

for sometime, this wasn't a problem. There was a nice school of puffer fish and an eagle ray hanging out on the deck. It was ok diving. We were limited to 30-40 minute dives due to depth and the air consumption of others in the group. We also had free snacks (fruit/cookies) and drinks. It was fine for single day, Hawaii diving. Breakers a nice little hotel just a couple of blocks from the beach in Waikiki. They have a nice pool and a friendly atmosphere. (808-735-0437; Fax 808-737-8780)

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Sawes Divers (Yonagunz), February 2000, Richard Ruth, Okinawa, Japan. Vis: 60-100 ft. Water: 71-73 degrees. Dive restrictions enforced: Typical 30 minute Japanese guided dives. Took a trip to the underwater structure/lost city? in Yonagunz Japan. January thru March is hammerhead shark season. Did four dives looking for hammerhead and two dives on the underwater structure of Yonagunz. This structure has sharp 90 degree cuts and clearly looks like it could be man made! If not it is the strangest u/w shapes and formations I have ever seen. Yonagunz is a long way off the beaten path and is very Japanese from fish and rice for breakfast to extremely controlled dives. Lots of fishes, some great fan corals and lots of turtles. Great diving on the reefs and comfortable accommodations. No English spoken here so a trip to Yonagunz is best booked with one dive shops on the Okinawa mainland. Fathom specializes in the monuments! www.fathoms.net

Mambow House, Osezaki, Izu Peninsula August 2000, Michael Fox, Shinkawa, Tokyo Japan.

Water: 72-77 degrees. Dive own profile: yes. If you are on business or vacation, it would be worth checking out. Osezaki is on the western side of the Izu Peninsula (facing Suruga Bay) about three hours from Tokyo. Easy shore diving and some wonderful fish life. Although it looks crowded at first glance, once in the water I barely saw any other divers. There are three places to dive: in the sheltered harbor, the point or the Suruga bay side. Avoid the harbor as it is crowded and used for training/certification (and has litter on the waters' edge). The point and the bay side are wonderfully clean and have some nice soft corals and surprising fish life. The point (with a clear view of Mt. Fuji) has a rocky entry point. It's about a fifteen-yard swim in about 6-9 ft. of water until you reach the 45-degree sloping wall. There are lots of tropical fish, some large sea bass, large lionfish and lots of small tropicals and schools of squid. On my last dive, I counted about 6 different schools with about 10-20 squid in each school that kept a distance of about 5 meters from any diver. On the bay side, similar fish life but with the addition of free-swimming eels. The wall on the bay side is a little farther away from the shore. During May, sunfish are often sighted and once spotted a 2-m wobbegong shark. The Mambow House is a well run operation but Japanese is required. Lunch is available, as well as shower rooms.