

## **SPECIAL NOTICES: January - March 2017**

▶ **Aquastrophics - USA.** Please note that neither David Holt, Aquastrophics, SDA (Scuba Divers of America) nor OnlineScubaLessons.com have been PADI Members at any time. Please also note that the academic program offered by these three entities is not valid for PADI Open Water Diver referrals nor certification. (WRSTC Posting 03 Apr 2006: "At a recent meeting, the members of the recreational Scuba Training Council determined it was important to provide collective clarification regarding agency-neutral on-line training programs. Over the past two or three years a number of websites not affiliated with a training agency have launched on-line scuba training programs. On these sites, the customer is led to believe that all training agencies will accept these programs to meet their academic requirements for scuba training. This is not correct. Because of concerns about the educational validity of these programs and the inability to monitor the quality of education and services, as well as liability and insurance issues, each RSTC member organization has independently determined it cannot accept these non-affiliated training programs to meet its academic requirements. Before customers sign up for any on-line training program, they should first check with the retail store, instructor or training agency they wish to receive certification through to verify if that on-line program is acceptable for meeting the training agency's requirements.")