to the experience making it a memorable meal. They even surprised us with a delicious piece of chocolate cake for dessert! For a fun, memorable and delicious meal make sure you visit Geisha Valentina on your next trip to Isla Mujeres. [www.facebook.com/geishavalentinaisla/](http://www.facebook.com/geishavalentinaisla/) **AW**





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Paul and Sharon met in March 2019, her hobby was riding motorcycles and he was a Scuba Instructor. She taught him to ride and he taught her to dive! And their amazing adventures together began!

Sharon loved scuba diving so much that during COVID, in March of 2020, she looked up scuba shops for sale in tropical areas. She saw a shop for sale on Isla Mujeres and got excited because she had been to the island a few times back in the 80's. Sharon knew Isla was a quaint, small, beautiful Island that was close to a big airport with no commercialization and no cruise ships. But most importantly, Isla Mujeres has great diving and crystal clear waters.

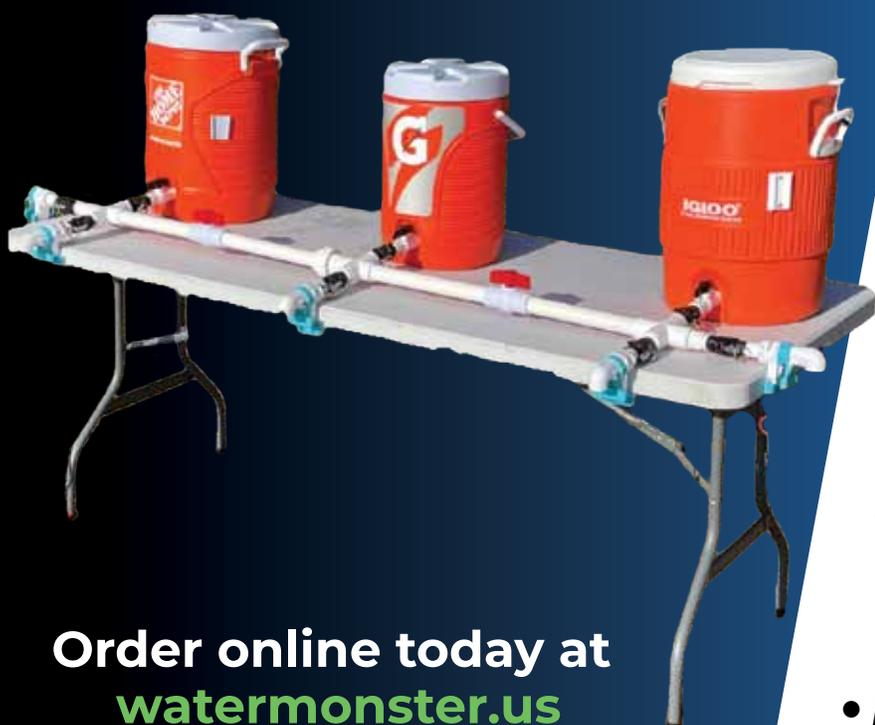
In July of 2020 Paul and Sharon spent 10 days on Isla Mujeres. They prayed a lot on the decision and everything came together quickly and smoothly – they made the decision to buy the scuba shop. Paul and Sharon returned home to San Antonio where she retired from her job, they sold their stuff, including motorcycles, and they moved to Isla Mujeres to run a dive shop.



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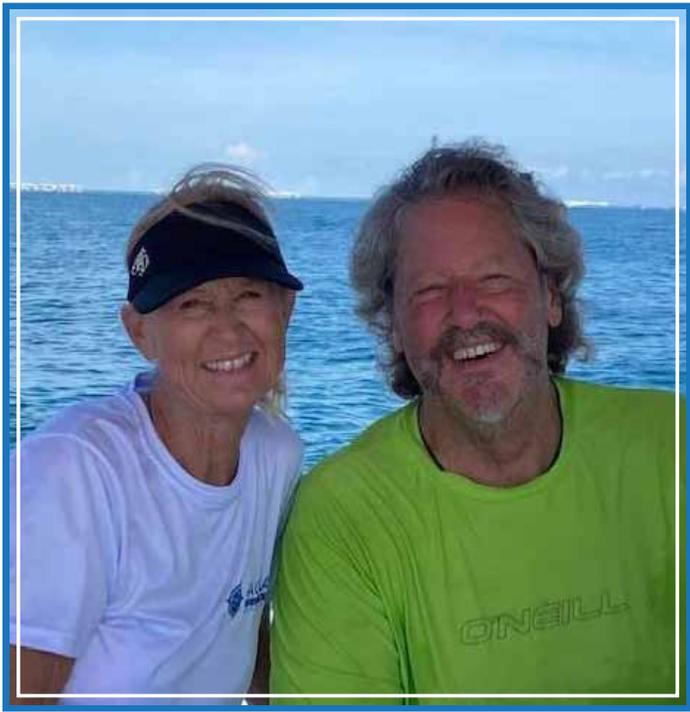


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## **PAUL GAMACHE**

PADI IDC Staff Instructor and Co-Owner

*I Love sharing my passion for the ocean and love of diving. I want everyone to see how incredible underwater life is! Sharon and I are committed to providing a safe and fun experience that tickles the senses and opens the underwater world to the uninitiated and certified divers alike!*

## **SHARON TETER**

Master Diver and Co-Owner

*My goal is to spoil you with awesome dive adventures! I love to share my passion for the underwater world with newbies and advanced divers! Diving and Underwater Photography are my life. LIVE LOVE DIVE!*

Aqua Adventures Eco Divers was the first PADI shop on Isla Mujeres, opening in 2004. Sonia, the first owner, passed away in 2011. The second owner, Jim, ran the shop until August of 2020 when Paul and Sharon took the helm. The shop needed some TLC, a lot of marketing, and the boat needed a new look as well, but they were ready for the challenge.

Buying a tourist business during COVID was risky, but they knew the Pandemic would end at some point and it was their dream, so they made the leap. They continue to grow by the grace of God and with a solid team that truly cares about every diver or student they serve. Captain Wilbert is a dive master that has been with the shop since 2006 and Pedro has been an instructor with the shop for over 10 years.





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Having a full-time team and being dedicated to safety and personalized attention has helped Eco Divers stand out on the island. They do lots of little things such as using instructors as their dive leads and letting you dive your tank (not a timed dive) that add to the experience. Great rental gear and the delicious cookies, pineapple and water are a few of the things that set them apart. Mostly it is their joyful attitude, love of diving and willingness to make friends with everyone who walks through their doors that make them stand out from the other shops.

If you are headed to Isla Mujeres give Aqua Adventures Eco Divers a call. They can help schedule dives, Whale Shark snorkel trips, sunset sailboat tours, snorkel excursions or just about anything else your heart desires. They even have some rental property available on the island. Their friendly team will ensure you have a great experience. **AW**



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# RV Product Reviews

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## True Swift Edge

The True Swift Edge is a sharp, replaceable blade knife that is both versatile and effective. The Swift Edge measures 8 inches when open with a 3.5 inch replaceable blade. Switching blades literally takes 10 seconds and is done by sliding the toggle lock forward, pressing the blade release and sliding the blade out. The lanyard compatible lock blade knife features a G10 handle, a reversible 4 position pocket clip and a ball bearing flipper that makes opening the blade quick and easy. The knife comes with a spare blade case and four interchangeable blades (1 tanto, 2 drop points, 1 saw) and you can buy additional blade replacements. For a high quality, versatile everyday knife that you can use for any job, because you are not worried about ruining the blade, look no further than the True Swift Edge.

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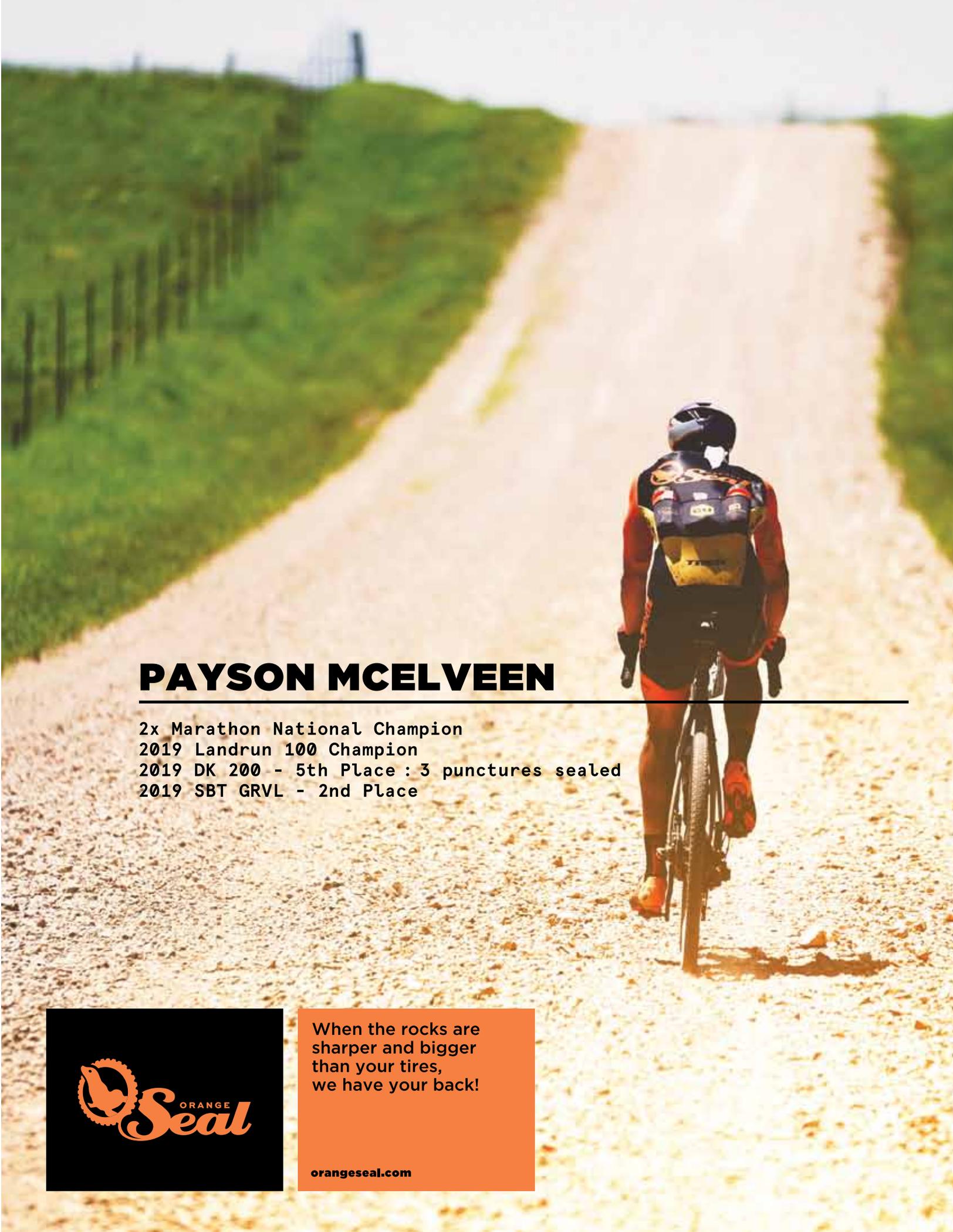
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# Kids - Get Certified to Scuba Dive!

by Izzy Farrar, Luke Farrar, Debbie Farrar

## Izzy Farrar – 15 Years Old

### The Idea is Born

Last spring, we went to our local scuba shop, Aggieland Scuba, to buy some snorkeling gear for our spring break trip to the Virgin Islands. While we were there, they asked my Poppa if he had ever thought about getting me and my little brother scuba certified. My Poppa, who has been diving for over 30 years, said he was interested, but didn't realize we could get certified at our ages (12 and 15). They talked about other kids that they had taken through the certification course and before you know it Poppa was planning for me, my little brother and even my mom to get scuba certified.

The team at Aggieland Scuba was very helpful and excited as there aren't that many kids getting scuba certified these days. They want to share their love of diving with everyone, including kids. To begin the process, we worked our way through the online course. Most of it was easy, except for some of the equipment sections, because none of us had ever seen any scuba equipment in real life.

### Pool Sessions

Once the online course was finished our instructor Ben came over and we reviewed the course information. We practiced dive tables, learned how to set up and break down our BCDs and tanks, learned about pre-dive buddy checks and how to communicate underwater using hand signals. Now we were ready for our pool



sessions where we would practice certain skills. The pool sessions were a big jump from the online course, but it helped to have all the equipment in person rather than just seeing it on a screen. However, once we got started, everything started to make sense. Going underwater for the first time was a really cool experience and was not scary because it was in the shallow end of the pool. If someone got nervous, they could just stand up – but no one got nervous. We learned and practiced all of the essential skills in the pool before our checkout dive at the lake and they were all a breeze.

## Checkout Dives

After we completed all of our pool sessions it was time for our checkout dives at the lake. Our instructors for our check out dives were Ryan and Jodi and they were really helpful. Diving in a lake with 6 feet of visibility that's 30 feet deep is very different than diving in a 10 foot deep, crystal clear swimming pool. In order to get checked out, we had to complete 4 dives in the lake while practicing some skills. Most of the skills tests were pretty simple, although I did have a bit of trouble clearing my mask. It's not super easy or natural to flood your mask with water when you are 20 feet underwater, or to remove it completely and put it back on. I was a little surprised at how much I struggled with that part because I had done it in multiple times in the pool with no problem. However, everyone was really helpful especially our instructor Jodi. He made sure I practiced multiple times, so I would be comfortable with flooding and clearing my mask in case I ever needed to do it on a real dive. After completing all our skills, my mom and I were all checked out, certified and ready to dive! Unfortunately, my brother was not able to get certified that weekend due to being unable to equalize his ears. He was only able to complete the first checkout dive. It actually turned out he had a small tear in his eardrum and that was why he was having pain when trying to clear his ears. Thankfully, he would have another chance to get certified in Mexico.



## First Dives – Isla Mujeres, Mexico

A few weeks later we went down to Isla Mujeres in Mexico and I went on my first salt water dive. It was super exciting see all the marine life such as sea turtles, stingrays, barracuda and the beautiful coral. We went on a MUSA underwater museum dive and saw a bunch of cool statues with coral growing on them. We also went on a night dive which was super exciting and I even saw an octopus!

Scuba Diving in the ocean was a totally different experience than diving in the lake or pool. It was amazing being able to see so far away and to experience the ocean and ocean life up close. If you have ever thought about getting Scuba certified, I would certainly recommend taking the class. It is a fairly easy process and getting to dive is well worth the effort. I am now a PADI certified scuba diver for life and hope to see other kids scuba diving on my next trip. I may even work my way up to dive master or instructor one day. Scuba diving is a very exciting experience and something I plan to do for the rest of my life.



## Luke Farrar – 13 Years Old

I had never thought about getting scuba certified until the guys at Aggieland Scuba gave us the idea - it was really cool of them to help me get certified. They were really helpful and made everything super easy. As a kid, getting scuba certified is not difficult, it's just a little bit long. If you power through, you can finish the online part in a few days. Once your online exams and classes are complete, you will need to go to a pool for the pool segment of the class.

After you have completed your pool segment, you will go to a lake and basically work on the same skills that you worked on at the pool. One difference is you will go much deeper at the lake. If your ears don't clear, don't rush it. I did this and unfortunately slightly ruptured an eardrum. The team at Aggieland Scuba were really cool and helped arrange for me to complete my certification after my ear healed.



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I finished my check out dives with Aqua Adventures Eco Divers in Isla Mujeres, Mexico instead of here in Texas, but it was not difficult. Swimming in crystal clear water is super cool. We got to see lots of amazing animals such as sea turtles, dolphins, stingrays and lots of different reef fish.

Then we had a night dive. I've heard a lot of people are scared of doing night dives, but they shouldn't be afraid. It's just like a regular dive, but you get to see a lot of cool creatures that come out at night that you would never see during the day like octopus and lobsters.

Once you start diving, you will definitely want to continue. There are lots of different spots to dive all around the world. Once you dive somewhere, even if you never dive that spot again, you would still have tons of different dive sites to look forward to exploring.



## Debbie Farrar – The Mom

As a mom, I find myself frequently encouraging my children to try new things. Try the green veggie, taste it 10 times, and then try it again. You just might like it one day! Convincing kids that first impressions do not always have to be your last can sometimes be difficult.

However, I do not often get an opportunity to try something new alongside them. My husband suggested that we all get certified in scuba together and take a summer trip to Isla Mujeres. I confess that I had a little trepidation, would I enjoy breathing underwater with a tank strapped to my back? Would I be able to complete the training with Izzy and Luke? What if something went horribly wrong, would I be ill-prepared to help them? You cannot talk to each other while diving, would I trust that they were OK and could communicate if something was not well?

Aggieland Scuba quickly scheduled us on their calendar and generously accommodated us by sending Ben to train us in our own backyard pool. We could easily surface, ask questions and clearly



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see our instructor while underwater, without any problems. I had a few feelings of unease when first learning how to clear my mask; of course, the kids made each task look easy peasy. We were able to take the online course side by side and talk about any topics they did not quite understand.

Our checkout dive took place at the Blue Lagoon in Huntsville, Texas. Dare I say, the visibility was nothing like the pool - about 7 feet of visibility. Again, I had my own unease to deal with, but moms never stop being concerned about how the kids are faring. We had some struggles, Luke was unable to equalize his ears after the first dive and Izzy was not super confident with full mask removal and



clearing. Ryan and Jody were very calm and supportive dive instructors. Ryan took Luke on his own to slowly work on equalizing his ears while Jody worked with Izzy on mask removal and clearing. Seeing Izzy struggle with the task was a little hard on me personally, I want to see my kids confidently approach whatever comes their way. The whole process of the mask struggle turned out to be really good for Izzy and I. She surfaced, talked it through with Jody, dove back down and did it like 20 times!

Luke was unable to complete his checkout dive at the Blue Lagoon due to his ears, but did finish off his certification in Isla Mujeres. Luke was so excited that he was able to dive with the group in Mexico. He was everywhere - it was hard to tell him apart from the fish around us! I cannot aptly describe how we all felt after our first “real” dive in beautiful Isla Mujeres. We were overwhelmed with how awesome it was to immerse ourselves in a completely different environment. The sea life was so vibrant and such a blessing to experience with a great dive crew. We encountered sea turtles, eels, lobsters, sting rays, lion fish, queen angels, octopus and coral that luminesced under purple lights during our night.



If you have ever considered scuba diving, try it – I bet you will like it! It’s certainly a great family activity that we will enjoy for years to come. The diving community we have met at Aggieland Scuba in College Station, Texas and Aqua Adventures Eco Divers in Isla Mujeres, Mexico have been so welcoming and encouraging. I’m telling you, you won’t be disappointed if you decide to jump into the deep end! **AW**





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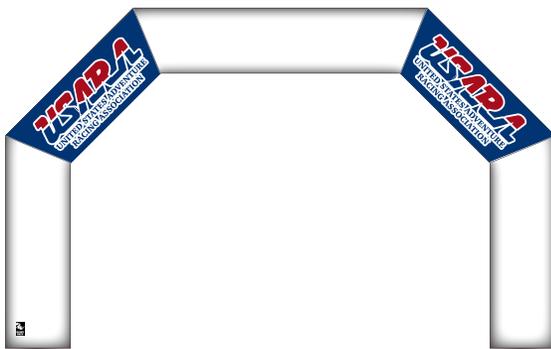


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# Scuba Product Reviews

## Electronics, Lights and Watches



### Aqua Lung i330r Wrist Computer

The Aqua Lung i330r Wrist Computer is a great non-air integrated computer that will help keep you safe on your next dive outing. The i330r has a 330-foot max depth, 4 operating modes (Air, Nitrox, Gauge - with run timer and Free Dive), 3 Nitrox Mixes and keeps your last 24 dives in the history mode. The computer features a rechargeable battery, a lens protector, uses an easy to navigate 2 button system and data can be transferred via blue tooth to the DiverLog+ app. Aqua Lung uses the ZHL-16C sport version algorithm which allows conservative factor setting and is automatically altitude adjustable. The programable computer can be set up in Imperial or Metric Units to display multiple information such as plan mode, calendar, time format, battery power indicator and the computer has audible alarms. Securely anchored to your arm with the provided nylon strap, the 1330r has a bright color IPS screen which is easy to read in any environment from dark to bright sunlight. Strap on an Aqua Lung i330r wrist computer and have all of the necessary information for a safe dive right on your wrist. <https://us.aqualung.com/en>



### Nautilus Marine Rescue GPS

The Nautilus Marine Rescue GPS is something you don't need, until you do need it – and then you really need it. This device is more than a personal locator beacon (PLB), more than an emergency position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) and more than a satellite messenger. The Nautilus Marine Rescue GPS uses AIS and DSC, which all commercial ships and most yachts are equipped with, to communicate directly with the ships around you. The unit can transmit your GPS position within 1.5 meters along with a man overboard distress message to all AIS equipped ships within a 34-mile radius. The unit can also send a special DSC message to the marine radio on your own vessel. The durable waterproof lifeline is about the size of a deck of cards, floats and is waterproof up to 425 feet. The GPS unit will work for 5 years on a pair of CR123 batteries and does not require a subscription or registration fee. If you spend time on the water you should have the Nautilus Marine Rescue GPS on your person at all times. [www.nautiluslifeline.com](http://www.nautiluslifeline.com)



### Apinex Waterproof Red Laser Pointer

The Apinex Waterproof Red Laser Pointer is a great accessory for your next dive. Constructed from aircraft grade aluminum, the laser pointer is waterproof up to 100 meters. The laser pointer emits a high intensity red laser beam which is easily seen underwater and can be used for pointing out undersea life or structures without disturbing them by getting too close. The laser pointer can also be used to easily signal your dive partner and works as a laser pointer on land (up to 300 meters). The Apinex Waterproof Red Laser Pointer runs on 2 AA batteries, comes with a lanyard and O-ring lubricant and will enhance your underwater communication abilities making it easy to get your dive buddies attention. [www.apinex.com](http://www.apinex.com)



### Momentum M20 DSS Diver

The Momentum M20 DSS Diver is a great looking, functional dive watch that is built to take tough treatment in unfriendly environments. The M20 DSS starts with a thin, rounded 316L stainless steel case that makes the 42mm watch feel smaller. Momentum provides a scratch proof, double domed sapphire crystal which adds a nice domed bubble effect to the watch. The 200 meter waterproof dive watch features an adjustable bezel, a calendar window, an offset screw down crown, and a very accurate Swiss quartz movement. Finally, the SuperLuminova luminous markers and hands make reading the watch in dark conditions a snap. The M20 DSS is available with a black or yellow face and several band choices. As you gear up for your next adventure, make sure to strap on the Momentum M20 DSS Diver and know that all of your time piece requirements are covered. [www.momentumwatch.com](http://www.momentumwatch.com)

### Big Blue CF1800P-II



The Big Blue CF1800P-II is a tough, versatile dive light that gives you lots of options. Go from a narrow-focused beam to a wide angled beam by simply twisting the bezel. The variable 7-37 degree beam angle is a major feature on this 1200 lumen dive light. The options don't stop there, the CF1800P-II has 4 power settings (1200 lumens for 2 hours, 600 lumens for 4 hours, 300 lumens for 8 hours, 120 lumens for 20 hours). The removable and rechargeable lithium-ion battery can fully charge in under 4 hours and has an easy to read color-coded battery indicator. The anodized aluminum dive light is 6.7 inches long, weighs .55 pounds, provides a 6500K color temperature and has a 100-meter depth rating. The CF1800P-II comes with a lithium-ion battery, a charger, a lanyard, a dry bag, a spare screw, a couple of spare O-rings and some silicone grease for the O-rings. The Big Blue CF1800P-II is about as versatile as a dive light can get and can be adjusted to provide the perfect amount of light and beam size for just about any situation. [www.bigbluedivelights.com](http://www.bigbluedivelights.com)

### Shearwater Petrel 3



The Petrel 3 is the latest and greatest dive computer from Shearwater and it is packed with features. Shearwater starts off with a large, easy-to-read, color 2.6 inch AMOLED display that is protected by a toughened glass lens with a titanium bezel. The increased screen size, contrast and brightness made it easy to read, even though I usually need reading glasses for menus, etc. The computer also has twin elastic quick connect straps and a pair of easy to use piezo touch buttons. The Petrel 3 has multiple dive modes including Air / Nitrox / 3 Gas Nitrox, OC Technical – Trimix, CC/BO - Closed Circuit/Bailout and is available in standalone or rebreather monitoring models. The air integration will work with up to 4 transmitters, there is a three axis, tilt compensated digital compass and full dive logging including tank pressure, depth, time and stop watch which are all standard features. The 10-language computer features a programmable vibration alert and Bluetooth wireless technology for communication with PC, Mac, iPod and iPad and cloud control. All of this is powered by an easy to change AA battery which will provide up to 60 hours if using a lithium battery. The computer is easy to set up and the screens can be customized to provide the information you desire. We found the Shearwater Petrel 3 to be a fantastic, customizable, easy to use dive computer that will provide years of service to divers of any level. [www.shearwater.com](http://www.shearwater.com)



## Light and Motion Sola 1200 S/F

The Light and Motion Sola 1200 S/F is a versatile dive light that can also be used as a video light. The Sola features a 1200 lumen flood and a 500 lumen spot with a regulated output to ensure the light does not dim during use. The flood run times are 1200 for 70 minutes, 600 for 140 minutes and 300 for 280 minutes and the spot run times are 500 for 110 minutes, 250 for 220 minutes and 125 for 440 minutes. The 4 x 2.1 inch light weighs .55 pounds, will charge in under 3 hours and is rated to 100 meters. Easily toggle between the flood and spot and change lumen level with the simple to use sliding switch even when wearing gloves. The factory sealed Sola 1200 S/F features custom optics that produce a clean beam void of any harsh edges, 3 colored status LEDs for battery and charging level and mode indication and a travel mode that locks the Sola ensuring it does not accidentally turn on during your trip. The light even has an SOS mode for emergencies. The Sola comes with a universal wrist mounted hand strap and the charging cable. The Light and Motion Sola 1200 S/F is a rugged and versatile light with the ability to adapt to the type of light you need in any environment. [www.lightandmotion.com](http://www.lightandmotion.com)



## Hawkeye DepthTrax 1H

The Hawkeye DepthTrax 1H is a powerful, accurate depth finder that works in just about any conditions. The 300 watt hand-held depth finder will read through ice or the hull of most boats to give you an accurate depth reading from 2.5 to 300 feet as well as water or air temperature to within 1/10th of a degree of accuracy. The 2 x 8 inch depth finder has a tough ABS housing with dual O-ring seals and Inductive Switching Technology making it IPX8 waterproof rated up to 200 feet. Running for up to 25 hours on a single 9 volt alkaline battery, the polarized LCD screen prevents glare and features LED backlighting to reduce power consumption. The depth finder comes with a removable lanyard and boasts a 2-year “You Break It... We Fix It” warranty. Simply place the transducer in the water or hold the transducer against your boat hull and instantly see the accurate depth and temperature readings. Murky water, frozen surfaces and muddy bottoms are no match for the Hawkeye DepthTrax 1H which easily works through most conditions to provide instant accurate depth and temperature readings. [www.hawkeyelectronics.com](http://www.hawkeyelectronics.com)



## Bite Away

Bite Away is a simple solution for itchy and painful insect bites or stings and even works on jellyfish stings. The small pen sized device will deliver up to 300 applications on a pair of AA batteries, and is safe for children, expectant mothers and users with sensitive skin. Here is how Bite Away works, when bitten or stung the insect leaves saliva or venom trapped in your skin which causes an itching or stinging sensation. Your body releases histamines to try and flush away the toxin, but the histamines increase blood flow to the area which can increase swelling, irritation and pain. Bite Away safely applies heat up to 124°F, which is enough to provide pain relief without burning your skin. Simply place the ceramic contact surface on the bite or sting, hold for 5 seconds, and enjoy immediate relief. The FDA cleared device is chemical free and works entirely by applying concentrated heat. The next time you are bitten or stung, grab your Bite Away and get immediate relief. [www.takethebiteaway.com](http://www.takethebiteaway.com)

## Wetsuits, Dive Skins and Parkas

### Scuba Pro Everflex Women's Short Sleeve Top



The Scuba Pro Everflex Women's Short Sleeve Top is a stylish and functional wetsuit option for warm water diving. The 1.5mm wetsuit top is made with a water-repellant, high-stretch Everflex neoprene exterior and a fleece and plush combination on the interior. The quick drying Everflex utilizes the fleece and plush lining for insulating warmth and comfort while reducing water movement. A high neck protects you from BCD chaffing and combined with sleeve cuffs, aids in eliminating water intrusion. The light weight and highly stretchable flexible exterior protects you from stings or scrapes without limiting your range of motion. The combination of a full length front zipper and super flexible neoprene make donning and doffing the wetsuit easy, which is important on those multiple dive days. The wetsuit top is assembled using solvent-free glue, which is a 100% green process. For a super flexible, super comfortable fantastic looking warm water top, look no further than the Scuba Pro Everflex. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)

### Scuba Pro Everflex Women's Shorts



The Scuba Pro Everflex Women's Shorts are the perfect companion for the Everflex Women's Short Sleeve Top. The 1.5mm wetsuit shorts are made with a water-repellant, high-stretch Everflex neoprene exterior and a fleece and plush combination on the interior. The quick drying Everflex utilizes the fleece and plush lining for insulating warmth and comfort while reducing water movement. The extended waist and elastic leg cuffs help prevent water intrusion. The light weight and highly stretchable flexible exterior protects you from stings or scrapes without limiting your range of motion. The wetsuit shorts are assembled using solvent-free glue, which is a 100% green process, and the flexible neoprene make donning and doffing the shorts easy. The form fitting shorts are designed with a high waist to maximize comfort and fit while providing a sleek hydrodynamic look. Perfect when you need a little thermal boost combined with the external protection, the Scuba Pro Everflex Women's Shorts will become your warm water go to gear. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)

### Scuba Pro Everflex Men's Long Sleeve Top



The Scuba Pro Everflex Men's Long Sleeve Top is a great looking, functional wetsuit top. The 1.5mm wetsuit top is made with a water-repellant, high-stretch Everflex neoprene exterior and a fleece and plush combination on the interior. The quick drying Everflex utilizes the fleece and plush lining for insulating warmth and comfort while reducing water movement. A high neck protects you from BCD chaffing and combined with wrist cuffs, aids in eliminating water intrusion. The light weight and highly stretchable flexible exterior protects you from stings or scrapes without limiting your range of motion. The combination of a short back zipper and super flexible neoprene make donning and doffing the wetsuit easy. The wetsuit top has thumb holes to keep the sleeves in place when worn as an under layer and is assembled using solvent-free glue, a 100% green process. Available in blue or black, the Scuba Pro Everflex is a light weight, flexible and comfortable wetsuit top that simply looks awesome. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)

### Fourth Element Xenos Wetsuit



The Fourth Element Xenos Wetsuit was designed so it would be easy to put on and easy to take off, which is not something that is usually associated with wetsuits. Fourth Element achieves this by using a smooth low friction and quick drying lining on both the arms and legs combined with cut away ankles – a feature which was inspired by triathlon wetsuits which must be removed quickly. Fourth Element maximizes the wetsuits thermal performance by providing a Thermoflex lining in the core area combined with watertight glued and blind-stitched seams, a zipper flap with a double Velcro neck closure and internal wrist and ankle seals to help minimize water entry. Available in 3, 5 or 7 mm thickness, the Xenos has durable and flexible knee pads and uses a super comfortable stretch neoprene that will hug your body, limiting cold water entry. The Fourth Element Xenos Wetsuit is great for a single dive or a week-long adventure on a live aboard where you are changing in and out of your wetsuit often. [www.fourthelement.com](http://www.fourthelement.com)

### Fourth Element Xenos Shortie



The Fourth Element Xenos Shortie is the perfect solution for a warm water dive that does not require a full wetsuit. The shortie can also be worn over a full wetsuit to provide additional thermal protection on really cold dives. Fourth Element maximizes the shortie's thermal performance by providing a Thermoflex lining in the core area combined with watertight glued and blind-stitched seams, a zipper flap with a double Velcro neck closure and rolled Smoothskin wrist and thigh seals to help minimize water entry. Smooth, low friction, quick drying linings on both the arms and legs make doning and removing the shortie a snap. The 3mm Xenos shortie also uses a super comfortable stretch neoprene material that will hug your body, limiting cold water entry and is available for both men and women. [www.fourthelement.com](http://www.fourthelement.com)



### SlipIns Dive Soxx

The SlipIns Dive Soxx are a fun and unique solution to an age-old problem. The one size fit most spandex/poly Soxx are a great barrier between your dive booties and feet that will help prevent blisters. SlipIns Dive Soxx are available in 19 exciting and fun patterns, dry quickly, provide 60+UPF protection and make donning and doffing your wetsuit easy peasy. Slip on a pair of SlipIns Dive Soxx and forget about blisters on your next dive. [www.slipins.com](http://www.slipins.com)

### Slip Ins Jammer Shorts



Slip Ins Jammer Shorts are perfect for swimming, paddling or scuba diving. The snug, 4 way stretch lycra shorts are machine washable, breathable, quick drying and made in the USA. The above the knee shorts have an elastic waist band with a draw string, provide 50+ UPF sun protection and block 98% of UVA and UVB rays. Available in 3 patterns, many beach goers wear the Jammers under their wetsuits and board shorts to help prevent rashes. Slip Ins Jammer Shorts are a super comfortable, quick drying, unique swim wear option for your next aquatic adventure. [www.slipins.com](http://www.slipins.com)



## Slip Ins DiveSkins

Slip Ins Dive Skins are functional and unique dive wear for both men and women that will protect you in numerous ways. Known for their bright and exciting ocean inspired patterns such as Whale Shark, Blue Ring Octopus and Spotted Eagle Ray, Slip Ins has 23 different patterns to choose from, making it easy to stand out in your dive group. The snug, 4 way stretch lycra dive skins are machine washable, breathable, quick drying and made in the USA. The dive skins provide 50+ UPF sun protection, block 98% of UVA and UVB rays, add a layer of thermal insulation and protect you from fire coral, scratches and stinging ocean life such as jellyfish. The long sleeve dive skins have stirrups and thumb holes to keep the sleeves and legs in place along with a front zipper for easy donning and doffing. The dive skins also make it super easy to don and doff a wetsuit even when you are wet and are a great way to identify your dive partner in a crowd. Slip Ins Dive Skins literally have you covered for your next dive and they have you covered in style. [www.slipins.com](http://www.slipins.com)

## Shark Repellent

### SharkBanz 2

The SharkBanz 2 utilizes powerful magnetic technology to create an effective shark deterrent. One of the great features is that SharkBanz 2 utilizes magnets so the device is always on and never requires batteries or charging. How it works: Sharks use electroreception (sensitivity to electrical fields) to hunt. A shark's electroreception is created to detect very weak electromagnetic signals from its prey such as heartbeats and minor muscle movements. Sharks can even detect something as small as the movement of a fish's gills. The electromagnetic field produced by Sharkbanz is exponentially greater (over 1000 times) than anything a shark would have ever experienced and highly unpleasant – letting the shark know that this is definitely not food. SharkBanz2 is analogous to having a bright light suddenly shined in your eyes in a dark room, the light would not cause any permanent damage, but you would turn away because it would be unpleasant. Grab a SharkBanz 2 and start telling curious sharks that you are not on the menu. [www.sharkbanz.com](http://www.sharkbanz.com)



### SharkOFF The Rio and The Bimini

SharkOFF is a wearable shark deterrent bracelet that uses the shark's physiology to send them swimming in the opposite direction. Sharks have sensors called the ampullae of Lorenzini located in their noses that can pick up tiny electric signals as small one billionth of a volt. This allows sharks to detect tiny movements or the heartbeat in their prey. SharkOFF uses proprietary natural alloy active elements which emit a much stronger voltage, overwhelming the shark and turning them away. The voltage is very low and imperceptible to humans but strong enough to deter sharks. SharkOFF offers 2 different bracelets, the Velcro Rio which is available in 7 colors and the all black Bimini. SharkOFF has recently released a 3rd option which is a clip-on hanging version. It is Shark OFF's mission and passion to help millions of beachgoers every year Lose the Fear and Love the Ocean. So, slip a SharkOFF on and feel safe on your next visit to the ocean. [www.thesharkoff.com](http://www.thesharkoff.com)

## Bags and Backpacks



### Scuba Pro Dive Regulator and Computer Bag

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### Innovative Scuba Mesh Backpack

The Innovative Scuba Mesh Backpack is a must have item for your next dive trip. The 28 x 13 backpack is plenty big enough for all of your scuba gear including a BCD, wetsuit, regulators, mask, fins and snorkel. The mesh design allows the back pack to drain and makes it easy to rinse your equipment in a clean water dunk tank. The bag features a locking drawstring closure, a reinforced bottom with drain holes, a webbing carry handle and hang loop, a full length interior zippered pocket, an exterior Velcro pocket and adjustable padded shoulder straps. [www.innovativescuba.com](http://www.innovativescuba.com)



### GeckoBrands Lightweight 30L Waterproof Backpack

The GeckoBrands Lightweight 30L Waterproof Backpack is made for those longer adventures that require a little more gear. The 15 x 19 inch backpack has a 210D polyester coated interior, padded adjustable shoulder straps, a sewn webbing hang loop, an exterior 9 x 8 inch water resistant pocket, an interior 8 x 7 inch pocket and 2 D ring attachment points. Available in 23 different colors, the backpack only weighs .6 pounds and packs down very small. The GeckoBrands Lightweight 30L Waterproof Backpack has plenty of carrying capacity and will keep your gear dry and toasty no matter how wet and nasty the environment becomes. [www.geckobrandz.com](http://www.geckobrandz.com)



### Innovative Scuba Cordura Mask Bag

The Innovative Scuba Cordura Mask Bag is a great looking and functional mask bag. The durable Cordura bag has a Velcro closure and will keep your mask safe and secure when you are not diving. Available in red or black, the mask bag also has a small side pocket that is perfect for a bottle of defogger. [www.innovativescuba.com](http://www.innovativescuba.com)

## For the Body



### Stream2Sea Conditioning Shampoo and Bodywash

Stream2Sea Conditioning Shampoo and Bodywash will clean your body while conditioning and strengthening your hair. The 3-in-1 product is perfect for traveling and contains a powerful antioxidant blend of Green Tea, Tulsi, Wakame, and Olive Leaf. The citrus smelling shampoo and bodywash uses Keratin and Panthenol to help prevent hair breakage and is UV absorbent to protect your hair color from the sun. Most importantly Stream2Sea is safe for the ecosystem and can be used in lakes, on boats or by streams. [www.stream2sea.com](http://www.stream2sea.com)



### Stream2Sea Leave-In Hair Conditioner

Stream2Sea Leave-In Hair Conditioner will restore your hair's natural shine following exposure to salt, chlorine and the sun. The biodegradable conditioner replenishes moisture and detangles hair, leaving it soft and shiny. The Fig and Grapefruit smelling conditioner is UV absorbent to protect your hair color from the sun and has an antioxidant blend of Green Tea, Tulsi, Wakame and Olive Leaf. Safe for the ecosystem, Stream2Sea Leave-In Hair Conditioner will restore your hair after a harsh day in the salt and sun. [www.stream2sea.com](http://www.stream2sea.com)



### Stream2Sea Sun and Sting Soothing Gel

Stream2Sea Sun and Sting Soothing Gel will sooth your skin after sun exposure, insect bites or underwater stings. Stream2Sea's blend of essential oils and enzymes quickly cools the skin for fast relief from sunburn while Aloe and Green Tea speed skin restoration. The non-greasy fast absorbing gel has an antioxidant blend of Green Tea, Tulsi, Wakame, and Olive Leaf. Stream2Sea Sun and Sting Soothing Gel is the perfect solution for fast relief after a day at the beach. [www.stream2sea.com](http://www.stream2sea.com)



### Stream2Sea Every Day Active Mineral Sunscreen

Stream2Sea Every Day Active Mineral Sunscreen provides mineral based sun protection that protects your skin during rigorous activity. The SPF45 Broad Spectrum sunscreen has UVA/UVB protection with a proprietary antioxidant blend that protects, nourishes, and restores your skin. The non-greasy EcoSafe Zinc is water resistant for 80 minutes and will not damage the ecosystem. Just apply and enjoy being outdoors knowing that Stream2Sea literally has your back. [www.stream2sea.com](http://www.stream2sea.com)



### Stream2Sea Mask Defog

Stream2Sea Mask Defog will ensure you don't miss anything on your next dive or snorkeling trip. The nontoxic, biodegradable reef friendly defogger will keep your mask clear without damaging the reef you are diving. Apply, rinse and you are ready for your next adventure with Stream2Sea Mask Defog. [www.stream2sea.com](http://www.stream2sea.com)

## Knives

### Tekna Ocean Edge Knife



The Tekna Ocean Edge Knife has been a favorite of divers for decades. The 7.5 inch solid billet knife is super strong because it is formed from a single piece of 420 stainless steel. The 3.6 ounce knife features a 3.5 inch long blade and a grooved skeletonized handle for reduced weight and a sure grip. The Ocean Edge Knife is available in Stainless Steel, Titanium, Black Teflon-Coated or Damascus Stainless Steel with a Symmetrical (dagger-type) blade or a Stainless Steel or Black Teflon-Coated blunt hook tip knife with a line cutter. The Tekna comes with a black or orange ABS Speed-Lok sheath that has an easy to use quick thumb release, a removable belt clip conversion kit, (2) adjustable Velcro leg straps and a 1 year warranty. The US made Tekna Ocean Edge Knife is easy to deploy, tough as nails, and will hold a good edge so it is always ready for your next dive adventure. [www.tekna.us](http://www.tekna.us)



### Gear Aid Akua River Knife

The Gear Aid Akua River Knife is a great all-around wet environment knife. The blunt nosed, 3 inch Titanium-coated 5Cr15 stainless steel blade features a line cutter, straight and serrated edges, a bottle opener and a rounded end that doubles as a glass breaker. The Akua comes with a quick drain sheath that will mount just about anywhere with a removable stainless steel belt clip, a 1 inch webbing mount and lanyard holes. The lanyard has a thumb tab quick release that keeps the 3.8 ounce knife secure and allows quick access. Available in high visibility green or black, the Gear Aid Akua River Knife is ready for your next adventure. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)



### Master Cutlery MD-1BD

The Master Cutlery MD-1BD is a sleek, light weight, budget dive knife. The 3Cr13 mirror polished Stainless Steel knife is 9 inches long, features a 4.25 inch blade, weighs .43 pounds and has a skeletonized handle. The knife includes a hard plastic injection molded sheath with a thumb release and two rubber adjustable leg straps. Strap on the Master Cutlery MD-1BD dive knife before your next deep water voyage. [www.mastercutlery.com](http://www.mastercutlery.com)



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## Masks, Fins and Snorkels

### Scuba Pro D-Mask

The Scuba Pro D-Mask is a premier scuba mask loaded with unique features. The D-Mask utilizes Trufit technology which means the mask skirt uses thicker firm silicone near the mask frame which provides rigid support and thinner silicone which contours the face ensuring a comfortable watertight seal. The mask can be ordered with a black or clear skirt in small, medium or wide sizes to fit just about any face shape. The mask features rotating strap buckles and comes with a sleek looking, all black Comfort Strap that will not pull your hair and has a removable elastic snorkel holder. The True color UV protective lenses provide UV light protection while on the surface without affecting colors under water. The interchangeable lenses can be replaced with optical lenses and the mask comes with interchangeable solid black and black with blue accent lens frames. The mask also includes a zippered molded fabric storage box and a removable HUD hands-free dive computer mount. The Scuba Pro D-Mask is a super comfortable mask with a solid seal and great field of vision which lets you focus on your dive instead of monkeying around with your mask. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)



### Aqua Lung Reveal X1

The Aqua Lung Reveal X1 is a light weight, clear mask with a few unique features. The X1 starts by attaching the strap buckles directly to the soft wrap around silicone skirt which help guarantee a leak-free fitting. The skirt features differently textured bands of silicone that are super comfortable while providing a superior seal. The innovative round silicone head band strap uses an easy to adjust quick release button that can even be deployed while wearing gloves, making mask adjustments a snap. Available in 10 colors, the single lens X1 has a great field of vision and is actually the lightest single lens mask in the world. <https://us.aqualung.com/en>



### Scuba Pro Zoom Mask

The Scuba Pro Zoom Mask is a replaceable lens mask with lots of features. The mask comes with Ultra Clear no-tint glass lenses which provide optimal clarity. Changing the lenses for optical lenses is a snap and only takes a couple of minutes. The Zoom utilizes Trufit technology which means the mask skirt uses thicker firm silicone near the mask frame which provides rigid support and thinner silicone which contours the face ensuring a comfortable watertight seal. The low volume mask is easy to clear and features rotating strap buckles with a standard silicon strap that can be upgraded to the Comfort Strap. The Zoom comes in 11 different color options and can support options such as the HUD hands-free dive computer mount adapter, lens frame color kits or optical lenses. The Scuba Pro Zoom Mask is a solid mask that gives the wearer tons of options to set the mask up for their specific desires. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)



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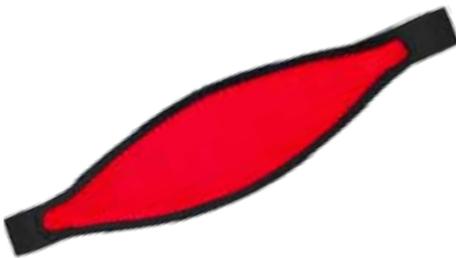
### Scuba Pro Comfort Strap

The Scuba Pro Comfort Strap is packed full of useful features that will enhance your next diving experience. Available in 6 colors, the elastic Comfort Strap snaps into the rotating buckles of your Scuba Pro mask with a simple push of a button. The one size fits all strap will not pull long hair and comes with a removable elastic snorkel holder. Upgrade your mask strap to the comfortable and functional Comfort Strap. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)



### Scuba Pro Spectra Dry Snorkel

The Scuba Pro Spectra Dry Snorkel makes dry snorkeling easy peasy. Scuba Pro uses a large bore upper tube that supplies plenty of air, fitted with a dry top which seals the snorkel when submerged, eliminating the need to clear the snorkel when surfacing. The Spectra has a flexible corrugated lower tube which drops out of the way when not in use and a purge valve which expels any water eliminating any possible snorkel gurgle. The stylish and functional snorkel comes in 10 color choices and is a simple plug and play solution, eliminating water in the airway from your snorkeling experience. Perfect for beginners or seasoned divers, the Scuba Pro Spectra Dry Snorkel is a must have upgrade for all divers. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)



### Innovative Scuba Slap Strap

The Innovative Scuba Slap Strap is one of the most comfortable accessories you can add to your scuba equipment. No more pulled hair or uncomfortable mask straps. Simple attach the neoprene Slap Strap using the attached Velcro straps and start enjoying the comfort. Available in multiple colors and designs, you will be glad the day you add a Slap Strap to your equipment list. [www.innovativescuba.com](http://www.innovativescuba.com)



### Scuba Pro Seawing Nova

The Scuba Pro Seawing Nova has a very unique, futuristic look, almost like something James Bond would wear, but there is much more to this fin than unusual looks. Built around the articulated hinge design, this fin has combined the power, acceleration, and maneuverability of a blade fin with the easy kicking efficiency of a split fin to create the perfect diving tool. Scuba Pro's G4 articulated hinge design allows the entire wing-shaped blade to pivot and generate thrust. The fins wing shape provides a balance of stiffness and flexibility and the upward arcing variable blade geometry wing tips provide more power while increasing stability. Whether kicking hard or easy, Scuba Pro's Pivot Control Technology ensures that the most efficient 45-degree angle of attack is maintained. The Seawing Nova's unique hydrodynamic design allows tight, effortless maneuvering with total control and high-speed travel all from the same fin. Available in 5 sizes and 6 colors, the Seawing Nova is made from a super durable monprene elastomer, has co-molded grip pads and comes with a marine grade self-adjusting bungee strap with a huge grab loop which make donning and doffing the fins easy, even when wearing gloves. If stability, control, power, comfort and super cool style are the attributes you seek in a fin, look no further than the Scuba Pro Seawing Nova. [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com)



### Cressi Frog Plus Fin

The Cressi Frog Plus open heel scuba diving fin is a durable and powerful fin. The Frog Plus starts by utilizing a comfortable rubber on the foot pocket, which is also used on the side rails of the blade. A dual density techno polymer is used for the main body of the blade in conjunction with a silicone based material which is used to create a channeling effect on the fin. This channeling effect allows a high level of energy to be transferred to the fin during both the up and the down strokes of the kick pattern. The Frog Plus also utilizes a unique patented positioning of the foot pocket below the blade which increases the working surface area of the blade by 20%. Cressi's patented three material injection molding process in conjunction with the unique foot pocket position has produced a light weight, durable, powerful and efficient scuba fin which has minimal leg strain. Available in 5 colors and 4 sizes, the open heeled Cressi Frog Plus is a stylish and efficient scuba fin. [www.cressi.com](http://www.cressi.com)



### Cressi EBS Strap

The Cressi EBS Strap is a simple to install and easy to use strap upgrade. The EBS Strap has a large grab loop that makes donning the fins easy. The loop is large enough that it is still easy to utilize even when wearing 3 fingered or thick winter gloves. The EBS tubing is comfortable, holds your foot securely in the fin and does not require any adjustments. Simply pull the strap on and you are ready to dive. The Cressi EBS Strap is a must have upgrade for your Frog Plus fins. [www.cressi.com](http://www.cressi.com)



### Aqua Lung Storm Max Fin

The Aqua Lung Storm Max Fins are a light weight, small but efficient scuba fin. The Storm Max are made from Monoprene, a TPV compound that provides strength and durability to the fin. The open heel fins feature a comfortable, ergonomic foot pocket that helps prevent foot fatigue and a hole in the blade that make them easy to transport and store. The fins come with a silicone bungee strap that has a heel pad and a large loop making it easy to put the fins on, even when wearing gloves. The fins have good grip which insures solid footing while on the deck and efficiently transfer power for smooth almost effortless swimming. The Aqua Lung Storm Max Fins are available in 4 colors and multiple sizes making them a good fit for any level of diver. <https://us.aqualung.com/en>

## Other Essentials



### Apeks Egress Octopus

The Apeks Egress Octopus is a unique puck shaped octopus. The low-profile design helps keep the regulator out of the way when not in use. The design combined with the 120-degree angle between the hose and mouthpiece make it easy to share air with your dive buddy and will work in both the right or left handed position. The bright yellow Egress has a pneumatically balanced valve which provides great performance even when used upside down and the octopus is nitrox ready up to 40%. The Egress features a large purge valve, a high visibility 36-inch yellow hose and a Comfo-Bite mouthpiece which helps prevent jaw fatigue. The Apeks Egress Octopus is unique octopus, that will stay out of the way when you don't need it and breath just as smoothly as your main regulator when called into action. <https://us.apeksdiving.com/en>



**Innovative Scuba Standard 45-Inch Cordura Signal Tube**  
The Innovative Scuba Standard 45-Inch Cordura Signal Tube will insure the dive boat spots you quickly when you surface from your dive. The compact signal tube is equipped with a screw down oral inflator which makes it easy to inflate. The tube also features a whistle, a vinyl light stick holder and a Velcro strap to hold the tube in a rolled up position when not in use. Available in Orange, Yellow, Pink, and 2-color Orange/Yellow, the Innovative Scuba signal tube is a safety item that every diver should have when ocean diving.  
[www.innovativescuba.com](http://www.innovativescuba.com)



### SeaCure Mouthpiece

The SeaCure moldable mouthpiece is a customizable mouthpiece that will eliminate common issues caused by traditional dive mouthpieces. SeaCure was invented by an orthodontist and TMJ (jaw joint) expert. He was seeking a solution because conventional scuba mouthpieces use bite lugs that only engage the front teeth, which forces the front of the jaw to do all of the heavy lifting, resulting in jaw fatigue and headaches. The moldable SeaCure is custom fitted to your mouth which keeps it in place without the constant clenching required by the standard mouthpiece. The SeaCure completely enters the mouth, all the way to the rear of the jaw, employing all of the diver's teeth and resulting in a mechanical advantage by using the back of the jaw which greatly reduces the required muscle effort to keep the mouthpiece in place. They have actually measured a 33 – 59 percent reduction in muscle effort when using the SeaCure mouthpiece. Available in 4 colors and 5 sizes, the SeaCure Custom Mouthpiece is a must have item for your next dive.  
[www.seacuremouthpiece.com](http://www.seacuremouthpiece.com)



### Innovative Scuba Deluxe Snorkel Vest

The Innovative Scuba Deluxe Snorkel Vest is a great floatation aid and safety device when snorkeling on your next adventure. The vest are available in kids, adult and XL sizes and feature a plastic or metal inflator valve. Made from durable 210 denier urethane coated nylon, the snorkel vest features crotch straps and a whistle. The Innovative Scuba Deluxe Snorkel Vest is perfect for extending your next snorkel trip or aiding snorkelers by providing a safety floatation device.  
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### Hydro Seals Aqua Plugs

Hydro Seals Aqua Plugs allow you to clear your ears while diving and actually aid divers who have trouble clearing their ears while descending by opening the ear canal. The aqua plugs utilize a multi-baffle design that prevents water from reaching the inner ear without completely sealing it. Other benefits are reducing the chance of infection by keeping bacteria out and reducing the chance of surfer's ear by sealing out cold air and water. The hypoallergenic, soft silicon aqua plugs are available in 3 sizes and keep your inner ear dry while allowing you to still hear what's going on around you. Protect your inner ears and make sure you can clear your ears with a set of Hydro Seals Aqua Plugs.  
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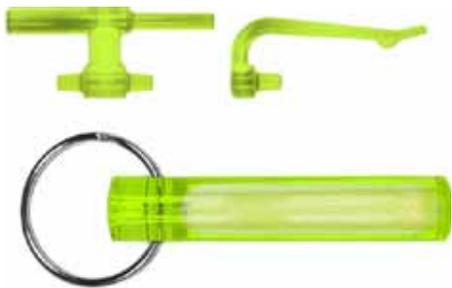
### Junk Brands Headband

The Junk Brands headband is a perfect accessory for your next diving trip. The technical t-shirt fabric headbands come in an unbelievable number of design options making it easy to find a headband to match your outfit or mood. The non-slip, 4 way stretch, quick drying fabric is breathable, has UPF 50 protection and is machine washable. The Junk headbands are perfect for keeping your hair out of your scuba mask and they are also great for wearing after your dive is over. Make a statement with the functional and stylish Junk Brands headband. [www.junkbrands.com](http://www.junkbrands.com)



### Innovative Scuba Standard Retractor

The Innovative Scuba Standard Retractor is the perfect device for securing important equipment, such as a camera, during your dive. The cord extends a whopping 40 inches and retracts when released. The retractor features quick connect clips so you can remove your equipment after the dive without removing the retractor. Available with 5 connector options and 10 webbing colors, the Innovative Scuba Standard Retractor will keep your gear safe and secure during your next dive adventure. [www.innovativescuba.com](http://www.innovativescuba.com)



### Gear Aid Ni Glo Gear Marker

The Gear Aid Ni Glo Gear Marker is the perfect reusable glowing marker. The IPX8 waterproof marker is good to 164 feet and does not use batteries, but can charge in as little as 10 minutes by sunlight, indoor light, or flashlight. When fully charged the Ni Glo will glow for 10 hours and can be seen from 25 feet away. Weighing in at 0.3 oz, the 2 inch Ni Glo comes with an easy to attach keychain ring, or use the removable plastic clip or joint. The Ni Glo Gear Marker is a great way to mark a dive area or to use on your tank for a night dive. Stop wasting money on disposable glow sticks and get a Gear Aid Ni Glo Gear Marker for your next nocturnal adventure. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)



### Sea Vision Prescription Lenses

Sea Vision prescription lenses and masks are a must have upgrade for anyone who wears contacts or glasses. Sea Vision custom grinds high-quality CR39 lenses in their 15,000 square foot, state-of-the-art optical lens laboratory. This allows you to have the same great underwater vision as you have on land with your glasses or contact lenses. Sea Vision does not glue or bond lenses onto scuba masks, they make custom lenses for their masks or can make custom lenses for your mask. They can create single vision lenses, with the same focal power throughout the entire lens. They can also create custom bifocal lenses or gauge reader lenses which are non-prescriptive bifocal lenses with a +2.00 power. Sea Vision also has two optional color correcting lenses, the (magenta) lenses are designed to filter out blue wavelengths in the water which allow your eyes to see the brilliant red, orange, yellow and green colors that are normally lost as a diver descends. The MaxVision lenses are for low-light situations such as lakes, caves, rivers, and night dives to help optimize available light and sharpen vision by increasing contrast and depth perception in environments where normal light is diffused. Sea Vision can also make custom prescription swim goggles. Sea Vision will ensure you see just as well underwater as you see on land with custom prescription lenses. [www.seavisionusa.com](http://www.seavisionusa.com)



## Gear Aid Revivex Wetsuit and Drysuit Shampoo

Gear Aid Revivex Wetsuit and Drysuit Shampoo will extend the life of your wetsuit while keeping it fresh. The 2-in-1 formula gently removes harmful residues, particles, bacteria, algae and salt without damaging the neoprene and then conditions the neoprene to keep it soft and prevent fading of colors. The 10 ounce concentrated Gear Aid Revivex Wetsuit and Drysuit Shampoo is good for 10 washes and will keep your expensive dive gear looking and feeling great for years. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)

## Gear Aid Revivex Pro Cleaner

Gear Aid Revivex Pro Cleaner is the perfect solution for dirty, stinky outdoor or athletic gear. The gentle, Fragrance-Free, water-based cleaner is safe for cleaning outdoor gear including gear with synthetic insulation such as sleeping bags and even works on GORE-TEX products. The cleaner actually helps maintain fabric Breathability and aids the water repellency of fabrics by removing embedded dirt and oils. Freshen up all of your outdoor gear with Gear Aid Revivex Pro Cleaner. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)



## Towels and Covers

### Surf-Fur Water Parka

The Surf-Fur Water Parka is your go to after dive wrap. The lightweight breathable windproof and waterproof parka is super comfortable and will keep you warm between or after your dives. The machine washable long parka features 2 slit pockets for accessing the interior when using the parka as a cover to change out of wet clothes. The parka is long enough, below your knees, to keep you covered when changing even if you bend over during the process. The quick drying Water Parka features a soft and warm interior fleece with a built-in neck warmer, an interior Velcro pocket and front stainless-steel snaps. The Surf-Fur Water Parka is a must have companion for anyone who dives or spends time in the water. [www.surf-fur.com](http://www.surf-fur.com)



### Gear Aid Microfiber Towel

The Gear Aid Microfiber Towel is a compact quick drying travel towel. Available in medium (20" x 40") 5.6 oz, large (30"x50") 8 oz and (35"x62") 10.4 oz XL, the towel comes with a handy 8" L x 3" W x 4" H zippered storage bag and packs down to the size of a water bottle. The soft micro suede fabric has a SILVADUR antimicrobial silver ion treatment to prevent odors and the towel can absorb five times its weight in water. The Microfiber Towel is available in 6 colors and features a sewn in snapping strap for hanging the towel to dry. Perfect for your next beach or camping adventure. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)



### Gear Aid Micro-Terry Towel

The Gear Aid Micro-Terry Towel is a quick drying travel towel that provides a larger drying surface. Available in 2 colors, the 30"x50" towel features a sewn in snapping strap for hanging the towel to dry, has a antimicrobial silver ion treatment to prevent odors and comes with a zippered mesh storage bag. The Micro-Terry material has a traditional terry towel texture and can soaks up five times its weight in water. The Gear Aid Micro-Terry Towel is a great towel for diving or just about any athletic venture. [www.gearaid.com](http://www.gearaid.com)



### Sea to Summit Drylite Towel

The Sea to Summit Drylite Towel is a soft, compact travel towel that is ready to keep you dry at your next outing. Made from 80% recycled polyester and 20% nylon the towel is light weight and has a soft microfiber suede feel. Available in 5 sizes (S 16 x 32 in, 2.2 oz, M 20 x 40 in, 3.5 oz, L 24 x 48 in, 5.1 oz, XL 30 x 60, 8.1 oz, XXL 33.5 x 70 in, 17.5 oz) the super absorbent and quick drying Drylite features a hang loop and comes with a Velcro closure nylon carrying bag. Perfect for compact travel or athletic events where you need a compact towel, the Sea to Summit Drylite Towel gets the job done without taking up much space.  
[www.seatosummit.com](http://www.seatosummit.com)



### Sea to Summit Tek Towel

The Sea to Summit Tek Towel is a larger travel towel with the feel of a traditional bath towel. Available in 5 colors and 4 sizes (S 16 x 32 in, 4.2 oz, M 20 x 40 in, 7.1 oz, L 24 x 48 in, 10.1 oz, XL 30 x 60 in, 15.7 oz) the super absorbent soft deep pile feels like a regular towel. The Blended microfiber Tek Towel is made of 80% recycled polyester and 20% nylon and comes in a soft zippered and vented EVA case, has rounded corners and features a snap on hang loop for easy drying. For a quick drying, super absorbent towel look no further than the Sea to Summit Tek Towel.  
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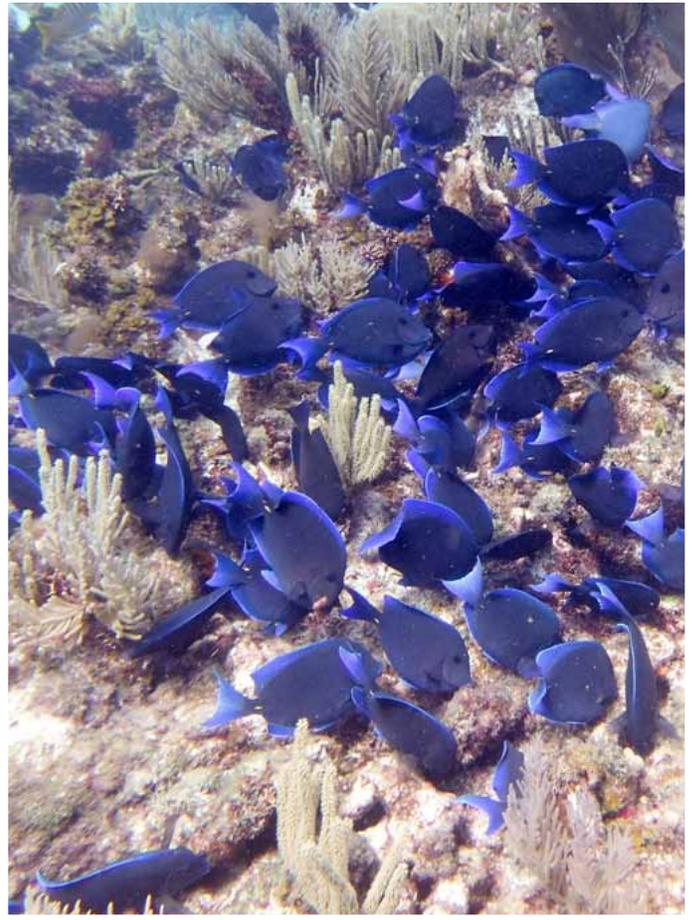
The SeaLife Micro 3.0 is a professional level underwater camera that is simple enough for a child to operate. The leak proof Micro 3.0 only needs to be washed and cleaned after use, as all O-rings and waterproof doors have been eliminated making this sealed camera a maintenance dream.



The camera has 3 large piano styled control keys which are easy to see and use even while wearing dive gloves. Operating the camera and changing settings is simple and straight forward making this a user-friendly camera even if you are not technically inclined. The Micro 3.0 has setting controls for environment (land, land action, snorkel, scuba,



underwater lights), white balance adjustment with digital underwater correction lenses (land auto, manual, shallow, deep and green), adjustable exposure value, adjustable ISO, adjustable photo quality and adjustable image or video resolution. The camera can shoot single, continuous or burst images has a self-timer and even has an adjustable time lapse option. The Micro 3.0 also features a unique upside-down shooting mode that allows the camera to save upright images and video when it is mounted upside down. The easy to read 2.4 inch, high resolution TFT color LCD screen makes it easy to navigate the settings, review stored files or line up great videos and images. Everything is powered by rechargeable, internal lithium ion battery that can provide 3+ hours of video or 1000+ images.



The Micro 3.0 uses a SONY 16MP CMOS sensor which provides excellent still images and 4K Ultra HD video, even allowing the operator to take 8MP images while recording video. The camera comes with a 100° Wide angle lens, has a super-fast 0.1 second shutter response, electronic stabilization for silky smooth video and a focus distance from 15 inches to infinity. Users can choose RAW image format which saves images in a hi-res, uncompressed .DNG format allowing for a ton of editing options. The Micro 3.0 has a massive 64GB of internal memory which can store thousands of photos and hours of HD video. Images and videos can be transferred using the provided USB cable or files can be transferred



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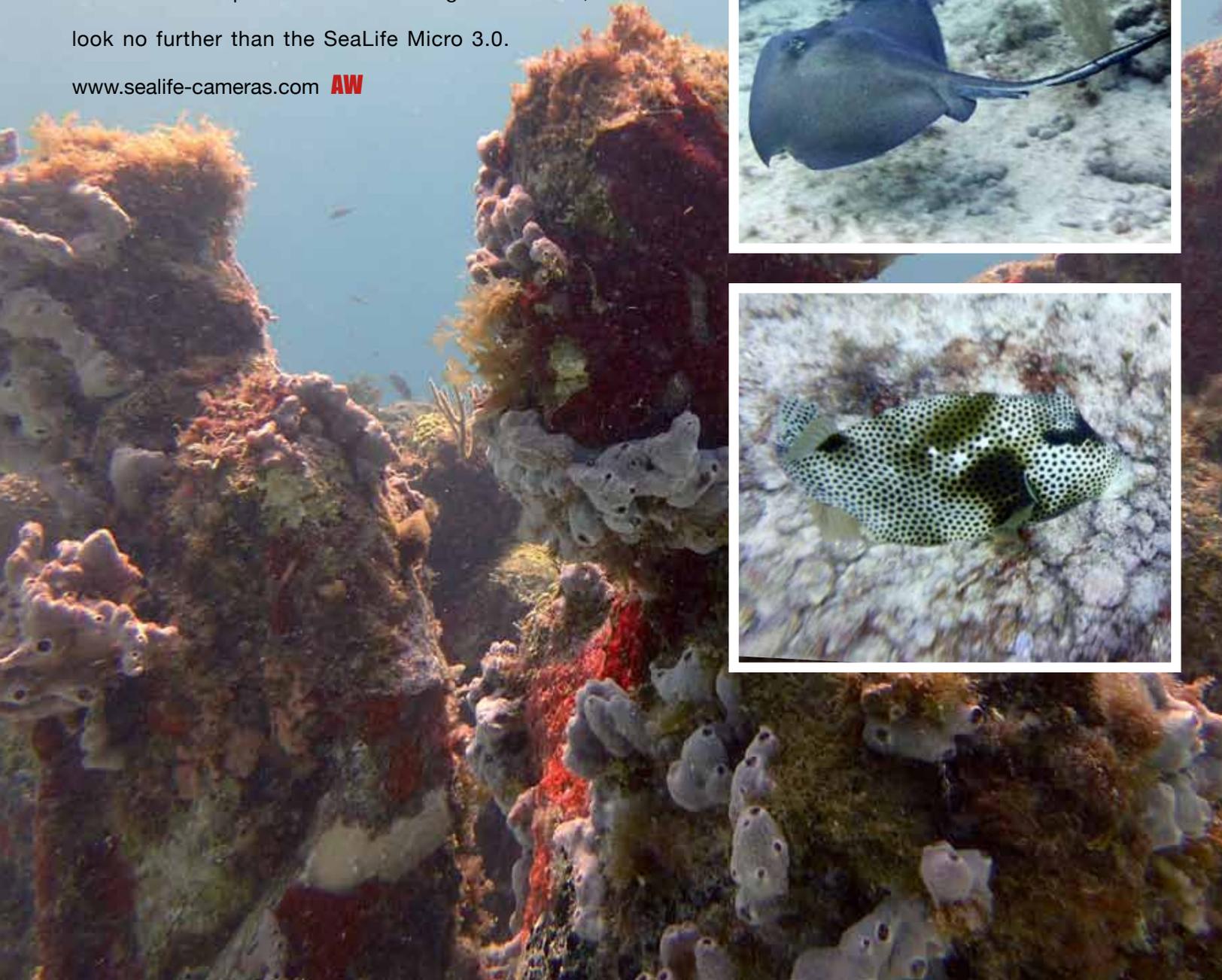


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to Android or IOS devices through WiFi by utilizing the the SeaLife Micro 3.0 App. The SeaLife Micro 3.0 comes with the camera, a USB Micro-B adapter, a 2 foot USB-A to Micro-B cable, a wrist strap and a neoprene camera pouch.

We found the SeaLife Micro 3.0 was easy to learn and operate. Our team felt confident using the Micro 3.0 after a couple minutes of practice and all of the underwater images in this issue were taken using the SeaLife Micro 3.0. For a compact, easy to use underwater camera that will provide awesome images and video,

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# Beach Product Reviews

We tested the following gear and found these items will definitely enhance your next visit to the beach. Whether it is convenience, comfort, style or just plain fun, this beach gear is a must have for your next beach excursion.



## RUX 70 L

The RUX 70 L is a light weight, collapsible bag that turns into a box with about a million uses. The 840D TPU coated waterproof nylon bag is RF welded for strength and to maintain waterproofing, has a stiff PU coated compressed EVA foam base and a rigid trifold lid. The Rux weighs 5.3 pounds, features a 50-pound weight capacity and measures 15.7 inches wide x 19.5 inches long x 13.8 inches high when deployed, yet packs down to only 2 ½ inches tall. The Rux features 4 lash points near each corner, a clear window for viewing contents and a rigid nylon rim with interior and exterior utility rails for attaching accessories such as the shoulder straps. The 70 L container is available in tan, green or black and comes with (2) 20mm nylon compression straps with quick release buckles, (2) reinforced nylon webbing handles, (2) removable nylon webbing shoulder straps and (4) corner stays. The ultra-functional Rux 70 L looks cool because it is super cool and it comes with a lifetime warranty. Perfect for your next beach, mountain or outback adventure, the Rux 70 L will make sure all of your gear gets there safely and will pack down to nearly nothing when your adventure is over. [www.rux.life](http://www.rux.life)



## Camp-Zero 20 Carry All Backpack Cooler

The Camp-Zero 20 Carry All Backpack Cooler is a versatile cooler that will help keep your food cold on your next trip to the beach. The cooler features a durable, waterproof and puncture resistant 600D/TPU coated shell. The commercial grade closed-cell insulation keeps everything cold and an anti-microbial liner prevents mold and mildew from forming in the cooler. The roll top closure keeps your contents secure and you can carry the cooler with the heavy duty sewn webbing handles or the removable backpack shoulder straps. The 20 can cooler has a zippered front pocket which is perfect for securing your wallet or car keys and the integrated tie downs can be used to lash other gear to the cooler or to lash the cooler safely into place. The Camp-Zero 20 Carry All Backpack Cooler is the perfect companion for your next big adventure. [www.camp-zero.com](http://www.camp-zero.com)



## Dorsal Aero Roof Rack Pads

The Dorsal Aero Roof Rack Pads are a must have item for transporting your surfboards, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and even snowboards. Dorsal roof rack pads use top grade EVA foam covered with a weather proof PVC sleeve. The pads are secured to your roof rack with the heavy-duty Velcro sleeve and they will look good for years to come because they feature a no fade SunGuard. Grab a set of Dorsal Aero Roof Rack Pads and protect your gear on your next adventure. [www.dorsalfins.com](http://www.dorsalfins.com)



### Dorsal Full Size Truck Tailgate Pad

The Dorsal Full Size Truck Tailgate Pad will protect your truck while safely transporting your bikes. The 60 inch wide pad covers 10 inches on the interior and almost 17 inches on the exterior of the tailgate. Quickly attach bikes to the pad using the sewn on hook and loop straps. The nylon pad features a no fade SunGuard and a 2 year limited warranty. Protect your trucks and your bikes during transport with the Dorsal Full Size Truck Tailgate Pad. [www.dorsalfins.com](http://www.dorsalfins.com)



### Trippy Outdoors Dreamer

The Trippy Outdoors Dreamer is a beautifully crafted wooden camping chair that will be the center of attention at your next outing. The 10-pound American sugar maple chair has a 1000 pound capacity with 8 color choices for the aluminum bracket and the two piece chair can be set up or broken down in mere seconds. Relax on the cool looking Trippy Outdoors Dreamer at your next outdoor adventure. [www.trippyoutdoor.com](http://www.trippyoutdoor.com)



### Polar Adventure Chair

The Polar Adventure Chair will become your camping besty. This aluminum and nylon chair is super light and super comfortable making it a great choice for your outdoor adventures. The chair features padded arm rests, a stuff caddy with a zippered pocket, 2 Velcro pockets and 1 open pocket and a fold down tray with a built-in cup holder which is perfect for holding snacks or a favorite book. Make sure you grab a Polar Adventure Chair on the way to your next outing. <https://polar.com>



### Polar Campforter Puffy Blanket

The Polar Campforter Puffy Blanket has synthetic microfiber body exterior combined with recycled thermastuff synthetic insulation to keep you warm and cozy at the campsite or beach. The Campforter also doubles as a great changing cover for the beach or after an athletic event. Just slip it on, change clothes and then keep it on for a warm and stylish cover. The uses don't stop there, the Campforter can also be used as a comfortable insulated ground cover at your next picnic or outdoor concert. Available in 3 color combinations, the reversible Campforter measures 73" x 56", weighs 2.5 pounds, features a 12 inch head slit and comes with a stuff sack. <https://polar.com>



### DORSAL Grass Surf Mat

The DORSAL Grass Surf Mat is a safe and comfortable place to change at the beach. The 24 x 24 inch synthetic turf mat is big enough to change on and big enough to keep your wetsuit out of the sand. The mat protects your feet from hot asphalt while softly brushing the sand off your feet. Simply roll the mat up and secure with the included Velcro or lay it in your trunk for wet gear like your wetsuit. The mat can also be used as a sitting pad at the beach or an outdoor concert. Grab your DORSAL Grass Surf Mat and know you will have a comfortable place to change after your next adventure. [www.dorsalfins.com](http://www.dorsalfins.com)



### Corsurf Wetsuit Changing Mat

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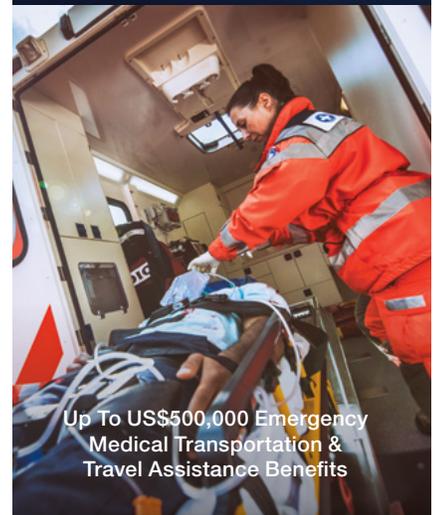
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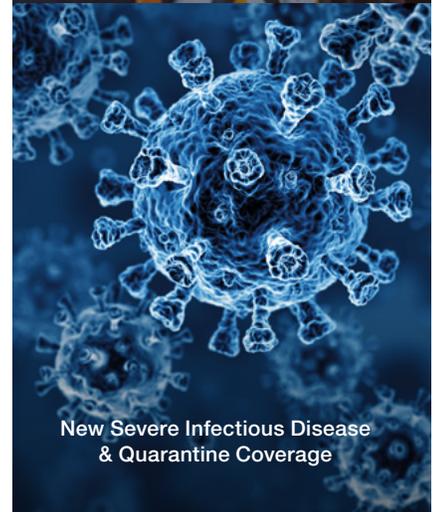
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# Swimming with Whale Sharks

by Troy Farrar

There are a lot of great reasons to visit Isla Mujeres such as the beautiful beaches, great snorkeling and scuba diving, delicious food, excellent fishing, phenomenal sunsets and the super friendly people. All of these attributes would be plenty enough reasons to take a trip to the island, however, the initial driving force for our visit was Whale Sharks – and lots of them!

Between June & September hundreds of Whale Sharks migrate to an area just north of Isla Mujeres to feed in the plankton rich waters where the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea converge. The endangered Whale Sharks can grow from 40-60 feet long and are an amazing sight to see. Whale



sharks are actually the largest living fish and the largest shark, but they are not dangerous as they are filter feeders. The “Whale” in their name is a misnomer because of their large size, they are fish not whales. Boats leave the island daily for the 1-2 hour trip to the feeding grounds with the opportunity to snorkel with the gentle giants. We were blessed to find a group of 25 – 30 Whale Sharks on the day we went to the feeding grounds.

We left Isla Mujeres early in the morning and were in the general location for the Whale Sharks in just over an hour. We motored around searching for Whale Sharks and after 45 minutes of searching our captain spotted some Whale Sharks and off we zoomed in their direction. Our captain would spot a Whale Shark, maneuver the boat into place and count down, “three, two, one.” We would slip in the water and the captain would exclaim, “Face to Face!” Let me tell you, it was an accurate exclamation! After you jumped in, the bubbles would slowly clear and there would be a Whale Shark cruising right toward you, mouth open, enjoying a meal of plankton. What an incredible encounter being face to face with one of these amazing creatures! The Whale Shark would usually continue swimming directly towards you and then slightly alter course at the last minute to cruise right past. The Whale Sharks appear to be

moving very slowly from the boat, but you actually have to kick pretty hard to keep up with a Whale Shark. Sometimes the Whale Sharks slow down and just hang out and at other times they keep a steady pace. One minute was about the longest we could keep up with a Whale Shark that was swimming before it would slowly disappear into the sea. The Whale Sharks don't seem to mind the visiting snorkelers and often approach the snorkelers on their own. Several times we would be swimming with a Whale Shark and as they swam away, we would turn around only to find another Whale Shark approaching. Snorkeling with these beautiful Whale Sharks is an amazing experience and ranks as one



of the coolest things I have ever done – definitely a red-letter day! I highly recommend making the trip to Isla Mujeres for all of the aforementioned reasons, but especially to snorkel with the Whale Sharks. Swimming with these majestic behemoths will be one of your special lifetime memories. On our way back to the island, we were escorted part of the way by some amazing high flying dolphins – what a great way to end the adventure.



## Luke Farrar, 13 years old

Swimming with Whale Sharks is insane. It's amazing to be able to see something so big, yet so harmless. When you get out to the Whale Sharks, you might get dropped off the boat right in front of one. It is crazy to see a giant creature with an open-mouthed heading straight for you. It is an amazing experience.

## Izzy Farrar, 15 years old

This summer I got to experience one of the coolest things I've ever done - snorkeling with Whale Sharks. The Whale Sharks were migrating through the area while we were in Mexico, so we took a boat out to go and find them. It was really amazing to swim with these awesome creatures. I was a little nervous as they can grow to the size of a school bus, but they are very peaceful and seemed as curious about us as we were about them. I did feel kind of bad because there were a lot of people out there snorkeling with them, but the Whale Sharks didn't seem to mind, because they could easily dive away from the people if they were bothered by them. I would definitely recommend snorkeling with Whale Sharks if you can as it was a really cool experience. **AW**





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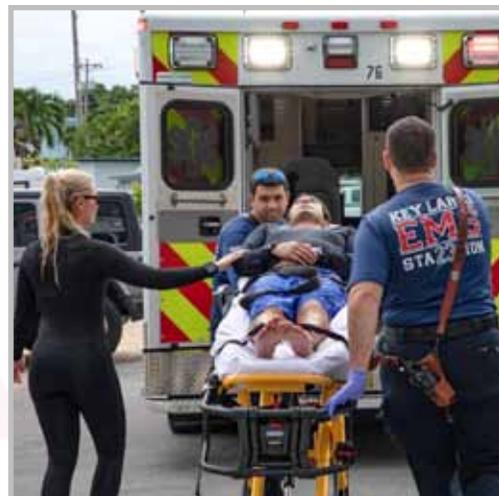


## Divers Alert Network: Your Trusted Dive Buddy

Accidents and injuries are a fact of life, especially for those who seek adventure. Every sport and recreational pursuit has its common mishaps and maladies, but scuba diving is unique. While any medical care provider could assist a backpacker, skier, or runner who got into trouble, it takes specialized knowledge to effectively care for an injured diver.

Diving subjects the body not only to the effects of submersion, but also to the effects of breathing pressurized gas at increased ambient pressure. This is why divers and those who care for them must be trained to manage decompression sickness, barotraumas, gas embolisms, and more.

Divers Alert Network (DAN) was created in 1980 to address the fact that there were too few doctors trained in dive medicine to properly care for the growing population of recreational scuba divers. The organization was founded at the hyperbaric chamber facility at Duke University Medical Center, and its primary feature was a 24/7 emergency hotline. The doctors who staffed this hotline provided advice and recommendations to injured divers, consultations to the physicians who were caring for them, and referrals to hyperbaric chambers where the divers could get the recompression therapy they needed.





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In addition to the hotline, DAN also operates a business-hours medical information line for divers. Every day DAN fields calls about diving with various health conditions and while taking various medications. Beyond simply passing along expert opinions or the latest research, DAN medical staff seek to educate callers, providing them with criteria for making good decisions and giving them questions to ask their personal physicians. The medical information line is available to medical professionals as well, and many of the callers are physicians or other health care providers seeking expert consultation so they can pass along the best available advice to their patients.





DAN was originally funded with grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other government agencies, but as its value became apparent among sport divers, it was determined that DAN could best sustain itself as a membership organization. Today, divers and travelers can become DAN members for as little as \$40 per year (or \$60 per year for families). Benefits include up to \$500,000 in emergency medical transportation and travel assistance benefits, a subscription to Alert Diver magazine, access to valuable dive safety resources, and access to purchase DAN Dive Accident Insurance.

The costs of recompression chamber therapy can be extraordinary, and so it is crucial that divers have insurance to cover these costs. However, many health insurance plans exclude coverage for diving, so DAN offers dive accident insurance. Plans range from roughly \$50 to \$150 per person per year, depending on the level of coverage desired. With this coverage in place, divers can enjoy the underwater world without worrying about jeopardizing their financial well-being in the event of an incident.

Beyond just providing emergency assistance and insurance coverage, DAN also offers training in first aid, CPR, oxygen administration, and more. These courses are appropriate for divers, dive professionals, and even nondivers. While the examples used and scenarios presented in these courses focus on diving, the material is also applicable to daily life and suitable for everyone. In addition to providing training, DAN sells portable oxygen units, which are crucial for providing first aid to injured divers. By ensuring there is emergency oxygen available wherever people are diving and by training divers to administer it properly, DAN is working to improve the outcomes of diving emergencies.

DAN promotes safety in the dive industry with its professional and business memberships, which provide dive instructors and dive businesses with risk assessment programs such as student medical coverage as well as discounts on retail products and liability insurance. These programs also give dive professionals access to safety resources such as webinars, videos, and reference materials.

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Recompression Chamber Assistance Program (RCAP), DAN dispatches experts in hyperbaric chamber maintenance and operation to chambers around the world, providing assessments and thus ensuring that DAN members — and all divers — have access to the emergency medical services they need.



DAN's research department has been working to define industry safety standards since 1991. It conducts studies in house as well as collaborating with distinguished scientists and research institutions worldwide. The research DAN conducts or funds focuses on health and diving, decompression safety, and prevention and treatment of diving injuries. DAN Research has defined many industry standards, including those governing flying after diving and diving with various medical conditions.

The work DAN does makes diving a safer and more accessible sport — and becoming a DAN member ensures that DAN's vital contributions to diving continue to impact lives and improve the safety of diving for all. Every year, hundreds of thousands of divers around the world look to DAN as their dive safety organization. Join the DAN community or learn more at [DAN.org](https://www.dan.org). **AW**



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## OUTDOORS

### Do All Outdoors .22 Dueling Tree

The Do All Outdoors .22 Dueling Tree is a fun way to improve your accuracy. The solid steel targets feature Tension Lock Technology that prevents target flap by locking down the target when struck. Easy to assemble and a hoot to use, the six target .22 Dueling Tree has a deflection plate to protect the target from errant shots, a sturdy base, 4 steel ground spikes and extra springs. The Do All Outdoors .22 Dueling Tree makes practice both inexpensive and fun by creating a competition based shooting scenario.



### Do All Outdoors .22 Prairie Popper

The Do All Outdoors .22 Prairie Popper will be a great addition to your range. The steel prairie dog silhouette is portable and easy to set up with the included ground stakes and comes with a target sticker. The spring-loaded popper provides positive visual confirmation of hits by laying down and then rising back up. Get one or get a whole prairie dog village for your range and enjoy hours of fun with the interactive Do All Outdoors .22 Prairie Popper.



### Do All Outdoors Helios .22 Caliber Steel Target

The Do All Outdoors Helios .22 Caliber Steel Target is a target that you should definitely give a whirl. Simply stick the portable, solid steel target into the ground and start shooting. The Helios target provides positive visual confirmation of hits provides by spinning when struck and then resets to the original position. See if you can keep the target spinning or grab a pair of Helios targets for a head to head challenge. The Do All Outdoors Helios .22 Caliber Steel Target is rated for .22 caliber soft nose lead only and will provide a fun and challenging addition to your range. **AW**

