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9 TRUTH AQUATICS, INC. AND
10 GLEN RICHARD FRITZLER AND DANA
11 JEANNE FRITZLER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS
12 TRUSTEES OF THE FRITZLER FAMILY TRUST
13 DTD 7/27/92

14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 In the Matter of the Complaint of Truth) CASE NO. 2:19-cv-07693
17 Aquatics, Inc. and Glen Richard Fritzler and)
18 Dana Jeanne Fritzler, individually and as)
19 Trustees of the Fritzler Family Trust DTD) **DECLARATION OF**
20 7/27/92 as owners and/or owners pro hac vice) **LAURALEE MEADE**
21 of the dive vessel CONCEPTION, Official) **REGARDING VALUE OF**
22 Number 638133, for Exoneration from or) **DIVE VESSEL**
23 Limitation of Liability) **CONCEPTION**

24 I, Lauralee Meade, declare as follows.

25 1. I am employed by Arnold & Arnold, who are independent adjusters
26 that were retained by the insurers of the vessel CONCEPTION, Official Number
27 638133 (hereinafter "CONCEPTION"), to, among other things, investigate the
28 damage to the CONCEPTION caused by that certain fire on or about September 2,
2019, on the navigable waters off the coast of Santa Cruz Island, California and
oversee and coordinate the salvage and wreck removal and pollution control of the
remains of the hull.

2. On information and belief, the CONCEPTION caught fire on
September 2, 2019 and burned to the waterline and thereafter sank in
approximately sixty-five feet of water in a marine sanctuary area off the coast of

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1 Santa Cruz Island, where the wreckage of the hull remains. Salvage/wreck removal
2 efforts are ongoing to raise and remove the wreck from the marine sanctuary area
3 and contain possible pollution.

4 3. As a result of the fire on the CONCEPTION and the sinking, the
5 CONCEPTION is a total loss and there is no residual salvage value.

6 4. Although the salvage and wreck removal efforts are not yet complete,
7 I expect that the salvage/residual value of the CONCEPTION, if the wreck is
8 successfully recovered from the ocean floor, will be zero (\$00.00) dollars, and, as
9 such, this is the best representation of the value of the CONCEPTION and its
10 appurtenances at the end of the voyage on September 2, 2019.

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12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
13 America that the foregoing is true and correct.

14 Executed this 11 day of September 2019 at Long Beach, California.

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18 Lauralee Meade

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