

Scuba Dive Online Autumn Newsletter

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AUTUMN IS HERE, BUT WE'RE STILL IN PARADISE

As the golden leaves begin to fall in some parts of the world, here at Scuba Dive Online, we are drenched in sunshine, sandy beaches, and crystal clear waters. Our team of PADI Course Directors is working in stunning locations worldwide, leading PADI Instructor Development Courses (IDC) both online and underwater. Here's what we've been up to lately!

SUCCESSFUL IDC ONLINE EXPERIENCE WITH PKT DIVING, PHI PHI

Five IDC candidates from PKT Diving in Phi Phi, Oleg, Romi, Brendo, Viktoria, and Alex, completed the IDC LIVE online section with our online expert, PADI Course Director Monique Richards. Thanks to our interactive, fun online classes, they were well prepared before they even arrived for their in-water section with PADI Course Director Alex Arnold. The candidates bonded as a team online and carried that teamwork into the water, leading to a 100% success rate in the Instructor Exams (IE). With demand for PADI Instructors in Thailand soaring, these candidates from PKT Diving are already being headhunted!





ASSAVA WELCOMES THREE NEW PADI INSTRUCTORS

Our PADI 5 Star IDC partner, Assava Dive Resort, welcome three new PADI Instructors, Tony, Oli, and Bobby. All of them completed their training under the guidance of renowned PADI Course Director husband and wife team, Tim and Natalie Hunt, joined by PADI Staff Instructors Skip and Iggy. They are already out in the water, teaching new divers and spreading their passion for the underwater world!



INFINITY2DIVING SIX NEW PADI INSTRUCTORS

Infinity2Diving, the only PADI 5 Star CDC centre in Tulum, Mexico, has trained six new PADI Instructors this month. Congratulations to Nicole, Isa, Gabriel, Elle, Edder, and Tess! Led by two passionate female PADI Course Directors, Ivana and Victoria, this centre also specializes in Cenote cave diving and PADI Mermaid courses. Well done to the newest additions to the instructor family!



PADI AWARE WEEK: DIVING FOR A CAUSE

September marked PADI AWARE Week, and all our partner centres around the world joined forces to raise awareness of marine conservation. From coral reef preservation to underwater cleanups like "Dive Against Debris," our teams made a big impact. Divers collected and logged underwater rubbish through the PADI AWARE app, contributing to valuable citizen science that helps influence environmental policies globally. Our partner centre, Davy Jones Locker on Koh Tao, held Dive Against Debris events every day!



DAVY JONES LOCKER ACHIEVES PADI CDC RATING

Speaking of Davy Jones Locker, we are thrilled to announce that they have once again achieved the highest PADI dive centre rating, becoming a PADI Career Development Centre (CDC). Scuba Dive Online's PADI Course Director, Neil Richards, is leading the IDC programme as well as mentoring Divemaster training alongside an experienced team of instructors. Congratulations to Davy Jones Locker for their continued excellence in diving education!



MALDIVES INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME: A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Our eight week Maldives internship hosted at the Four Seasons Resort, is continuing through October, with a full house of eight IDC candidates and two IDC Staff Instructors. Under the expert coaching of PADI Course Director Neil Richards, candidates Alex, Noe, Lucas, Mohammed, Luis, Christoph, Winona and Laura took part in Manta Trust projects, Olive Ridley turtle conservation, and coral reef restoration. They are now PADI Instructors, gaining hands-on experience in dive centre operations while enjoying daily dives with mantas, sharks, and turtles. The Maldives offers incredible job opportunities, so contact us if you want to be part of next year's programme!

WHALE SHARK SIGHTINGS IN THE GULF OF THAILAND

As autumn rolls in, it's the perfect time to catch a glimpse of the magnificent whale sharks in the Gulf of Thailand. These gentle giants are a common sight this season, and we've been lucky to have regular encounters. Whale sharks, the largest fish in the sea, are filter feeders and pose no threat to divers, making them a favorite for underwater adventurers. If you're considering taking your PADI IDC with the Scuba Dive Online team, you may even have a chance to dive alongside these incredible creatures. Contact our team for details and make the most of this unique opportunity!



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