Tina's Compendium

Scuba Diving

by Bettina von Schweinitz

### Introduction

Papa enjoyed scuba diving. He became certified in Open Water Scuba Diving in 1968 while we were in England. Papa became an instructor while we were stationed in South Carolina in 1971.

Papa would dive locally and went on some Scuba Diving trips into Florida and Jamaca. When we lived in Saudi Arabia in 1978-1980, he dived in the Arabian Sea. He was planning on a trip to the Grand Cayman Islands, but there is recorded that he ever went. Papa did no more dives after coming back from Saudi Arabia in 1980.

In 1975, at age of 15, I became Open Water Scuba Certified by the YMCA in Austin. I then joined Papa on a couple of diving adventures.

In 2021, Chris and I decided to become Open Water Scuba Diving certified by PADI. We succeeded in passing our tests on 3 October 2021. Our objective was to dive around some of the Caribbean Islands, in honor of our Papa.

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# Papa Scuba Diving and pre-1975

It is recommended that when Scuba Diving that you go underwater with a partner. Sometimes Papa would stretch this 'highly' recommended rule of Scuba Diving. Papa would find a nice quite lake that had something interesting not to deep down. Then he would take Mutti and I along. We would paddle or motor out in our little Johny boat and put out the diving flag. Papa would dive down while Mutti and I stayed in the boat, waiting. It worked well.

Papa would join the local Scuba Diving Club. Sometimes we would join him on the outings. In South Carolina we would snorkel on the surface while the club was diving below. By the time we were in Alabama, I was big enough to use Papa's English Tank and equipment. The English Tank was ¾ the size of an American Tank. So, on a couple of shallow dives, I joined in. My partner was always Papa and he made sure that all went well. To make sure that we stayed close together but still had the freedom to look around, we both held onto the end of a thick rope about 4 feet in length (between loops). We were never deeper than 30 feet.









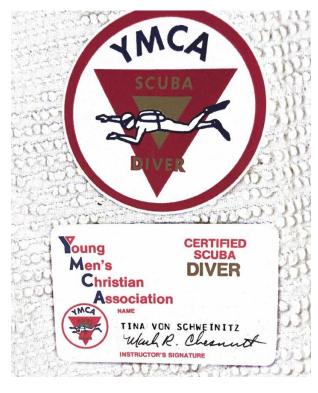
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# 1975 Certification by YMCA

When we moved to Austin, Texas I attended an Open Water Scuba Diving class at the local YMCA. This was before dive computers. I had to learn how to use a depth gauge, dive watch, and air pressure gauge. And then put all that information into a worksheet to determine how long I could stay down and what the decompression times would be on the way back up. Lots of math. Luckily, I inherited Papa's ability with math and formulas.

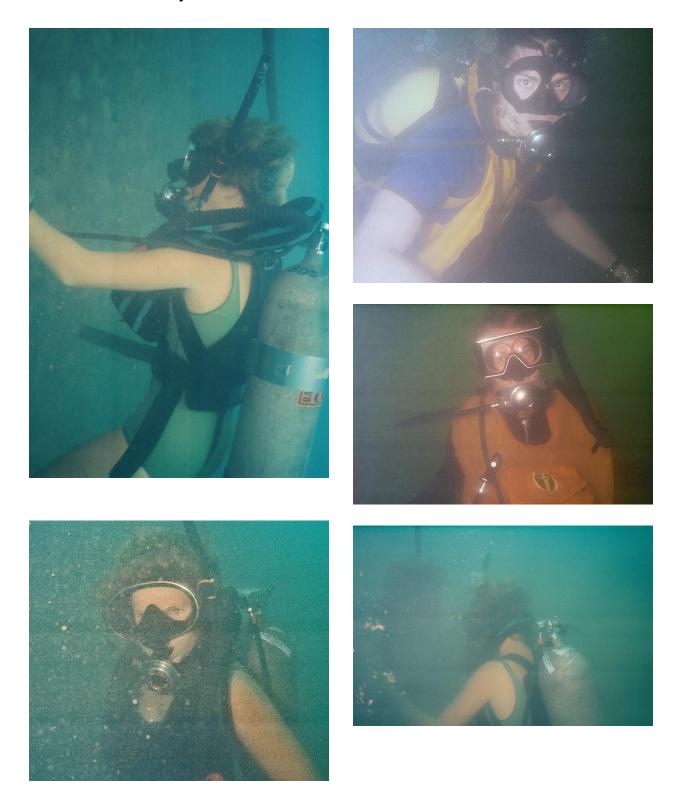








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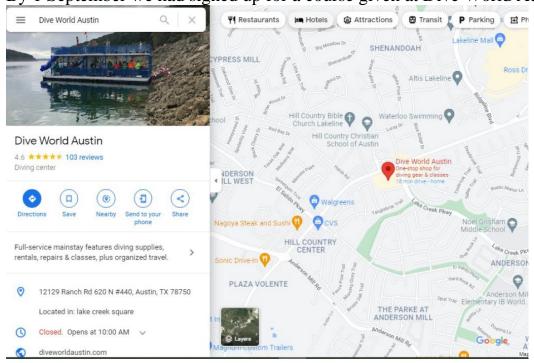
# 2021 Sep/Oct Chris and I certify Open Water Scuba Diving

In August 2021, Chris and I did a Caribbean Cruise. We did a Dolphin Swim Experience excursion at Cozumel Mexico. It was a wonderful experience. Right next door there was a group that was doing a snorkeling excursion. We decided that on our next cruise we were going to do snorkeling.

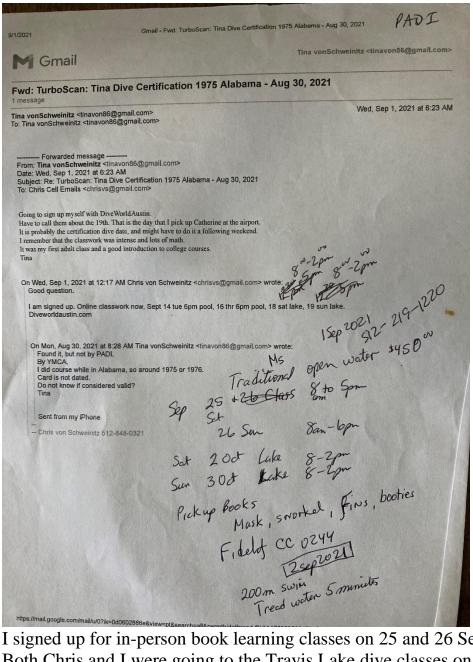
By the time we were back in Austin Texas, snorkeling had morphed into wanting to do a Scuba Diving in honor of our Papa.



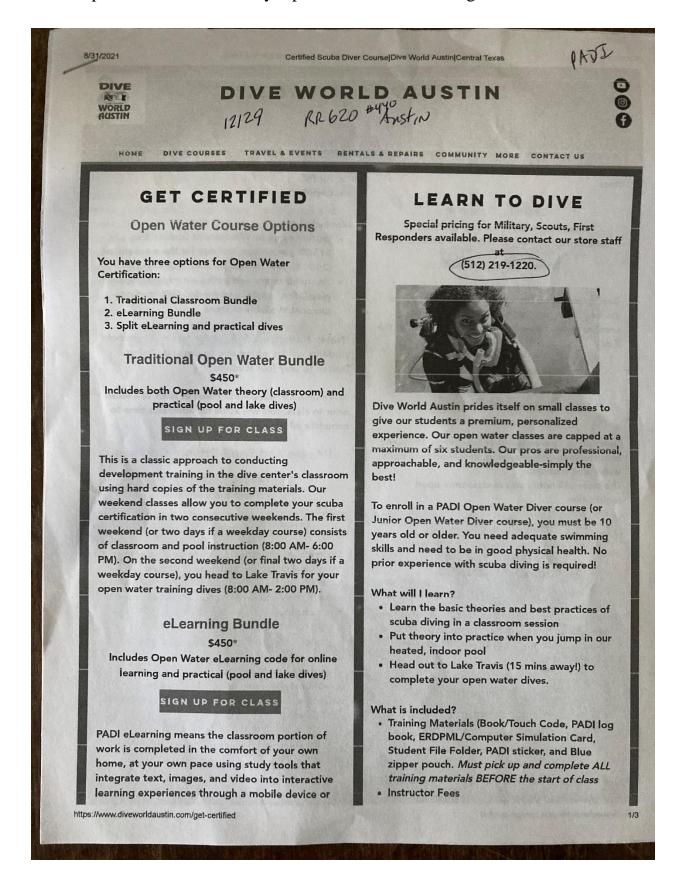
By 1 September we had signed up for a course given at Dive World Austin

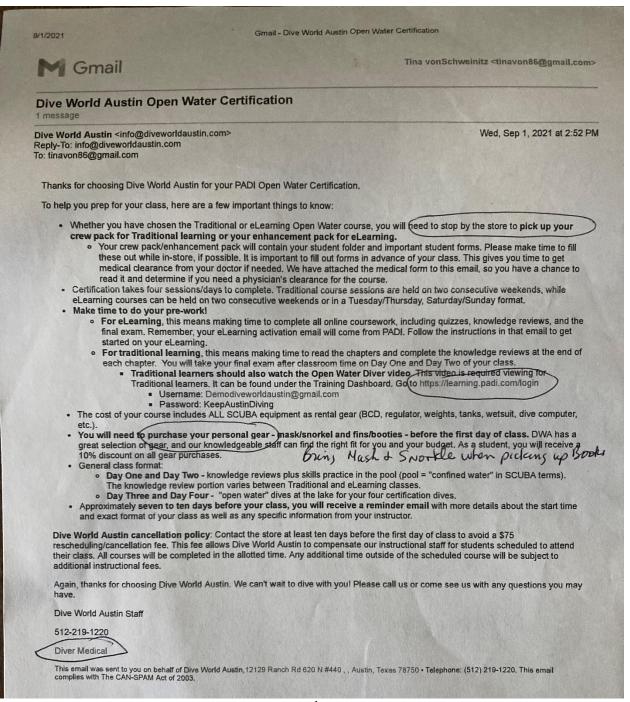


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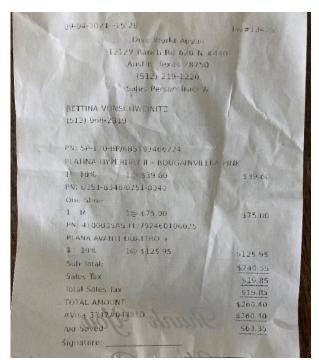


I signed up for in-person book learning classes on 25 and 26 September. Both Chris and I were going to the Travis Lake dive classes on 2 & 3 October.





So, I stopped by the store on September 4<sup>th</sup> and pickup my package of goodies. I also bought Fins, Snorkel and Diving Boots.



Snorkel, Fins, Boots



I already had a diving mask



**Diving Boots** 

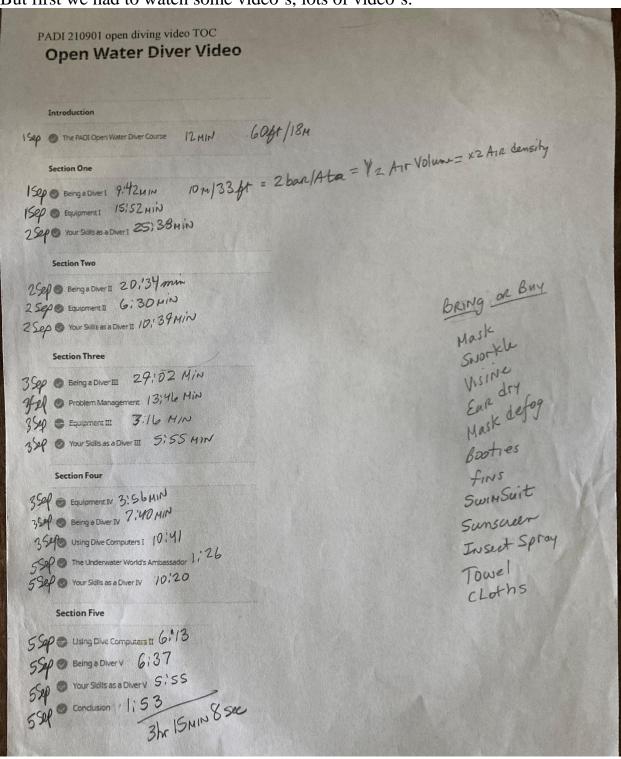


Fins to match the boots

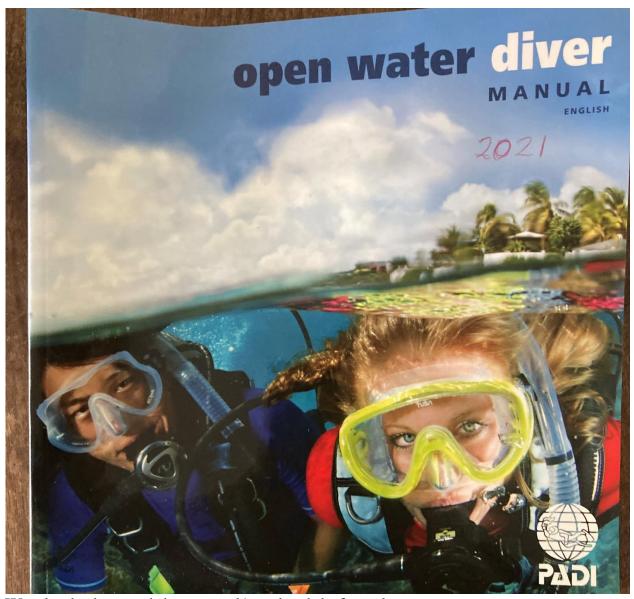
The rest of what I needed would be provided by Dive World Austin for the Open Water Test.

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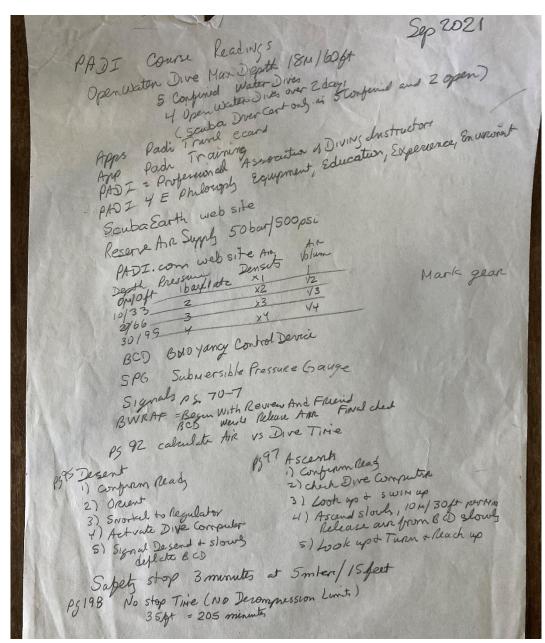
But first we had to watch some video's, lots of video's.



Over 3 hours worth.



We also had to read the manual/text book before class



And I took lots of notes from both the videos and book reading.

I spent a lot of time at the YMCA pool practicing swimming and treading water. On 25 September class we were to demonstrate that could pass the basic swimming skills test: 10 minutes of treading water and swim 200 meters/yards with no aids (no fins or snorkel).

## Then I received the instructions for the course and dive test day

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### Traditional Open Water Course September 25/26 and October 2/3

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Cc: Cari Baizen <dsipwr350@yahoo.com

Thank you for choosing Dive World Austin for your scuba certification. Your instructor will be Carl. We look forward to

If you have not started your coursework, it is time! Please read your Open Water course manual and complete all knowledge reviews before your course begins.

Also, if you have not had a chance to watch the Open Water Diver video, here's how:

Go to https://learning.padi.com/login
Username: Demodiveworldaustin@gmail.com

Password: KeepAustinDiving
This video is required viewing and can help you with your knowledge reviews! Note: it does NOT replace doing the coursework in the book.

### Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 - Classroom + Pool Skills

- . Arrive at 8:00 am at Dive World Austin
  - We have one eLearners joining this class. ELearners will arrive at 12:30 pm to attend the pool sessions. Bring your eLearning record with you along with completed forms
- . Bring your knowledge reviews from the course manual that show you have completed the reading for the class. This coursework takes approximately 8-10 hours, so plan accordingly.
- · You will need personal dive gear consisting of scuba mask/snorkel and scuba fins/boots before the first day of
  - Students receive a 10% discount on in-store gear purchases. Please buy local!
  - · Dive World Austin will do a complete mask and fin fitting to make sure you get the right gear. Your pool sessions also serve as a great time to make sure everything fits the way it should in the water and if anything isn't right, we can make exchanges on the spot.
  - Prepare your new mask by cleaning the inside of the lens/lenses with mask scrub to remove the film which will help your defog to work optimally.
  - . Tip: we highly recommend two items: 1) a slap strap, which is a soft neoprene strap that makes putting on and taking off your mask easier, and 2) a mesh gear bag that makes it easier to carry all of your personal dive gear equipment.
- Read and fill out the forms attached to this email. You do not need to fill out these forms if you filled out your folder and paperwork at DWA when you picked up your crew pack. For any divers under 18 years of age, forms must also be signed by a parent/guardian. You may be subject to a rescheduling fee and be moved to a different class date if forms are incomplete. Please note:
  - · Please note on the student folder:
    - Wherever it says "Instructor," please write "Dive World Austin staff"
    - Wherever it says facility or store, please write "Dive World Austin"
  - o For the Diver Medical Form
    - Fill out the medical form completely. If it is determined through the form that you need a doctor's clearance to participate, then take the form to your physician so that they may complete the form as

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required by PADI before the first day of class (note that PADI requires a physician's signature, not a

- . What to bring for the pool sessions
  - Bathing suit
  - Towel
  - Mask/snorkel
  - Fins/Dive boots
  - Completed Forms
  - o Rashguard/t-shirt for the pool not required but most people prefer to wear under their BCD for comfort
  - o water hottle
- You will be assigned a sanitized BCD and regulator to use for the duration of the course. You will be taking your BCD and regulator home at the end of each class session.
- · Please do not leave scuba gear in your car.

#### Between the first weekend and second weekend:

- Plan to pick up the rest of your rental gear at the shop on Thursday or Friday before your lake sessions. This includes tanks, weights, wetsuit, hood, gloves, and dive computer.
- Please do not leave scuba gear in your car.
- Also, you will receive an email on Thursday before your lake sessions with a link to our Dive World Austin Youtube channel with
  a video that shows how to use the Mares Quad dive computer. Please watch this instructional video so that you are
  prepared for your lake dives.

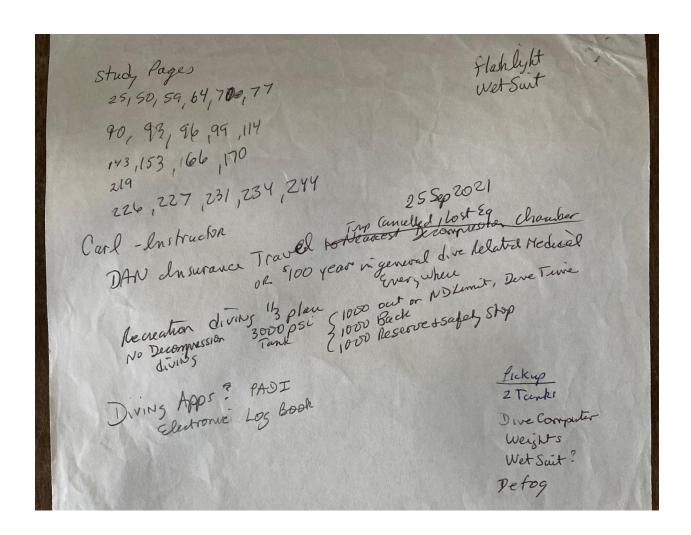
### Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3 - Open Water Certification Dives (lake dives)

- · You have already picked up your rental gear from DWA, so you are ready to head to the lake!
- . We will conduct Open Water certification dives at Windy Point Park: http://www.windypointpark.com.
- Your instructor will set meeting times for the lake dives with you (typically 8:00 am start time). Weekend start times
  are subject to change due to inclement weather. We may postpone to a later start time versus canceling for the
  day.
- . The entry fee to Windy Point Park is \$15 per diver per day
- . What to bring to the lake
  - Logbook
  - Bathing suit/towel
  - Sunscreen
  - Mask/Snorkel
  - Fins/Dive Boots
  - o SCUBA gear: tanks, weights, wetsuit, hood, gloves, dive computer, BCD, regulator
  - Lunch or snacks
  - Water bottle
  - o Park entry fees (cash or credit card)

COVID mask policy-Currently, we are requesting face masks be worn in the classroom and retail portions of our store but not requiring them. Please be patient with us as we maneuver through the changing health guidelines associated with COVID. We regularly sanitize equipment and have additional measures and procedures in place to minimize risk.

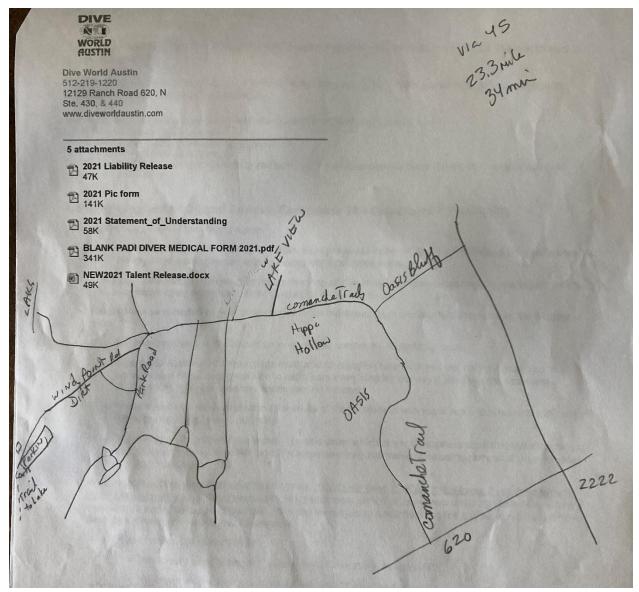
Finally, in-person class on 25 September





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This is a wax pencil slate that we could re-use to quickly determine when we need to turn around and return towards the boat.



Then we were off to Windy Point on Lake Travis for our Open Water Test on 2 and 3 October.

This is the same place where I qualified in 1975 for the YMCA Open Water Scuba Diving certificate. The park has been upgraded. The section we used has stairs down to the lake. In the lake are platforms at different depths. And there are statues or artifacts scattered about. There was enough space for several diving groups.

During our dives, another group was also using the diving area. They had decided to play a game of find the numbered golf balls that were tossed onto the lake bottom. Problem was, that in searching for these golf balls, they stirred up quit a

lot of the silt. Visibility was so bad that I held onto our instructor during our swim-about. I could hardly see the instructor on the end of my arm.

We passed. My official photo was taken right after the last dive. First received a temporary card, then the permanent.

# PADI Temporary Card Open Water Diver



Name: Bettina Von Schweinitz

Diver No.: 21100S4162 Birth Date: 09-Oct-1959 Cert Date: 07-Oct-2021

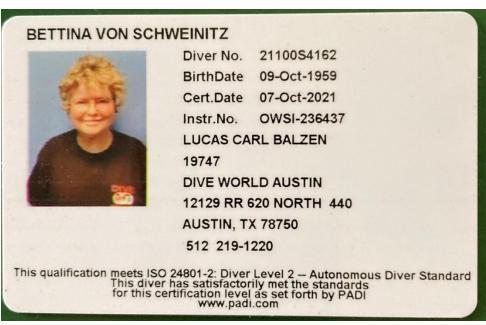
Instructor Name: Lucas Carl Balzen

Instructor Number: 236437

Store/Resort Name: Dive World Austin

Store Number: 19747

This person has satisfactorily met the standards for this certification level as set forth by PADI. This Temporary Card expires after 90 days. If you do not receive your permanent PADI certification card before this card expires, please contact your certifying instructor.



My hair is no longer blonde. The color is because of the silt in Lake Travis.

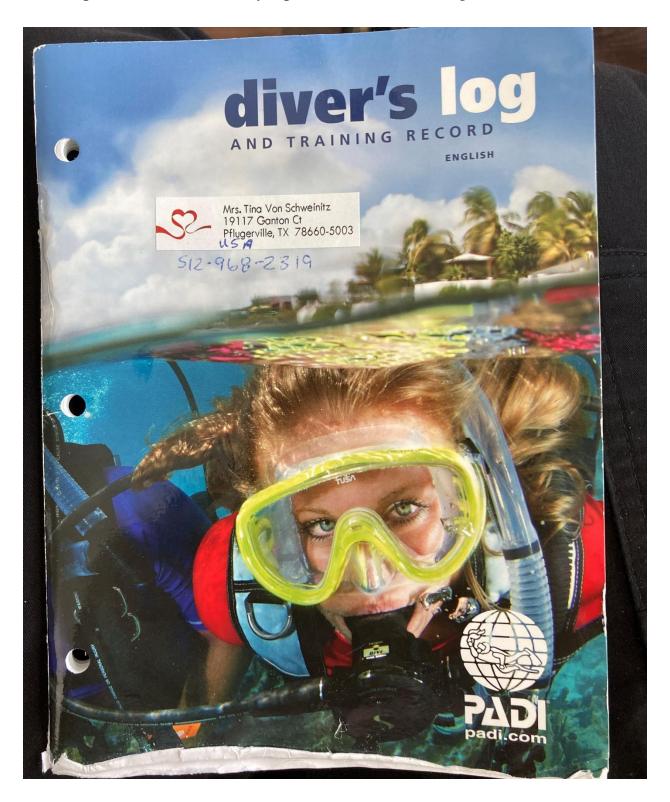
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This qualification meets ISO 24801-2: Diver Level 2 — Autonomous Diver Standard
This diver has satisfactorily met the standards
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On 1 November I bought a wetsuit and dive computer in preparation for our next cruise





This wetsuit is light weight, 1.5mm thick and a size 12. Cannot believe I fit into a size 12, but it stretches a LOT.





We are now ready to go scuba diving on our cruises.

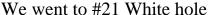
## 2021 November 25 Cruise Excursion Roatan Honduras

World Class Diving with Anthony's Key Two Tanks:

Experience easily accessible dive sites at Roatan, an island with reefs and walls teeming with colorful marine life. Certified divers are comfortably and safely taken to two dive sites where thick coral grow on walls and squadrons of eagle ray, schools of brightly colored tropical fish, the occasional meandering shark and eel float. You'll experience water temperatures averaging 80 degrees or warmer, few currents and visibility ranging from 50 to 100 feet. Weights, weight belts, mask, fins and snorkel are included. BC Jacket Console w/ regulator and alternate air-source are included. Dive computer and wetsuits are not included.

Chris and I only did the first tank dive. I am prone to seasickness and the Dramamine was making me sleepy. Anyway, I had thrown up into my regulator on our way up. Kind of had to shorten my decompression stop. So when the boat came back to dock for new tanks, we stayed on the pier and enjoyed the view of the bay.







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Log 1: 25 November 2021



Using standard air in tanks. Water average temp was 83f. Dive started at 09:05am



Max depth was 70 feet but only for 1 minute



Max depth was 70 feet. Total dive time was 43 minutes

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	Computer Dive CRESSI LEON as do  RDP/eRDPML Dive  Rebreather Dive	Start psi/bar 3000 Time In 705 End psi/bar 700 Time Out 9 20
0	Open-circuit or rebreather diluent: Air/EANx%  (Rebreather only): Oxygen%  Open-circuit bailout (rebreather): Air/EANx%	Start bar/psi End bar/psi
	current wave caused Bite, threw	elow wave due to elow wave action but up when back to boat.
	Dive Reef excelent with Dive Centrish, Need Light for Color. Reef varied, Good Guide and Sweep-Group together. Need extra weight when tank below 1500.	ter/Resort Stamp 2Nd DVVe Went No Location #17 Deep Ee Gurden- Not So Nigh won
0	Bottom Time To Date  Time This Dive  1155  Verificatio	n Signature  RICO HURRE3  nstructor DAI/DM DBuddy
	Cumulative Time 2 3 6 Certification	No : 05579 504-9832-3676

APPENDIX 215
Fig. 1-32A. Repetitive Dive Worksheet (Sample for Reproduction)  25 NOV2021
REPETITIVE DIVE WORKSHEET
1. PREVIOUS DIVE: 60 pt 45 min use 50 mins
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11. SURFACE INTERVAL: assume 45 min use next greater 1:06
hours 45 minutes on surface } see table 1-7 Group Gr
III. RESIDUAL NITROGEN TIME:  Group G (from II.)  See table  1-8
IV. EQUIVALENT SINGLE DIVE TIME:  44 minutes (residual nitrogen time from III.)  (add) 45 minutes (actual bottom time of repetitive dive)
(sum) 89 minutes
V. DECOMPRESSION FOR REPETITIVE DIVE:
minutes (equivalent single dive) see table time from IV.)
No decompression required  or  Decompression stops: 10 feet 7 minutes
feetminutesfeetminutes
feetminutes

Just for fun I filled in the repeat dive worksheet as if we had done 2 dives. Assumed that both dives were for 45 minutes and 60 feet with a 45-minute rest on surface between dives. On second dive would have had to spend the last 7 minutes decompressing at 10 feet.

### 2021 November 26 Cruise Excursion Cozumel Mexico

Coral Gardens Shore Dive: from pier

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Spend some time with the colorful marine life that lives in Cozumel's reef restoration area on a one-tank dive at one of the top destinations in the world. After a full briefing and orientation of the protected area from your dive master, gear up and begin your one-tank dive of the coral farm and reef restoration area. Shore dive in approximately 25 feet of water for longer bottom time and observation time and experience a rainbow of unique marine life, as there are more than 40 species of corals and more than 130 species of fish in Cozumel's largest restoration program. Once you have completed your dive, speak with your dive master to learn about the development project and ask any questions about the area. Afterwards, you are welcome to relax with a cold drink or some tasty foods at the beach restaurant and bar before tendering back to the port. Wetsuits are not included, but are available for rent. Dive equipment is included: BCD, regulator, mask, and fins. Lockers are available for rent. The lockers are large and will normally accommodate items for two people.

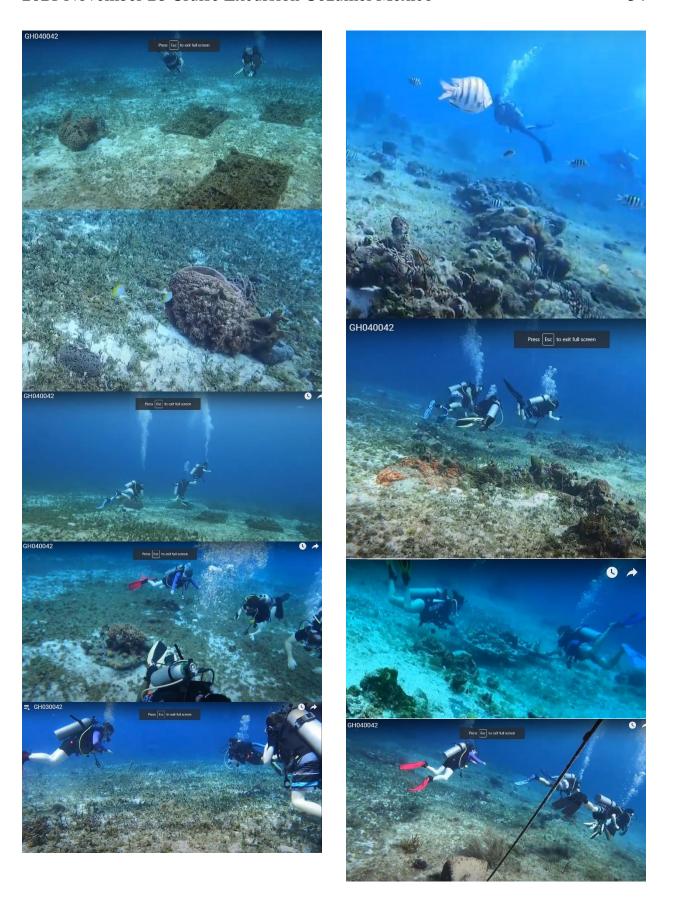
Chris had bought a Go Pro that would work underwater. These are screenshots from his video.



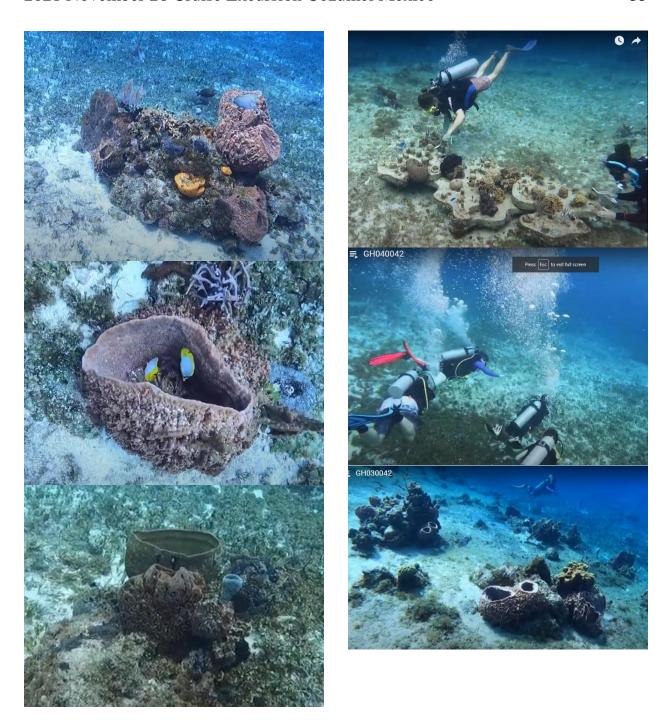




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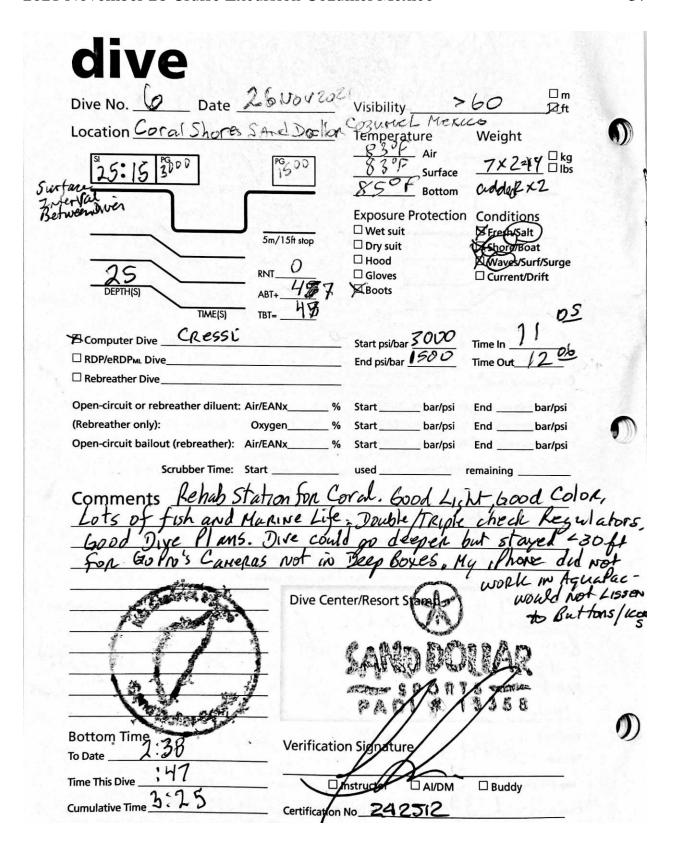
Log 2: Dive date 26 November 2021. Max depth 25 feet for 47 minutes



Standard air in tank. 85f average water temp. Dive start time 11:05am



Cumulative dive time on Dive computer: 3hrs 52 min Rest time to next dive 20:08



# 2022 February 9 Cruise Excursion Nassau Bahamas

Stuart Cove 2 Tank Scuba Diving with Gear

### **DETAILS**

Stuart Cove: Welcome to Nassau's premier underwater attraction featuring various water-based activities, such as diving in crystal-clear waters, snorkeling and exploring beautiful reefs, dramatic walls and intriguing wrecks, SUB (scenic underwater bubble) adventure, movie sites and more!

First Dive: Discover a beautiful wall, typically starting at 40 ft., although some are deeper. Each dive site along the wall is different and unique. The wall is wonderful for both new and advanced divers. Your dive master leads the dives to 80 ft. for 30 minutes. However, you and your dive buddy can opt to stay on the shallower ledge while others dive a bit deeper.

Second Dive: There are several beautiful reefs, each with different coral formations and fish life. You may explore a 100-ft. freighter in 50 ft. of water, or the famous wreck in 40 ft. of water used in a British spy movie, or you may dive on the Cessna used in the filming of a popular 1970's shark movie.

What's Included: All equipment (BCD, regulator, mask, snorkel, fins, tanks, weights and weight belts).

### NOTES

Good to Know: Dive sites will be selected on the actual dive day, based on water conditions. Wetsuit rentals are optional for an additional \$12. Divers who have not logged a dive within the last three years will be required to complete a refresher program prior to joining any scheduled dives.

Find Chris photos and video's



Dive 1: Log 3: Date 2022 February 9. Max depth 69 feet. Time at max depth 25 minutes. Total dive time was 35 minutes



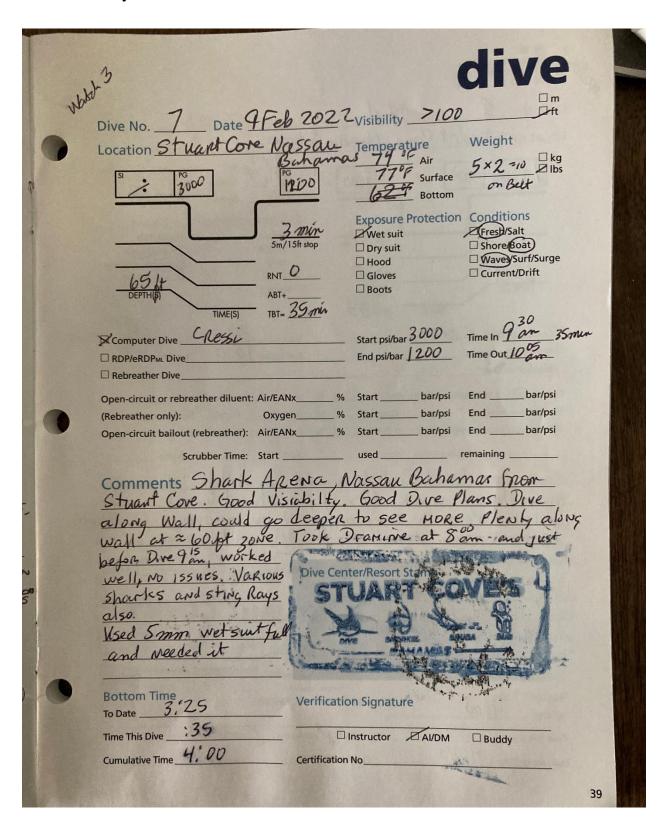
Dive 1: Log 3: Standard Air. Start time 9:32am. Average water temp 77f



Dive 2: Log 4: Date 2022 February 9. Max depth 62 feet. Time at max depth 33 minutes. Total dive time was 35 minutes.



Dive 1: Log 4: Standard Air. Start time 10:50am. Average water temp 76f



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Dive No Stuart Cove, Nassau Bah	emperature Weight
Location 77 vov.	76 of Surface 5×2=10   kg
75°min 3000 [1000]	Bottom in Belt
E	xposure Protection Conditions
	TWet suit □(Fresh/Salt   Dry suit □ Shore(Boat)
	Hood Waves/Surf/Surge
6211	Gloves ☐ Current/Drift  Boots
DEPTH(S)  TIME(S)  ABT+  TBT= 35	and the second
	tart psi/bar 3000 Time In 10pm 35min
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Open-circuit or rebreather diluent: Air/EANx % St	tart bar/psi End bar/psi
(Rebreather only): Oxygen % St	tart bar/psi Endbar/psi
Open-circuit bailout (rebreather): Air/EANx % St	tart bar/psi Endbar/psi
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and Through wreck. Lots of fis	sh around wreck. Guide
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# Dive worksheets and tables from Papa's Diving book

They are on the disk as pdf's. Could take photos of them and put them here?

# The End