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## PADI Quality Management Committee

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To:

PADI Quality Management Committee



**Dear Robert,**

PADI is writing this letter to inform you that your Open Water Scuba Instructor, Rueben Chris Conrad, 186719, and his assistant Bradley Jones, 386695, were expelled from our organization on 16 March 2017 for violations of PADI Standards. Specifically, Mr. Conrad did not complete PADI courses in accordance with PADI Standards.

This situation creates a serious risk of harm to any divers trained by Mr. Conrad and Mr. Jones who were not required to exhibit competencies in the required knowledge and diving skills for the PADI Open Water Diver course. Diving can be a safe activity only if the diver has been trained properly. Divers who take part in diving activities for which they have not learned the appropriate knowledge and skills are at risk of serious injury or death.

We strongly urge that you discontinue all diving activities until you have taken part in an additional diver training course to ensure that you are a competent and safe diver. This can be accomplished by contacting a local PADI Dive Center and taking part in a refresher course, such as ReActivate or Scuba Review, or retaking the PADI Open Water Diver course.

Another option is to take a course at the next higher level from your certification obtained by Rueben Chris Conrad, preferably from a local PADI Dive Center. This will allow the Dive Center and its professional PADI Instructors to remediate any knowledge or skills that

were not completed in your initial course, while upgrading you to the next higher level.

We recognize the inconvenience this may cause you, but your safety is far too important to risk by taking part in diving activities until you have taken the steps necessary to ensure that you have mastered the knowledge and skills necessary to be a competent diver.

You can also contact me personally at [800-729-7234](tel:800-729-7234), ext. 2413 or by email at [linda.vanvelsan@padi.com](mailto:linda.vanvelsan@padi.com) if you have questions about your PADI Open Water Diver course.

Sincerely,

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