

busily printing. There are no accommodations on either boat or shore for photographers aside from a big set of shelves that could be used to work on cameras. The boat ride could be fatal to your camera; the driver only knows 2 speeds — full stop and full out, which means that with the slightest wind in the lagoon, both you and your camera will spend most of the 20 minute trip airborne, only occasionally crashing down into the boat.

HAWAII

Hawaiian guides have developed great skill in finding the unique: On the big island of Hawaii, Spanish dancers, rare juveniles, and lionfish are regulars. Kailua-Kona is filled with trendy shops to extract dollars from tourists in tacky hula shirts. The diving is mostly lava flow dives with relatively low coral cover. Sea turtles belly-up to boats of snorkelers to be fed lettuce, dogfood, or "turtle chow". ... There's excellent access to good shore diving. ... Kauai has special trips available only in the summer. ... Maui's diving is often to the backside of Molokini or Lanai and boats leave at 7 a.m., or earlier. ... Development in Honolulu has burned out most Oahu diving, but go to the northside. ... Some reefs are barren due to commercial collection for aquariums. There are few soft corals and dull hard corals, but colorful, plentiful, and unusual fish make the diving interesting. ... Expect clear water, visibility

that's usually better than the Caribbean — around 100 feet — and air temperatures in the low 80s. Water temperatures hit the very low 70s in January and February ... From mid-December to mid-February, squalls can last several days; otherwise the climate's pleasant and unoppressive year-round. ... There are plenty of condos available everywhere (many with cars, which you'll need since the dive boats are not berthed at hotels); ask your dive shop to find you a place; they often have good prices.

Kauai

Bubbles Below, January 2003, Nikki Mahan, Bellevue, WA. Experience: 501-1,000 dives. Vis: 60 to 80 feet. Water: 78 F, surge. Linda and her crew make diving Kauai a lot of fun, no matter what the experience level. Divers go up as they run low on air, so light breathers are not hampered by time limits. The turtle cleaning stations are so wonderful. We saw many turtles on each dive. The mandarin shrimp are so cute.
(www.bubblesbelowkauai.com)

Bubbles Below, Lae Nani Condominium Resort, February 2003, William Edwards, Placerville, CA. Dives logged: 210. Vis: 70 to 100 feet. Water: 65 to 70 F. Dive restrictions enforced: a five-minute safety stop. Dive staff is friendly and knowledgeable. Anthony, our divemaster, was extremely good at finding small critters. I dove with them on two different

days, and the first day was cloudy and rainy and visibility was poor. The crew tried several different sites until they found the best one for the conditions of the day. We saw lots of turtles — up to eight at one time. And there were plenty of tropical fish including a couple of 4-foot black jacks, who were friendly. We even saw some whales from the dive boat between dives, not more than 50 feet from the boat. Our condominium unit in Kapaa was clean, and every room had a nice ocean view. The complex had three barbecues at our disposal, and we used them several times. The biggest draw back is the resort is about 35 minutes away from Port Allen, where the dive boat docks.

Bubbles Below, June 2003, Greg Dixon (gdixon@satx.rr.com), San Antonio, TX. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 30 to 50 feet. Water: 78 F, choppy. Bubbles Below was recommended by a dive operator on another island for moderate to advanced divers. On the trip, we discovered that the range was from beginner (first dive after cert.) to advanced. The shore facilities were none (a van in the parking lot). The boat was adequate for the total of eight divers, though there were no real areas for photo setup. Three of the tanks were discovered to be under filled before we got underway. The first dive was adequate, no outstanding discoveries or visuals. The divemaster and boat captain were competent and friendly. We left the first location, sailed around for a few minutes, then returned to the exact same location as the first dive. My wife asked about this and was told that she was mistaken.

Upon entering the water, however, we saw the same rusted metal pipe and half of a dead lobster that we had seen on the first dive. The divemaster then said that our first dive was “House of Turtles, east” and this was “House of Turtles, west”. To us, it was the same spot. All together the dives were safe and uneventful, also unremarkable. The attempt to fool us about the second location was disappointing, especially coming from a highly recommended (and expensive) operation.

Bubbles Below, August 2003, LeRoy Anderson, Salt Lake City, UT.

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 60 to 150 feet. Water: 75 to 80 F, choppy. The quality of the dive staff was first rate. Good dive briefings and excellent guided service. Bubbles Below did an awesome job, making guided diving enjoyable even though I am used to diving with my own agenda. The diving was fascinating for me, quite a different seascape compared to that in the Caribbean, but equally enjoyable and fascinating. The numbers of butterfly fish, large surgeon fish, and what appeared to be yellow and blue striped grunts was quite striking, and though there was less coral than I am used to, it was obvious that the underwater environment was healthier than that in Palau or in the Caribbean, as the coral that was around Kauai seemed in good shape. Leaf scorpion fish and frogfish, as well as many types of reef fish kept the diving interesting, and we saw more turtles around Kauai than anywhere else I've visited, with Little Cayman being perhaps equal in turtle interactions. Around Ni'ihau, I can only echo the

official report given in *Undercurrent* this year, this was world class diving, with multiple monk seal interactions, whitetip shark sightings, tuna and rainbow runners diving in and out of a large bait ball, clouds of butterfly fish, and the most fascinating seascape formations, with multiple caves, swim throughs, dramatic pinnacles, canyons, and bottomless vertical walls, and visibility easily 150 feet, probably more like 200 feet, easily the best visibility I've ever encountered. Currents were mild to nonexistent, though the surface during the morning dives was a bit choppy. The water was calm during the afternoon in Ni'ihau. It was a rough boat ride back from Ni'ihau to Kauai, but well worth it. The underwater environment was like nowhere else I've ever been, which made it quite interesting for me. Minimal accommodations for photographers, though the dive crew was helpful.

Fathom Five, January 2003, Marc Massari (marcmass@earthlink.net), Redondo Beach, CA. Experience: 501-1,000 dives. Vis: 70 to 90 feet. Water: 72 to 74 F, choppy. From my research in *Undercurrent*, I decided to call Bubbles Below as soon as we arrived. Unfortunately, they were on vacation, so they referred us to Fathom Five. We met with the owner, George, and signed up for a couple of days of diving. George is a character, and if you are an experienced diver he will personally take you out on an advanced trip. Those were the dives to be on. Fathom Five was a pleasure to dive with. They took care of all of your gear and were helpful. The boats are towed

from the shop to the docks, where you jump in for the ride to the dive shop. The boats are small but are fine with six divers. They have plenty of water and snacks for between-dive munchies. If you are planning a trip to Kauai, make sure you do it during the time period they go out to Niihau. We were not there at the right time, but everyone we talked to said that this is the best diving on all the islands. The winter swells are too big to go there in the winter; call ahead and check when they begin those trips. It bothered me that they anchored in some spots. While diving, I noticed spots where coral had been broken from anchors. As it is, Kauai is hurting for coral, but this just makes a bad thing worse. It would be nice to see the dive companies on the island set moorings on more of the dive spots, or just drift them.
(www.fathom-five.com)

Kona

Aloha Dive Co., March 2003, Bob Greaves, Bonita, CA. Dives logged: 300+. Vis: 90 to 100 feet. Water: 77 F. My sixth year of diving with Mike Nakachi and Earl. Most often two trips per year. My first dive with whales — an unforgettable moment and dive. Humpback and calf, plus all the sounds the other whales make. Mike and Earl took all the time required to get their guests into the best underwater location to see whales, plus on another dive to witness 14 manta rays feeding on the surface. Stayed again at the King K Kona Beach hotel, which has a few years but is perfectly fine.
(www.alohadive.com)

Aloha Dive Company, Royal Kona Resort, September 2003, Richard J. Troberman (tmanlaw@aol.com), Seattle, WA. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 100 feet. Water: 80 to 82 F, calm. There are several good dive companies in Kona, including Dive Makai and Sandwich Isle Divers, but Aloha Dive Company stands head and shoulders above them all. The owner, Mike Nakachi, is a native born Hawaiian who knows these waters like the back of his hand. Mike and first mate Earl Kam take a maximum of six divers per trip. Unlike most of the other dive operators, Aloha does not depart from the Kona pier. Instead, they meet the divers at Honokahau Harbor (north) or Keahou Bay (south) depending on where the dives are planned for the day. This allows them to go to more remote sites (without a long boat ride) that are not typically visited by other dive boats. Although Mike is at his best with experienced divers, Aloha caters to all levels. Before the boat departs, Mike will ask the divers what they want to see, and then he will try to accommodate their requests. Mike's enthusiasm for diving is contagious, and his goal is to make each diving experience as enjoyable as possible. During three days, we saw two hammerhead sharks, several grays and white tips, a monk seal, a large pelagic manta ray, several eagle rays, schools of bottlenose dolphins, octopus, turtles, frogfish, and several rare endemic reef fish. The Royal Kona Resort is an older hotel (built in the '60s) that has been refurbished. Its conveniently located on the waterfront at the edge of town, within

walking distance of everything, and is a great value.

Big Island Divers, September 2002, Francine Alexander, Cathedral City, CA. Vis: 100 feet. Water: 81 F. Dives accrued: 500+. Dive restrictions enforced: depth. New boat is nice. Best service for your dollar. Capt. Jim is much fun, and Capt. Mike is too. Both are great boat drivers. Diving was consistently good. Saw beautiful manta ray in full daylight. Wow!!
(www.bigislanddivers.com)

Dive Makai Hawaii, October 2002, Bill Mashek (rubicon@sonic.net), Forestville, CA. Experience: 501-1,000 dives. Vis: 70+ feet. Water: 78 to 79 F, choppy. Serious divers don't really need to spend a lot of money on dive boats on the big island because there are so many places you can shore dive. Garret at Kahalu'u Bay Beach Rentals was a wealth of information about local shore dives in Kona. The folks at Nautilus Dive Shop in Hilo were informative also. Every where you go you can expect to see turtles and lots of fish. My 12-year-old son was certified two weeks before we arrived in Hawaii. I read about Dive Makai in *Undercurrent*, and all their reviews were especially positive. I was not disappointed. They did a comprehensive pre-dive overview. They were supportive of my son's first dives, and allowed us to dive as long as we had air. Was professional but still had "hang loose" attitudes. Mostly critter oriented on the dives, so we learned a lot about the local sea life.
(www.divemakai.com)

Eco-Adventures, May 2003, Beverly Leonard, Spicewood, TX.

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 80 to 90 feet. Water: 77 to 79 F, calm. We were all impressed with the diving off of the Big Island. Eco-Adventures did an amazing job of taking us to unusual places, giving detailed, written, and clear briefings, and showing us things that we had never seen before. Diving within lava fields and tubes was unusual and special. At the night manta ray dive, we had 11 mantas swimming around us. Eco also provided us with sandwiches between dives, not just sliced oranges; their operation is superb.
(www.ecodive.com)

Jack's Dive Locker, July 2003, Jerry (dhamberg@remc7.k12.mi.us),

Holland, MI. Experience: 501-1,000 dives. Vis: 60 to 70 feet. Water: 80 to 90 F, choppy. It was a chance that there might be mantas, but there were no sightings. The coral was not in great shape; some was damaged due to divers. The manta dive is first dive in the daylight, then dove later after dark with lights the DMs have placed on the bottom. We were quite disappointed with the dive site. Not much to look at, volcanic boulders and a bit of coral and a few fish, very few. The reasoning that has gone into the manta dive is that divers will be accustomed to the area if it is dove in the day, which is reasonable. The problem then is that the DMs tell those that aren't sure about their weights that they should add a couple of pounds, so that when the mantas show up they will stay on the bottom. The problem here is divers that are now overweighted are step-

ping and walking around on the coral as well as stirring up the bottom. I was quite disgusted that the DMs would let this happen. I watched as a couple of new divers trashed and thrashed around. My attitude would most likely be different if mantas had shown up; now I feel like I need a refund! We dove the following day with Jacks Dive Locker as well. Two dives that were one, not much better than the night before, the second dive being the best of the two at Golden Arches.
(www.jacksdivinglocker.com)

Kona Coast Divers, August 2002, Arthur Tyler, Frederick, MD. Vis:

100 to 200 feet. Water: 80 to 83 F. We stayed in our timeshare. Kona Coast Divers are the best dive operation I have experienced to date.
(www.konacoastdivers.com)

Kona Honu Divers, November 2002, Linda Gustafson, Odessa, WA.

Awesome boat — bigger than the rest with a nice set up for diving. Also has a head on board. Glenn, the owner, was wonderful to work with. There were five of us diving this time with 11 snorkelers who did only the night manta ray dive. Glenn would ask us where we wanted to go and what we wanted to see. Many times we changed plans because the surge was making the vis worse, but always we had great dives. We did two drift dives that were wonderful. He didn't need to fill the boat to take us out. We dove with five of us almost the entire week. The night manta ray dive was great. Glenn set up the lights, so the snorkelers could enjoy them along with those who just wanted

to ride in the boat. Jim Wing dove with us and did a great video of the dive. He also worked with the three of us on taking pictures underwater, whether they were stills or video. Glenn just sent me a picture of what they saw the following week — a whale shark. One day we did the first dive, and then Mimi, the boat captain, ran the boat out about five miles to see if we could spot pilot whales. Three times the dolphins came within 20 feet of us as we did our dives. And the pods were huge. Always fresh fruit and water, plus juice and cookies. (www.konahonudivers.com)

Kona Honu Divers, February 2003, Bob Kaszynski (rkasz@attbi.com), Kittery, ME. Dives logged: 78. Vis: 80 to 100 feet. Water: 76 to 78 F. Dive restrictions enforced: 500 psi return. A somewhat new dive operation that brings class, organization, and safety. Glen and Maggie Anderson have put together a professional operation that sets the standard. The boat, *Kona Honu*, is the best day dive boat I've ever been on (even the head smelled clean). It was efficient, well organized, and easy to get around. Also employed was the DAN tag system for more busy dives. They have nitrox and the rental equipment is new, to include heavy aluminum 80 tanks. We took a sunset/night dive with hopes of swimming with the manta rays. Good briefing at the dock before boarding, a safety briefing on board, and an excellent fish and coral briefing on the way out. The crew was helpful with the gear but could be more friendly and conversant. The boat was well laid out. Glen took us out to find mantas, but no luck. He had warned us earlier that

conditions were not the best, so we didn't sit around waiting for them. However, we did see parrot fish spinning their mucous cocoons for the night, boxfish, squirrelfish, etc., etc., plus Glen was always pointing things out to us. Some divers, with a buddy, did their own thing. Central lights were set up below the boat making getting lost difficult. My dive buddy remained at Kona and got five days of diving for the price of four and picked his days over the next two weeks. A little less expensive than others.

Kona Honu Divers, March 2003, Mike Vision, Annapolis, MD. Dives logged: Lately 27. (1961-1964, U.S. Naval Diving & Salvage). Vis: 85 to 100 feet. Water: 77 to 84 F. Kona Honu Divers is a new and extremely well equipped operation. I had the five-day, 10 two-tank dive package off the best dive boat (46 feet) on the island. Owner and divemaster Glenn Anderson is extremely knowledgeable, patient, and he as well as all of his employees has a "can do," positive attitude. All dives are briefed excellently, and the divers' safety is paramount. All types of underwater sights including lava tubes, caves, arches, and of course gorgeous coral. The crew handled all of the equipment, and their preparations were excellent. My package for the five days was \$310, plus tax and a rental fee for all five days of \$10 (BCD and regulator). Whale and spinner dolphin watching was enjoyed en route to the dive sites.

Mauna Kea Divers, Paniolo Greens, October 2002, Larry & Fawn

Lovecchio (lovecchio@frontier.net), Ignacio, CO. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 30 to 60 feet. Water: 82 F, choppy, surge. There was quite a surge in the rough seas due to the consistent winds, thus lowering visibility significantly. Puako, normally a good shore dive location, was inaccessible. We did make one entry and were rewarded with green sea turtles as curious as we were. Some fascinating lava tubes are in this area. Mahukona, in the northern part of the island, is an easy shore dive off an old railroad pier. This site has interesting u/w topography especially south of the mooring buoy. There's an outdoor shower for rinsing off. Probably the best site is Place of Refuge, a popular site south of Kailua-Kona in a protected cove. Pods of dolphins frequent the area, as well as myriads of small tropicals and a turtle cleaning station with two turtles getting their daily massage. Due to the shallow depths, expect long dives if you go on your own. Kayaking and snorkeling at Kealekekua or Cook Bay were lots of fun. Spinner dolphins put on quite a show with their acrobatics near our kayak. Even a baby one was trying out the aerial spins. Aloha Kayaks across from the Shell gas station had good rental prices. We were there during the Ironman Triathlon and paid grossly inflated car rental prices to drive in increased traffic. The "Aloha" spirit does exist, and people are courteous. Mauna Kea Divers shop was rarely open, and it's difficult to get tanks; the owner seems like he's lost interest in running his business and had a negative attitude. (www.maunakeadivers.com)

Pacific Rim Divers, Worldmark at

Kona, August 2002, Rebecca Maldonado (rmaldonado@westernu.edu), La Verne, CA. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 50 to 100 feet. Water: 80 to 82 F, calm. Our second dive trip to Kona in which we used Pacific Rim Divers (they came highly rated in *Undercurrent*). Pacific Rim Divers uses a six-pack boat, so the service is personalized. Patrice is a great divemaster and is able to work with both novice as well as experienced divers. They are accommodating to what the divers want to see and do. We requested turtles, sharks, and lava tubes and got all three, with some dolphin pods thrown in for fun. The surface-interval brownies are worth writing about, too. (www.pacificrimdivers.com)

Pacific Rim Divers, Country Club Villas, April 2003, William Hall (denali@whidbey.net), Oak Harbor, WA. Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 50 to 200 feet. Water: 75 to 78 F, calm. Best 6-pack dive operation I've ever been on. The boat is a good size for 6 divers though it could perhaps use more shade. The diving is fantastic and the surface interval snacks are wonderful. Patrice makes brownies every day so there are always fresh homemade brownies plus fruit, veggies, and cookies along with water and juices. She knows the area well and will find critters for you if you ask. Some of the animal life is season specific so if you want to see whales try the late winter/early spring. I've heard them many times but never had an underwater encounter. Turtles and eels are often abundant and sharks are around regularly. The fish life

is healthy and colorful. We stayed at a wonderful condo at the Kona Country Club. Very reasonable with 2 br/2 ba and a huge lanai off of the master bedroom and living room, overlooking the 18th fairway with a nice view of the ocean and sunsets. Kona is growing in leaps and bounds. Still, a great place to dive with lots of surface things to do, also. Take a day and see some wonderful volcanic activity and/or the southern most point of the United States. There are fewer beaches on the Big Island. Lots of sun and nice ocean breezes. Our condo was air conditioned but we never turned it on.

Lanai

Trilogy Divers, September 2002, Richard Troop, Malibu, CA.

Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 25 to 50 feet. Water: 80 to 84 F, choppy, surge. We have generally been unimpressed with the quality of the coral and quantity of fish in Hawaii (although we do like the dive op on the big Island — dive Makai). We went for a few days to play some golf and get away from the hassles of L.A., mostly at Manili Bay on Lanai. Lanai is great, feels remote (not as remote as Loma Loma but nice and quiet). The food and service are five-star. Once there, we noticed a brochure for Trilogy (which boasted that Lanai was rated as one of the top 10 dive sites of the world) and decided to take their two-tank afternoon dive (this misses all the boats from Maui, who come in the morning when the area is reportedly a zoo). We had left all of our gear at home, so it was all rental (Scubapro,

relatively older but in good shape, I guess). No computers available, and no dive tables, so we just followed the leader. Since we never went deeper than 60 feet, and came up with about 1,000 lbs each time, getting bent was never an issue. Dive one — we were supposed to dive Cathedral 2, but the surge was too great when we got there, so we did some other dive. There were five divers in the group (all mid-experienced), two dive guides. No fish. No coral. Some sand. Bo-ring. Between dives, there were towels (which we brought from our rooms) and water. Nice people. Dive two — Cathedral 1. A nice lava formation, tubes and caves with lots of openings and light. Some surge (one hole is a suck-through which is fun). Saw an alligator fish. Some butterfly fish. An unhappy octopus (our dive guide struggled to pull him out of his hiding place). One of our divers disappeared, so our dive guide went looking for him, and we were urged to an early ascent. The cost was about \$150 pp for the two-tank dive. So, if you're tired of golfing (the golf was really good, although I did lose a lot of balls on Manili), and the scenery at the pool is not up to par, diving is in the end always fun, even in places like HI and FL. I didn't see any setups on the boat for photos. But no one had a camera, so maybe I missed it. No real problem, since the dives were pretty unmemorable.

Maui

B & B Scuba, March 2003, Paul and Cindy Pruitt, Half Moon Bay, CA.

Experience: 51-100 dives. Vis: 50 to

120 feet. Water: 56 to 71 F, calm, choppy, surge. My husband and I had a fabulous time diving with B&B Scuba of Kihei, Hawaii. We each took training with Brad Varney at different levels. My husband is an advanced diver and was seeking Rescue Diver training, while I was a total novice. Both of us received individualized attention tailored to our needs and experience.

Brad is not only extremely competent, with years of experience, he is a natural teacher, instilling confidence in a nervous novice and offering constant encouragement. He made the entire experience enjoyable, as well as intensely educational. My husband's expectations were different from mine and equally well met. Brad's extensive experience gave him the first hand knowledge needed to make the PADI Rescue Diving training more than facts and drills. The rest of the team at B&B were friendly and helpful, always making us feel comfortable and at ease.

Divemaster Greg's sense of humor and encouragement and Blesi's skill as a naturalist enhanced each dive. We dove with the crew for three days (six locations), so when Brad was involved with training the remainder of the divers on the boat (five to six people), we enjoyed Blesi in the lead, pointing out the animal life, and Greg sweeping the rear. I felt most confident when Greg was around, as he was quick to observe and help with any problem. B&B caters to the "locals," not doing much advertising. They leave the dock in Kihei at 6 a.m. to get the best moorings in Molokini crater. We were always there first with the best site and smooth water. Seeing "fields" of garden eels

feeding was spectacular. We had a great time. The boat has a large storage area for cameras before diving and dip tubs with fresh water shower rinse for after. The tables were usually used for food and masks so cameras went on the shelf at the helm.

(www.bbscuba.com)

Ed Robinson's, March 2003, Gary & Marie Scheidt (diverdown@netusa1.net), Hartford City, IN.

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 60 to 100 feet. Water: 75 to 76 F, calm.

Second dive trip with Ed Robinson; five experienced divers, two new divers. Gave good briefing, handled gear, and were fun to dive with. Good experience for the new divers, made to feel at ease in boat and in water. Gave good tours, pointed out fish, eels, etc. Four of us shot video and 35 mm and were never rushed. Divemaster John did great job during the three trips. All staff members on the boat did an excellent job. Fun for all levels of divers, and will dive with them again when we return to Maui. Well-run, diver/customer oriented operation. One camera bucket for three-tank dive, none on others. Have to put cameras under bench.

(www.mauiscuba.com/erd1.htm)

Ed Robinson's Diving Adventures, May 2003, Lewis and Barbara Smith (bsmith2186@aol.com), Somerset, MA.

Dives logged: Lewis 235, Barbara 102. Vis: 60 to 70 feet. Water: 74 to 76 F. During the month of May 2003, we visited three of the Hawaiian islands and dove on two of them. Kailua-Kona with Jack's Diving Locker and Maui with Ed Robinson's

Diving Adventures. By far, Ed Robinson's operation is the better of the two. They asked "what do you want to see" and then showed us. We saw five of the largest Hawaiian green turtles on the deck of wreck *St. Anthony* off Molokini crater. Several large white tipped sharks and a 2-foot yellow trumpet fish. Loads of different small species. Boat is launched from trailer at marina. Divemasters Amy and Greg outstanding.

Ed Robinson's, August 2003, Joe Spears (spearsjg@bellsouth.net), Conover, NC. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 60 to 110 feet. Water: 79 to 80 F, choppy. Although they advertise that they cater to the experienced diver there is no Nitrox available. When I asked about this they responded, "we are not a dive shop." I brought my own for days with several dives but received no credit for bringing all of my own equipment. Paid for a premier dive with 4:1 ratio of divers to guide but did not know that Ed Robinson office personnel do not count in the ratio thus by my count the ratio was really 5:1. Scheduled to dive Lanai on the first day but they changed the location upon my arrival with no explanation other than "they decided." They said I would not be penalized with the 48 hour cancellation policy if I decided not to go. I had a new dive guide each day of diving. Safety and dive briefings were too long. They set up your gear for you (not a great thing to me) and provide drinks, pineapple, sandwiches, cookies, etc., as appropriate for the dive. Diving was good. During the 9 dives I made with them, I was able to see lots of

great Hawaiian marine life including mantas, dolphin, turtles, and many fish and invertebrates some rare. UW Photography Comments: Very limited accommodations for photographers. Only one of 2 boats had a small fresh water rinse tank.

Ed Robinson's, Maui Dreams Dive Company/Shores of Maui, August 2003, Leo Dioguardi (dioguardi@att.net), Apollo Beach, FL.

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 60 to 100 feet. Water: 82 F, calm, no currents. We did one dive with Ed Robinson at Molokini, which was excellent as always. For the rest of the trip, our group decided to rent tanks from Maui Dreams in Kihei and dive the beaches. We found the beach dives great, turtles on every dive, some approached us. We found several frogfish, lots of eels and interesting lava formations. The Shores of Maui is a quiet condo, walking distance from numerous stores and restaurants and it has a pool and BBQ area. Restaurants are expensive, but the food is good and you can cook in a few nights to save a buck. Maui beach diving is the best. I think it even has Bonaire beat. (www.mauidreamsdiveco.com)

Lahaina Divers, July 2002, Dick & Nancy Berg, Irvine, CA. My wife and I have been divers for many years. Friends of ours were renewing their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary on Maui, so we took our dive gear along, just in case. Most of our diving has been in the Caribbean, Caymans, Honduras, Belize, Bonaire, and others too numerous to mention. Prior to 1985

we had made many trips to Hawaii and had enjoyed the experience. Lahaina Divers ads in all the dive publications boast their wonderful boats, the 43-foot *Reliant*, and the 50-foot *Endeavor*. We were on the *Endeavor* which is “certified for 49 passengers, but carries no more than 24 divers.” This, by far, is the worst dive boat we have ever been on. It may carry 24 divers, but there is no where for anyone to sit, let alone gear up. This is truly a cattle boat operation, realizing that most the customers are tourists and will be gone in a couple of days, so I guess Lahaina Divers couldn’t care less. They counted out three teams of about eight divers, and we did the Cathedrals. What a joke! We were the second team in, and it was so mucked up you couldn’t see anything if you wanted to. Then, exiting the water and entering the boat, none of the crew was there to assist you to get back on the boat. When you went up the ladder, there is no handle or rail to grab, so you end up crawling along the swim plate on all fours, until you find a place on the floor to take your tank off. Their rates are right up there. One two-tank trip was enough for us.

(www.lahainadivers.com)

Mike Severns Diving, October 2002, Chrys Martin, Portland, OR.

Experience: 51-100 dives. Vis: 50 to 100 feet. Water: 78 to 80 F, choppy. Mike Sevrens has a topnotch dive operation. They know more about marine life than any one we’ve ever gone diving with. The owners are marine biologists, and they have well-educated, long-serving staff who are fun and share their love of the ocean.

Our second trip with them. Many days of rain before we arrived which made vis less than it usually is, but they worked hard to get us great dive sights and all cleared up soon.

(www.mikesevernsdiving.com)

Mike Severns Diving, Hyatt Regency Maui, February 2003, John & Nancy Nakamura (john_nak@hotmail.com), Littleton, CO.

Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 60 to 150 feet. Water: 76 to 78 F, calm, no currents. First found out about Mike Severns Diving through the Chapbook. To us, *Undercurrent* is an outstanding investment for those that dive. Like having a trusted friend give an honest personal report on a dive experience, the must-do’s, and the gotcha’s, prior to you going yourself. For those going to Maui, this is a top-notch operation and should be your first consideration. Like when you come to Denver, and want great beef, I’ll send you to Brooks Steak House. If you want the “USDA Prime” of diving in Maui, you may have other options, but you can’t go wrong with MSD. When the owner leads the dive, you can be assured that the one with the primary vested interest in your customer satisfaction, will do everything within reason (and safety) to assure that your money has been well spent. Pauline Fiene (marine biologist with thousands of Maui dives is the primary owner (bought out her partner/ex-husband, Mike). She maintains a superb staff, from boat captain, Vici, to the various divemasters (been out with Andy and Tara). Totally professional attitude, but still fun, and treat you like you’re part of the family. They’ve been

leading dives for 20-some-plus years, and it shows with their knowledge of the area. (www.mikesevernsdiving.com). The boat meets early at the Kihei boat ramp (about 50 mins. from Kaanapali), but the seas are usually nice and calm at that time of day. They set up and verify all your equipment for you. Once on the boat, they greet you with Kona coffee/juice/water, fresh fruit, and great pastries from a local bakery. They ask if there is something specific you want to see, and do their best to accommodate you. Once we were out at the outer wall of Molokini, Vici carefully surveyed the water currents (we asked about it and she said she wanted to make sure we would be fine underwater — don't want a current/surge pushing us into or away from the wall; and that she would be fine above water — do not want the boat banging into the wall). Pauline provides a thorough, patient dive briefing (along with pictures from her book) on exactly the things to keep an eye out for during your time under water. She establishes specific hand-signals for things she will point out to you during the dive. Our first dive was on the outer wall (great viz, 100+). With various rock ledges and steep drop-offs, there are plenty of places to explore for critters, and you should also be monitoring the deep blue for large pelagics. We heard (but didn't see) humpbacks throughout the dive. Pauline led the dive, and made sure we saw her specialty, nudibranchs (she has discovered new species and has one named after her). We also held a crown-of-thorns. The highlight was at the end of the dive. We were ~30ft, and

a juvenile manta ray (~6ft wing-to-wing) showed up at the surface throughout our 3-minute safety stop. Once Nancy completed her safety stop, she slowly ascended to the surface, keeping her eye out for the manta, and it gave her a “front-row” experience, as it headed straight at her, mouth wide open, and only veered away at the last moment (literally 24 inches away from bumping into her mask). Our second dive was at the “AMTRAC” (Army vehicle). We descended to six green sea turtles. Lots of interesting close-up stuff. The humpback singing was amazing. Pauline sells (and signs) her books once you return back to the dock in Kihei. Her books are a great way to learn more about Molokini and Hawaii diving. Safety — even though this time there were only eight of us on board, they still did a verbal roll call. Dive times — the exact opposite of diving in Grand Cayman. No more large boats with 22 other divers, hearing our dive profile is “100 feet, 20 minutes,” and returning to the boat with 1,900 PSI. On MSD, you and your partner basically dive your air. We've had multiple 60+ minute dives, where you're glad your air was running out because you're starting to get cold! Dive groups — they try and place similarly experienced divers together. In this case, four-and-four. The DM lights — each of the DMs carry a monster 100-watt cave diving light. Great for seeing true color at 100 feet down, and in dark spaces. The relaxed atmosphere — unlike Cayman operators (where you set your watch on them getting you back before 12:30p), MSD feels

relaxed and not at all rushed, which is why you're in Hawaii in the first place, right? Hyatt Regency. Stayed there five times. Top level at Hyatt, so get "Platinum" treatment. Good Kaanapali location, five min. drive to Lahaina.

Octopus Reef, February 2003, Kyle O'Malley, Le Center, MN. Dives logged: around 150. Vis: 25 to 40 feet. Water: 75 to 77 F. Made one shore dive with Rene after a couple of days of heavy waves that resulted in less than optimum conditions. Rene gave the option of cancelling, but I took one dive, and she reduced the bill accordingly from a scheduled two dives. Did a shore dive from Ulua Beach just South of Wailea. Not a real exciting location, but I had told her I needed an easy spot with a nice beach for my wife and two kids to play/snorkel while we did the dive. Usual reef suspects but not in great numbers; did find an ell pushing 4 feet that posed well for some pictures. Rene provided excellent, one-on-one service that made Octopus Reef's guide service an outstanding value. Stayed at Kaanapali Shores condos — a great place. (www.octopusreef.com)

Octopus Reef, February 2003, Mary Stiles, Los Gatos, CA. Experience: 51-100 dives. Water: 74 F, calm. Returned to Maui to dive with Rene of Octopus Reef, who as always was the ultimate dive guide, accommodating to our schedule, providing equipment in good working order, helping with minor problems with our equipment, even carrying my BC and tank up and down from the beach since I wasn't

supposed to be stressing a foot problem! We dove with juvenile manta rays on three dives at Uloa Beach, both day and night dives. Saw three at one time, feeding, looping, just awe inspiring to watch! The turtles were feeling neglected and seemed to be trying to get our attention. Lots of other creatures to see with Rene's guidance, huge anemone crab, octopus, frog fish, and large numbers of eels and fish. Rene also guided us on a cave tour at Makena Landing where we found a sleeping white-tip reef shark, surfaced inside a cave, and explored a beautiful sponge-encrusted lava tube. Beautiful whale songs to be heard underwater as well.

Octopus Reef, June 2003, Greg Dixon (gdixon@satx.rr.com), San Antonio, TX. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 15 to 30 feet. Water: 78 F, choppy. We contacted Octopus Reef by e-mail before our trip and booked a two-tank shore (twilight/night) dive. We were met at the shore site by Rene and Lynn, the instructors and owners of Octopus Reef. There were three of us diving, two beginner/intermediate and one advanced diver. After a thorough briefing, the less experienced divers entered the water comfortably with the assistance of the instructors, and we had one of the best dives any of us have had. Rene led the group, and Lynn followed up. Both were excellent at finding the tiniest of critters and pointing out everything to be seen. They constantly checked on both of the less experienced divers and both of them reported being the most comfortable dive (and learning experience) that they have had.

Unfortunately, two of us were unable to do the second dive for other reasons, but the third diver is still talking about her dive two weeks later. Rene and Lynn made the beginners relaxed, while not boring an experienced diver. This is a five-star+ operation, and a model for dive operators everywhere for both safety and competence.

Octopus Reef, June 2003, William Wilson (william.wilson01@adelphia.net), Del Mar, CA.

Experience: Over 1,000 dives. Vis: 50 to 100 feet. Water: 80 to 82 F, choppy. Small group or individual guided shore dive at several sites. The guide was well informed, knew the biology and oceanography and conveyed it in an understandable way. There was no agenda, except to see what was there and learn all I wanted to know.

Octopus Reef, September 2003, Jeff Stephenson & Avis Durgan (stephenson@mindspring.com), Redmond, WA.

Experience: 25 dives. Vis: 40 to 70 ft. Water: 78 to 81 F, choppy. Octopus Reef is better termed a "dive training and guide service" than a "dive operation." It is as personalized a dive experience as it is possible to have. After doing Nitrox certification with Lynn (they train at all levels), we dove with her for two days and with Rene for one. The two of us with one of them on custom shore-dive tours, for a price that's equivalent to what you'd pay for a seat on a cattle boat. Both Lynn and Rene are knowledgeable about the marine life, enthusiastic about diving and the wonders of the ocean, and dedicated to making

sure that you see and enjoy as much as possible. The dives are geared completely to your desires and skill level, with extensive pre-dive briefings, lots of underwater communication to fill you in on what you're seeing, and even post-dive debriefings, all with no rushing. Since you're not going as part of a larger group, you always dive your own profile. Snacks are just that — snacks. If you need more than a granola bar and juice between dives, bring it yourself. The magical dives we had with them featured a pair of spotted eagle rays feeding together, turtles being cleaned of algae at cleaning stations, and more frogfish than one has a right to expect. After only three days of diving they seemed like old friends. Our subscription to *Undercurrent* was worth it if the only thing that ever came of it was finding Octopus Reef.

Octopus Reef, September 2003, Pat Delaplane (mauimermaid@earthlink.net), Santa Rosa, CA.

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 40 to 60 feet. Water: 79 to 80 F, calm. I got solo certified by Rene Umberger (808) 875-0183, Rene is the only person in Hawaii who offers it. The only other place in the U.S.A. I found was an operation in Orlando, Florida. I did this solo certification for several reasons. The main one being that it gives me credibility for what I have been doing all along for several years. Now my mother and friends don't have to worry about me and any dive boat captain doesn't need to worry if I am down there alone finishing a roll of film after my buddy surfaces. Rene is an excellent instructor. The course

included 2 mornings of discussion and diving and reading a book on solo diving, before we got together. We discussed the pros and cons of solo diving, safety, alternate air sources, review of the basic skills, liability. The in-water skills included grabbing and using the alternate air source along with navigation and other basic skills like getting out of and into your gear in the water and out of air ascent. Rene had an outline of all the areas she wanted to cover which included many articles written on solo diving in the publications. Rene is up to date on diving and I would recommend her for any level of instruction.

**Pro Divers of Maui, July 2003,
John & Beth Feeney (jintstride@scubadiving.com), Sperryville, VA.**

Experience: 51-100 dives. Vis: 80 to 120 feet. Water: 77 F, no currents. Maximum of 6 divers on a boat that would take 10-12. Any gear you didn't bring, they supply new, good-quality replacement at no charge. Thorough dive briefing by Pierre who led the dive. Other crew member, Dave, followed our bubbles for a gentle drift dive. Lots of small tropicals over the mostly rubble-strewn area off Molokini Crater. Several blacktip sharks and large sandy area full of garden eels. We had gotten an early (7 am) start to beat the bigger boats. When a boat with about 20 divers arrived during our briefing, and they started jumping in the water 150 yards away before we could get in, we moved 1/4 mile away to less picturesque area. Dive was marred by a previously unknown medical problem my wife experienced

while surfacing from 70 feet. Pierre and Dave reacted quickly and professionally; got us back to shore after calling for ambulance to meet us at the dock. They resumed the dive trip and cleaned our gear and delivered it to us at the hospital. The only negative I can state is that they did not put her on the available oxygen on the boat.

**Scuba Shack & Maui Dive Shop,
Fairmont Kea Lani, February 2003,
Dorothy McDonald, Strongsville,**

OH. Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 50 to 200 feet. Water: 68 to 74 F. The Kea Lani resort is beautiful. You must drive to diving. There were swells and slight current on the back wall of the Molokini Crater which is a drift dive. Little to no current on most other dives. The visibility on the back wall was at least 200 feet — a dramatic sight. We saw sharks in the distance, giant trevally, nudibranchs, eels, and various tropical fish on this dive. Other dives we also saw a variety of tropicals and eels, some sights seemed to have turtles everywhere, some mantas, some sharks, a few octopuses. Very enjoyable diving. The dive operator we originally booked to dive with had boat problems and left a message at the resort Sunday (the day of our arrival) that we would not be able to dive until possibly Thursday. As a result we spent a lot of time contacting other dive operators who seemed to be booked (we had three divers). As a result we were not able to dive until Tuesday. We dove two days with Scuba Shack and two days with Maui Dive Shop — both out of Kihea, Maui. The Scuba Shack staff is gre-

gacious and helpful — even with problems encountered with another dive operator. Their boat felt crowded, but they knew how to organize everyone to keep things flowing as efficiently as possible. They took out snorkelers with divers. We did not have to go to the dive store each morning before the dives — we went directly to the boat ramp where our gear was loaded. The Maui Dive Shop required us to go to their dive store each morning to turn in our releases before going to the boat ramp. They could learn some organizational skills from Scuba Shop. The Maui Dive Shop had a roomier boat, and the crew on the first day of diving was excellent, particularly Captain Scotty as well as dive guides Scot and Brendon. There was a different crew our second day with Maui Dive Shop, and the difference was noticeable — particularly with the helpfulness (or lack thereof) of the captain. They attached a computer to everyone's hose — even if you were already diving with a computer and backup computer (as all three of us were doing). Their computer was the same type as the backup computer that our friend uses. At the end of the day his backup computer was missing — taken off as they gathered up all their computers. They did all but accuse him of lying when he said his was missing. They eventually determined that one of the computers must belong to our friend and gave one to him — he is sure that the computer he received was not his original, but he was happy to get at least a replacement for his own. This served as a reminder to get all of his

gear marked — something that the folks at Scuba Shack then did for him! Both dive operations provided between-dive snacks, drinks, even sandwiches for lunch. Both operations divided divers into two groups of five or six divers. Both operations required us to stay within sight, above and behind the dive guide. The back wall of the Molokini Crater is available for more advanced divers at an additional price. Other dive sights were done by both operators on both days of diving. (www.scubashack.com, www.mauidiveshop.com)

Shaka Divers, Traveling Shore Dive, August 2003, John Gregory (gregory_john_j@bah.com), Folsom, CA. Experience: 26-50 dives. Vis: 50 to 100 feet. Water: 80 to 82 F, calm. Shaka Divers (Doug Corbin) operates out of a modified school bus (Scuba Bus) along Maui's southwest shoreline. www.shakadivers.com. The Kihei/Wailea area has some great shore diving with a wide variety of fish and many turtles. The turtles are quite tame allowing you to frequently swim along next them (but don't touch them). Shaka Divers offers almost every type of diving from a fully equipped modified school bus, including scooter dives, photography, night dives, etc. All equipment is available. We have been on several dives with him and he always shows us something we have not seen before, or a new place we would probably not have found. The dive groups are always small and personalized — your own guided tour. (www.shakadivers.com)

Molokai

Bill Kapuni's Scuba Adventure, Paniola Hale, February 2003, William Edwards, Placerville, CA. Dives logged: 210. Vis: 40 to 60 feet. Water: 70 to 74 F. Unfortunately, this is the only dive shop on Molokai. His boat was adequate (a 22-foot whaler), but there was no cover. When I had made my reservations, I had asked for a full wet suit and instead he brought me a 2 mm shorty, which wasn't enough. His equipment was old and in need of repair. He gave me a regulator (without a depth gauge) that leaked through the octopus so bad I had to return to the boat and get another one. He had given us instructions as to where to dive, but he did not join us in the water nor did the two women with him. While I was hooking up to a new regulator, the other divers followed Kapuni's directions and by the time I was ready they were gone. So I dove by myself. It was definitely a no restrictions operation. He never even mentioned depth limits or safety stops. Visibility as poor. However, I did manage to see two turtles, three eels, and two medium-sized mantas. Molokai is lush and green and off the beaten path. If you're looking for peace and quiet, this is the place to go. They are a little short on restaurants, but they have grocery stores and lots of nice condominiums to stay in. We stayed in a nice condominium complex called Paniolo Hale. (www.molokai.com/kapuni)

Oahu

Dive Oahu, Outrigger Reef Hotel Waikiki, December 2002, Billy E.

Haggerty Jr. CRNA (billy.haggerty@cox.net), Midland, TX. Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 30 to 80 feet. Water: 76 to 78 F, choppy, surge, currents. The Outrigger Reef Hotel on Waikiki Beach is in the middle of everything. Great location for walking to shops and restaurants. Very expensive rooms in Hawaii! The room was clean, and all of the options in the room worked, most days. (A/C, toilet (repaired), shower (water leaked and drain slow to drain), etc.) The huge pool was clean and have onsite discover scuba classes available. Great place for the kids. There is also an adults-only sports bar and pool tables. The food is plentiful at all of the eating places on the island. Look for the free discount coupon books available for entree discounts and entertainment bargains. Definitely get to Sam Choy's Restaurant near Diamond Head. Excellent food, though pricey — \$25 to \$40 per person. Dive Oahu scuba shop is full of helpful and talented folks. Thanks to Brian, Greg, Jon, and Bradley, and the captain of the 60-foot catamaran. They make the diving easy. They picked us up at the hotel at 7:30 a.m., each of three diving days. Stored our dive gear each day in their shop onsite near the boat. Only a 10- to 15-minute boat ride to the wrecks and lava fingers that you dive. Cookies and drinks between dives. Fresh water rinse sink handy. Nice big catamaran with a head. Nitrox readily available. They dive two tanks in the a.m. and p.m., if enough interest to fill a boat. The wrecks were the *Sea Tiger*, *San Pedro*, and the *Y.O.* Incredibly strong current last two days of diving made it hard to

enjoy the entry and exits from the boat. If you got down to the wrecks — some in our group were not able to and aborted the dive completely — they are in good shape structurally. The second “shallow” dive had a lot of surge nearer the beach and lava fingers. Saw turtles, octopus, eels, small fish without much color. The lava fingers were without much coral growth. Very plain. Spotted a humpback whale during one of the surface intervals. Dolphins also played behind us during another. Fresh water tank for cameras.

(www.diveoahu.com)

**Ocean Concepts Scuba, July 2003,
Gerald Canning, Reno, NV.**

Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 75 to 200 feet. Water: 78 to 83 F, calm. I had the occasion to be in Honolulu for other reasons but I had two days I could dive and didn't want to miss the 80 degree water. Ocean Concepts Scuba was a delight. They included complementary round trip transportation from Waikiki to their operation on the West Shore. They picked us up on time, were very courteous and friendly, and saved us from having to figure out how to get to their operation which was 45 minutes away and required going through Honolulu. The dive operation was a pleasant surprise. Both the shore safety briefing and the boat orientation and dive site briefings were well done and professional. Their rental equipment was new ScubaPro regulators, BCs, full foot split fins and UWATEC dive computers in the console. Everything was set up on the boat at your assigned seat. Tank fills were consistently in the 3,400 psi

range. Dive sites were a relatively short distance from the shop. Diving was in small groups (3-5 divers) grouped after reviewing your prior dive history. The typical dive was lead by a divemaster (one per group) who handled the first 2/3 of the tour to find you the small critters and point out the highlights of the site. The remainder of the dive was on your own — leaving you with instructions to be back on board with 500 psi. You could burn out your air — on both of the shallower second dives, I logged more than an hour of bottom time. There were great sandwiches between dives and fresh fruit (including pineapple) after the dives. The boat crew and divemasters were top notch professionals who went out of their way to be helpful. I had low expectations for the diving. It wasn't great but it was better than I expected. We didn't have the hard and soft corals of the Caribbean, but we did have an amazing diversity of Hawaiian fish life. Some of the fish were various triggerfish, a tiger moray, saddled goatfish, a bird wrasse, ketail needlefish, Moorish idol, orangspine unicornfish, and a peacock razorfish. There was a wide selection of other fish varieties. I wouldn't go to Oahu just for the diving. However, Ocean Concepts Scuba will show you the best of Oahu diving. The boat had a dedicated rinse tank for dive cameras. Dive masters would hand you your camera in the water and take it back before you got back aboard and they would put it in the rinse barrel. This was not an overnight operation so there were no camera facilities.

(www.oceanconcepts.com)

Ocean Concepts, Ko Olina Beach Resort, September 2003, R. Moore, Ph.D.(padidm@earthlink.net), Vista, CA. Dives logged: 883. Vis: 75-100 ft. Water: 81-82 F. Dive restrictions enforced: time only. Good dive operations. Guide led but let divers with air stay down when air hogs surfaced. Nice wreck with a school of puffers. Eagle rays circled around wreck. Good briefings and food for day boat. Pick up at hotel on time (no island time).

KIRIBATI (CHRISTMAS ISLAND)

Christmas Island is 1,300 miles due south of Hawaii, about a three-hour flight but across the International Date Line. It's the world's largest coral atoll, 45 miles long and between seven and 25 miles wide, although lagoons make up nearly two-thirds of that area. The island was named after the day in 1777 when Captain James Cook first happened upon it, but it remained uninhabited until the 1950s, when the British chose it as the site for their nuclear weapons development and induced a small Micronesian work force from the Gilbert Islands to relocate there. The British pulled out, leaving behind a few Micronesians and a great deal of debris. Today the island's 4,400 residents are citizens of the Republic of Kiribati (pronounced cure-a-BOS).

Dive Kiribati, Captain Cook Hotel, February 2003, Dorothy McDonald, Strongsville, OH. Experience: 251-500 dives. Vis: 50 to 100 feet. Water: 80 to 84 F. The diving on Kiribati is so good that this was our second trip, and we encourage anyone who enjoys diving and who doesn't mind roughing it a bit to head for this unique island. There is one plane a week to/from Honolulu — so you are there for the week. This is a third world country where most people don't have running water and electricity and most visitors are fishermen. The Captain Cook Hotel, the most modern place on the island, is basic but comfortable. The main part of the hotel was formerly British officers' barracks (some rooms are air-conditioned). Cottages have also been built along the beach — beautiful view — no air-conditioning. Pitchers of drinkable water and ice are put in your room's mini-fridge daily — the tap water is not drinkable. Meals at the Captain Cook are served family-style, and there is always a variety to choose from, and any evening could include tacos, baked chicken, and tuna. Food is good but not gourmet. Since fishermen and divers leave after breakfast and don't return until late afternoon, sandwich fixings and fresh fruit are set out at breakfast and everyone makes their own sack lunch. Kim Andersen, an American, runs the only dive operation. Diving is from one of two motorized outrigger/catamaran type boats. Kim meets you at the airport, and you can expect to go diving the day you arrive. Both times we've been there we were the only divers, so basically could do whatever we liked. Shore dives can also