

# ! Locations CC

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- **North America**

- 🇺🇸 **Hawaii.**

- **O'ahu. Aaron's Dive Shop** in Kailua, HI on the island of O'ahu can provide gases and materials supporting CCR dives. They can order kegs of sofno lime and keep them at the shop until you arrive. They can fill O<sub>2</sub>, Nitrox, and Trimix, although not the same day, so, prior arrangement is necessary. They do things very much by the book, i.e. equipment being used higher than 40% must be O<sub>2</sub> clean, all VIP/hydro up to date, and you must be certified for the gas blend you request. Additionally, there is a local Tec 100 CCR instructor that they collaborate with.

- 🇺🇸 **Florida.** Wind can often cause dive cancellations. **May-Sep** is typically good. **Aug-Oct** is hurricane season: it can be super nice UNLESS there is a tropical system; when that happens we can lose up to 2+ weeks of diving. **Oct-Mar:** higher risk of strong wind. >> Safest time is **May-Jul**

- **Key Largo, Horizon** has He and O<sub>2</sub> on site and can get you sorb if you ask ahead. The charters allow you to do up to 2:20 run time on the deep wrecks, primarily the Spiegel Grove but occasionally the bib, Duane and northern lights.

- **Pompano Beach, South Florida Dive Headquarters** runs tech and CCR charters all the time. I do not know what their CCR support is, but I imagine they have it or can refer you to someplace local that has it. There are some great, deep wreck dives just minutes out of the inlet where SFDH runs.

- 🇺🇸 **North Carolina**

- **Olympus Dive Center**, Morehead City, NC: They can supply O<sub>2</sub> and they do allow CCRs on their boats. But they do not have trimix or sorb. They also do not have CCR cylinders. But you can rent an AL80 to use for bailout.
    - **Dive Hatteras** (the Lion's Paw), Hatteras, NC: They can supply O<sub>2</sub> and do allow CCRs on their boat. But they do not have trimix or sorb. They do not have CCR cylinders. I am unclear on their status for renting bailout cylinders from them. I know they have steel tanks to rent for OC diving. I'm not sure that they have for aluminums (if any).
    - **Atlantis Charters** (aka the Pink Boat), Atlantic Beach, NC. Very comfortable 6-pack. CCR-friendly and tech dive-friendly. They have no CCR support, though. But you can get O<sub>2</sub> and air fills at nearby Olympus Dive Center. Bring your own sorb and all cylinders.

- 🇺🇸 **California**












- **Catalina Divers Supply** - ask for Bob or Tina.

- 🇨🇦 **Canada**

- **Vancouver Island** – Tanks and Sorb can be easily obtained through **Deep Fathoms** - Bill Nadeau was national director for IANTD. He can also do fills. Bill I believe largely trains on the AP, there is a SF2 crowd over in Vancouver. Sorb can also be obtained in Vancouver very easily, as most will fly in there and likely take the ferry over to Vancouver Island (2 hour ferry, drive on/off, nice views on the way over).
    - **Victoria** – There is also a great GUE crowd who are pretty easy going. Drop in dives in Victoria, however unsure how the crowd is for other rebreather divers outside of GUE, but they do allow non-GUE for drop-in recreational dives, so maybe there are a few interested. Check Jason Cook Diving.
    - **Campbell River** – **Oceanfix.ca** has a good boat and regularly hosts rebreather divers for trips. There is a good local AP crowd from Nanaimo north. North of Campbell River is kind of remote, unsure how rebreather divers are handled on charters, however the diving up there is very nice wall dives. Unsure about the crowd other than the GUE team south of Nanaimo, apologies. Highly recommend SS Canilene, SS Gulf Stream. Good wall dives near









recommended. SS Capitanio, SS Gun Stream. Good wall dives near Campbell River. Nanaimo has VERY accessible shore diving.

-  **Great lakes**
  - **belowthegrade.com**
  - **Lake Erie / Westfield, NY (*Osprey Charters*) - [Osprey Charters Inc.](#) – [Lake Erie's Premier Boat Charter](#)** Good, deep, cold shipwrecks in Lake Erie. Captain John is awesome and hilarious! John won't have sorb available unless he is aware a few weeks in advance. He can get it, just doesn't normally stock it. He can provide O<sub>2</sub> and trimix anytime.
  - **Lake Superior / Isle Royale** on the US side is legit. Ryan supports CCRs very well but is booked out years in advance. [Isle Royale Charters](#) | [Michigan Shipwreck Diving Charters - Book Today](#) There's zero need for a DPV on any of the wrecks he visits and you are better off swimming (1 slightly warmer and 2 less chance of free flows). There's virtually nothing on the Canadian side of Superior.
-  **Saint Lawrence River.** The wreck diving in the Saint Lawrence River Thousand Islands area is awesome. Wrecks that are shore dives to wrecks that are 200+ feet. The water is even pretty warm (in the 70s) in late Summer and early Fall. Numerous good opportunities for wreck penetration.
  - **Alexandria Bay, NY (*Hunt's Dive Shop*) - [Dive Charter](#) | [Thousand Islands New York](#) | [Hunt's Dive Shop](#)** Dana Hunt is awesome and runs a good boat.
  - **Alexandria Bay, NY / Bluefoot Diving** - Andrew also runs a good boat, to the same general list of dive sites at Hunt's. Bob Sherwood is in that area and uses this boat, making it the GUE divers' boat of choice.
  - **Brockville, ON, Canada / Brockville Adventure Center [Dive Brockville Adventure Centre](#)** Helen Cooper is also awesome. They dive many of the same wrecks as the shops from Alexandria Bay. But, being on the Canadian side, some wrecks are easier to get to, versus others being easier from the NY side. And in Canada... they have poutine! AND, if you are on that side, you must stop into Dive Tech. They have O<sub>2</sub> and trimix for fills. Probably have sorb and cylinder rentals, but I'm not sure. But, Dan, the owner, is awesome and the shop is like a tech diver's candy store. Dive Tech is about 15 minutes from BAC, heading towards the crossing to go back across the river to the US side.
- **Central America**
  -  **Bonaire:** CCR support from **Technical Diving Services**, onsite at Captain Don's Habitat, or from Buddy Dive.
  -  **Curaçao:** Goby Divers, Tec Diving Curacao.
  -  **Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo (Golden Arrow).** Full Service.
  -  **US Virgin Islands, St Croix** – Ultimate Blue Water Adventure
  -  **Grand Cayman** – Currently within the three island chain, Nat Robb owner of **Indepth Watersports**, located in the West Bay area of Grand Cayman, is the only full CCR support shop here.
  -  **Cayman Brac** – Reef Divers
  -  **Bahamas** – Bahamas Underground, AES Dives
  -  **Belize** – Elite Adventures
  -  **Honduras**
    - **Utila**
      - **Utila Dive Center** has full CCR support.
      - **Odyssey**, Tank'd
      - **Captain Morgan's**
    - **Roatan**
      - **Coconut Tree Divers - [Roatan's Premier PADI Dive Center](#) | [Offering The BEST Caribbean Scuba Diving](#) | [Located in West End, Roatan, Honduras](#) - [Coconut Tree Divers - Roatan Dive Shop - Honduras Scuba Diving](#)** They have a big OC tech support system, particularly sidemount, but I've done a couple classes down there and they can provide CCR support as well including sorb, a few 3L bottles (we dive al30's so have to bring them along anyway), He, booster, O<sub>2</sub>. Anthony's Key chamber is 15 minutes away, so great medical infrastructure, diving as deep as you want to go. Roatan is now one of California Academy of Sciences long term mesophotic monitoring stations and they run CCR ons to










- microphone monitoring stations, and they run CCR trips to 500' and use Coconut Tree as surface support.
  - **Coco View Resort** – it's good for OC but you can contact Dockside Dive Center first and well in advance to organize O<sub>2</sub>, Sofnolime and trimix.
  - **West End Divers**
  - **Roatan Tec Center**
- 🇲🇽 **Mexico**
  - **Socorro.** I also had a great time diving with Nautilus at Socorro. Easy to get fills. They gave me a keg of sorb which easily lasted the trip. Got much closer to the mantas and had better profiles than the divers on nitrox.
  - **Playa Del Carmen/Tulum. Mexico dive factory** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium, Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's; **ProTec, Third Dimension Diving**
  - **Cozumel: Deep Exposure** dive shop has full CCR support; Aldora.
- **South America**
  - 🇧🇷 **Brazil**
    - **Natal and Recife in Brazil.** Sea, O<sub>2</sub>, Sorb, Trimix, various profiles, tech guides, and, in Recife, wrecks.
    - **Mina da passagem,** in Mariana, total facilities, a flooded 18th century gold mine with various profiles. The dive center owner recently released it's own designed front mount CCR called Smart rebreather, with IANTD training.
    - **Subaquatica in Sorocaba** Brazil, although not in a touristic destination, can arrange pretty anything needed for CCR trips.
  - 🇨🇴 **Colombia**
    - **Malapascua. Evolution** there can do O<sub>2</sub>, Helium to 200+ bar, havesofnolime, about every size tank you might need. Not sure about DPV rental.
  - 🇪🇨 **Ecuador, Galapagos – Dirty Dozen** is doing CCR liveaboard trips.
- **Asia**
  - 🇪🇬 **Egypt**
    - **Sharm el Sheikh** with **Emperor Divers** as basis for all local, Ras Mohammed and Tiran diving — ask for Antonio Bresciani (GUE instructor).
    - **Dahab for the blue hole — Lagona Divers** (Formally Team Blue Immersion) - 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's (they can organize them).
    - **Liveaboards**
      - **Blue O' Two Liveaboards** — ask for Emma.
      - **Red Sea Explorers** — trimix, sorb, cylinders, scooters all on board - when you email ask for Faisal
  - 🇲🇻 **Bikini, Marshall Islands** with **Dirty Dozen** and **Master Liveaboards** checks off everything on the list including the DPV.
  - 🇲🇵 **Micronesia**
    - **Chuuk Lagoon**
      - **Dirty Dozen** and **Master Liveaboards** checks off everything on the list including the DPV.
      - **Odysey** — they are top notch and I would definitely go again. Ask in advance for sorb and they will get it. They have O<sub>2</sub> and a booster, and bank 18/35 and 10/50 (as I roughly recall).
    - **Guam** has CCR support at **MDA**.
    - **Palau** has CCR support.
  - 🇻🇺 **Vanuatu, Espiritu Santo,** the Coolidge with Pacific Dive. Sorb can be bought by the kilogram, mixed-gas blending to spec. O<sub>2</sub> is only 96%.
  - 🇫🇯 **Rangiroa, French Polynesia: CCR Rangiroa** is a great shop in a remote AF location. O<sub>2</sub> fills, sorb, tech guides, endless sharks and visibility.
  - 🇸🇮 **Solomon Islands:** best by liveaboard, **MV Taka** is CCR friendly has sorb boosted O<sub>2</sub>, pretty sure they have He now.
  - 🇨🇳 **China**
    - **Blue Flag International** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks.
    - **Guangzhou Hailang Watersports Ltd. Co** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
    - **Legend Diving Center** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - 🇮🇩 **Indonesia**



-  **Indonesia**
  - **Bali**
    - **Dive Trek** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
    - **Tekdeep** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
    - **Dark Horizon Diving** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks.
    - **Trawangan Dive** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - **Sulawesi**
    - **Dive Trek** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks (limited but if you give him a head up he can organize more from his partner).
  - **Gili**
    - **Manta Dive** 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's. They have lots and lots of beautiful un-touched completely vertical walls that start at about 40m and drop to 300m+.
    - The two other main tech shops, **Trawangan Dive Center** (Headed by Samuel Mason) and **Blue Marlin** (Theresia Gollner and Måns Olsson) run mainly JJ.
  - **Komodo** with Blue Marlin on their small liveaboard Ikan Biru, they have everything and some very experienced CCR divers.
    - **Blue Marlin Dive** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks.
-  **Philippines**
  - **Oceanplayer** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - **Blue Lagoon** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - **Dauin Tech** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - **La Laguna Beach Club** and their dive op "Laguna Dive Club" supports CCR.
  - **Visayas (Central Region)**
    - **Silver Reef** in Dauin support CCR divers. From Dauin you'd be a short boat ride away from Apo island which has pretty steep walls going down to 100m. The diving condition there varies a lot between the summer season and the wet season. Winds and currents will flip direction so it may be tough to consistently survey the same area throughout the year.
    - **Kasai Village** in Moalboal supports CCR divers.
    - **Siquijor divers** in Siquijor support CCR as well.
    - **Cabilao divers** in Bohol also supports CCR.
  - **Up North in Luzon**
    - **ProTech** in Anilao supports CCR - JJ-CCR according to website. I've never been, it's really famous for macro and beautiful reefs, might have taken a hit by the volcano eruption from earlier this year, although it would probably only affect the upper part of the reef (maybe, not sure).
-  **Thailand**
  - **Blue Label** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks, DPV's.
  - **Koh Tao Tec Divers** – 200B O<sub>2</sub> fills, Helium , Sorb, air fills, guides, CCR tanks.
-  **Europe**
  -  **Italy**
    - **Liguria**
      - **Portofino Divers** (<https://portofinodivers.com/en/>) caters for travelling divers and have wrecks on tap.
      - **Havendiving** for wreck dives on MT Haven (<https://www.havendiving.com/en/immersioni/haven-tecnica/>).
    - **Sardinia**
      - **PROTEC Sardinia** (<https://protecsardinia.com/?lang=en>) — focus on cave diving.
    - **Tuscany**
      - **Argentario Divers** (<https://www.argentariodivers.com/en/>) — islands of Giannutri and Giglio or along the Argentario coast.
  -  **Malta**



- **tecnwise** (<https://tecnwise.com.mt/>) — ask for Alan. They have the gases, cylinders and lime you'd need. They have useful little trucks to shuttle around the island so you can dive wherever, and I believe they have a couple of boats through the season
- Aaron's **Technical Diving** (<https://www.gozotechnicaldiving.com/>) — Tom Steiner
- **Dark Horizon Diving** (<https://darkhorizondiving.com/>)
-  **Croatia**
  - **Vis island.** Every dive center in Komiža has sorb and helium, along with standard bailouts rental and 3l tanks. Most of the let you do your own thing for tec dives, but there is always a guide in the water. Dive sites go from 0m reefs to 130m deep wrecks, and everything in between. **Maurizio** is very good and the logistics are great. [www.krnica.com](http://www.krnica.com) I think. Great wrecks from recreational depth down to 70ish metres, including some real classics like the Baron Gautsch and the Lina.
-  **France**
  - **Cavalaire sur Mer, Aldo Ferrucci**, TDI instructor trainer has his headquarter and diving center there for (almost only) rebreather dives. He is instructor for several units (rEvo, Divesoft, JJ and others), so you can get support for your unit. O2, He and sorb are available. Several wrecks in the area. No problem for rebreather dives, as long as you have a valid and recent medical certification. I do not have a webpage link, but you find Aldo Ferrucci Rebreather Training on the major social media. Beautiful town, dives and a great specialized support for this kind of dives.
-  **Greece**
  - **Scubalife** caters for travelling divers and have wrecks on tap.
  - **Kea, Yannis Tzavelakos** of [www.keadivers.com](http://www.keadivers.com). He has done a lot of hard work to open up a number of non cultural sensitive sites to diving and facilitates most (all?) of the dives to the Britannic.
  - **Crete, Nikos** from **Chania Diving** ([www.chaniadiving.gr](http://www.chaniadiving.gr)) is very active teaching CCR stuff. There are some deep WW2 wrecks that can be enjoyed with CCR. More in [Aquanaut-technical diving training | Chaniá](#)
  - **Kos Island (Silent Explorers)**. Fantastic service. Full service (tank rental, trimix, etc).
-  **Portugal**
  - **WeDive** - ask for Delfi or Nuno.
-  **Spain**
  - **Malaga: Natura Dive Center** - ask for Alvaro.
  - **Tenerife: Diving Canarias** - ask for Lu or Alé.
  - **Lanzarote** (at least two centers, we have very good experience with **Lanzarote Dive Centre** in Puerto del Carmen - full service, as above).
-  **UK**
  - **Scapa Flow** in Orkney, Scotland. Pretty much all of the boats will rent you 3l cylinders, lead, stages and sell lime. Great wrecks, and stuff out of the flow around the islands available too. We tend to dive off the Clasina and Bob will help with lazy shot or trapeze etc as needed for bigger diving. Also got to consider Malin Head well set up for CCRs there. It's relatively shallow with a max of 45m/150ft and is sheltered so you won't lose too many days if the weather's bad. It isn't easy to get to. The diving and the history of the diving is great though.
-  **Ireland**
  - **Malin Head** in northwest Ireland is utterly amazing diving, probably the best around the British Isles. There are big wrecks at 70m/230ft MOD2+ depths and deeper at MOD3 depths which are simply sublime. People who organize trips up there (Kieran Hatton [divingindepth.co.uk](http://divingindepth.co.uk)). The two dive boats currently running out of Downings for Malin Head are:
    - **RosGuill** — they have great accommodation and a really useful storage/gas room for kit fettling.
    - **Laura Dean** — no accommodation but supply gas. There's plenty of accommodation available in Downings but you must book well in advance.

I've been a couple of times and it's easily the best technical diving I've done. Weather's an issue though. We managed five of the six days but made a trip up to the Giant's Causeway for the off day (highly recommended). The diving season is short around Malin and



(highly recommended). The diving season is short around Malin and there's a risk that some days will be blown out. As a result places go well in advance. Often the boats are fully chartered for the week. Bookings are mostly for a week, Sunday through Friday. Downings is rather remote but very pretty with a very craggy coastline. You will need to arrange for cylinders and Sofnolime in advance if flying in to Ireland. Malin diving is best if you're MOD2 experienced, e.g. around 60m/200ft (actually down to 70m/230ft for the classics — Justicia, HMS Audacious, Empire Heritage, etc.). There's some shallower wrecks (e.g. Laurentic which is fairly flattened now) and many in the MOD3 range. OC really isn't practical due to the cost and shortage of helium. Typical dive times are 2h to 3h. Steaming times are 2h+ each way. A lazy shot with trapeze is used, so you'll need a bright strobe and tag. A scooter is really good for diving in Malin.