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GOPRO UTILA

PROFESSIONAL SCUBA DIVING



PADI DIVE MASTER course



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Why choose UDC

for your Divemaster course?

As a dive professional you want to make sure that you get off to the best start with your dive career and that means looking for the right dive facility and staff to undertake your PADI 'Divemaster Course' and continuing education programs with.

Every dive operation differs from what it can offer and whether it is best suited for you, to the philosophies behind its diver education programs, to its business principles, the experience and qualifications of its staff and their conservation efforts within the dive community.

We composed this document to help you decide if 'Utila Dive Centre' is the place where you would like to be trained as a PADI Divemaster and if our team, of dive professionals are the people you want to learn from.



We don't claim or boast to be the best or the biggest, there are other much more commercial, bigger and more business orientated dive schools where you can undertake your course but we prefer a more personalized, real world approach to Divemaster training. We don't even claim to be the cheapest, and don't want to be, you only get one chance to invest in your PADI Divemaster and we hope to be the right one, even if we cost a little more, that difference benefits you for your entire professional career. At Utila Dive Centre we are principally a dedicated team of active divers and professionals (we believe the most qualified and active worldwide!), and we all still continue our own education each year, and really take our mentorship and role-modeling seriously and we measure our success not by financials, numbers or pass rates, but by how our candidates succeed within the industry, and for that reason take an ongoing interest in every one of the professionals we train, not just during the courses but years after their time with us.

We definitely aren't trying to give you the 'hard sell' but as all our Instructors and Divemasters were once in a similar position we just want you to be as fully informed as possible before making the decision to 'Go pro'. We hope this gives you an idea of what you receive when you take your training with us in regards to our staff, experience, facility, reputation, attitude, ambience/atmosphere and training philosophies.

Our record

and reputation

Utila Dive Centre was established in 1990, the 1st on Utila, by several diving enthusiasts and PADI Instructors traveling throughout Central America and the Caribbean, who as PADI Instructors wanted to offer diving in a professional, safe and enjoyable manner to travelers visiting Utila. Since then Utila Dive Centre has grown to become a full service dive operation and the Premier PADI Career Development Centre in Central America, with a beautiful hotel the Mango Inn complete with swimming pool, and has probably trained more divers than any other dive facility in the Bay Islands and Caribbean, and is one of the most awarded PADI Career Development Centers worldwide.

Utila Dive Centre works closely with the Divers Alert Network, PADI, Project Aware and Beautiful Oceans and the Utila Centre for Marine Ecology to improve and educate divers about safety and has been awarded the rating of a PADI Career Development Center, only a few facilities worldwide have earned this coveted rating from PADI, and works on many community projects with the 'Bay Islands Conservation Association' and closely with PADI's Project Aware. In 2007 we set up a non-profit Honduran NGO the 'Utila Centre for Marine Ecology' in order to better conserve the reef systems and mangroves around Utila, and has now evolved to become a national driving force in conservation 'Centre for Marine Ecology'. 2015 sees UDC entering its 25th year of training dive professionals and making a difference!

In 2014 more than four times as many PADI Rescue Divers, particularly those living on Utila, chose to conduct their 'Divemaster' with us than any other facility in the Bay Islands and Central America. We take this as a tribute to the high quality of our staff, facility and their much deserved reputation.



Our record and reputation...

The fact that 80% of our Divemasters and Instructor candidates are referred to us by 'word of mouth' shows the commitment, comfort and quality that we put into our professional courses.

At Utila Dive Centre, a Career Development Center, our team guarantee your success, whilst other facilities sell certifications we pride ourselves on providing quality training. After all you are only as successful as the training program you enroll on and the Instructors who provide this.

We ensure that in addition to professionalism, safety, high standards, all our students, whether beginners or professionals leave UDC having had a rewarding, exciting, educational and fun experience with an open door to ever returning in the future. As a dive professional trained at Utila Dive Centre you have an open door to ever returning in the future.

In 2014, 2013 & 2012 we were finalists for the PADI Instructor Development award and in 2011 and 2010 Utila Dive Centre was also voted the #1 PADI Instructor Development Center in the world by PADI Americas, no other operator in the region meets such high standards and we've been compared to some of the world's top Universities, such as Harvard and Oxford but for professional dive training.

In 2014, 2013, 2012 & 2011 we were also awarded by Project Aware for our environmental achievements and being one of the most environmentally friendly dive operations and operating with a conscience. When you join us for your training, you'll also be contributing to making a cleaner and greener planet for current and future divers. We're also one of the few Project Aware 100% AWARE centers in Central America which means for every certification you do with us we make a donation to PADI's Project Aware and you get a special Project Aware edition of your certification card to reflect this. We put our money where others just talk and we make a difference!

In 2014 and 2013 we were also awarded the Trip Advisor 'Certificate of Excellence' based on the outstanding reviews we received of our dive facility, staff and training programs.



Our facility

*Utila Dive Center &
the Mango Inn*



Our 4 classrooms are all modern, air-conditioned and lessons are given using the latest multimedia 'Microsoft PowerPoint' presentations. Every Divemaster candidate has access to our wireless internet, storage facilities and our reference library.

We have 5 fully equipped dive boats, 24 hour back up power generator, a state of the art compressors system with over 8000 cubic foot of air banked, 60 sets of Scubapro, Aqualung and Cressi Sub rental equipment, private locker rooms, quiet study areas, the most comprehensive dive retail outlet on Utila, and a beautiful dock area constructed over the water with social amenities.

Our 'swimming/training pool' is a shallow protected clear body of water lined with palm trees, white sands and will prepare you best for when you yourself come to guide diving in exactly this same kind of environment. Our on site training area ensures that we can have as much time as possible with you in the water to work on skill development and make you the best Divemaster we can. Our hotel the Mango Inn, has wireless internet and all our Divemasters are welcome to use this and also at our dive centre.



The Caribbean Island

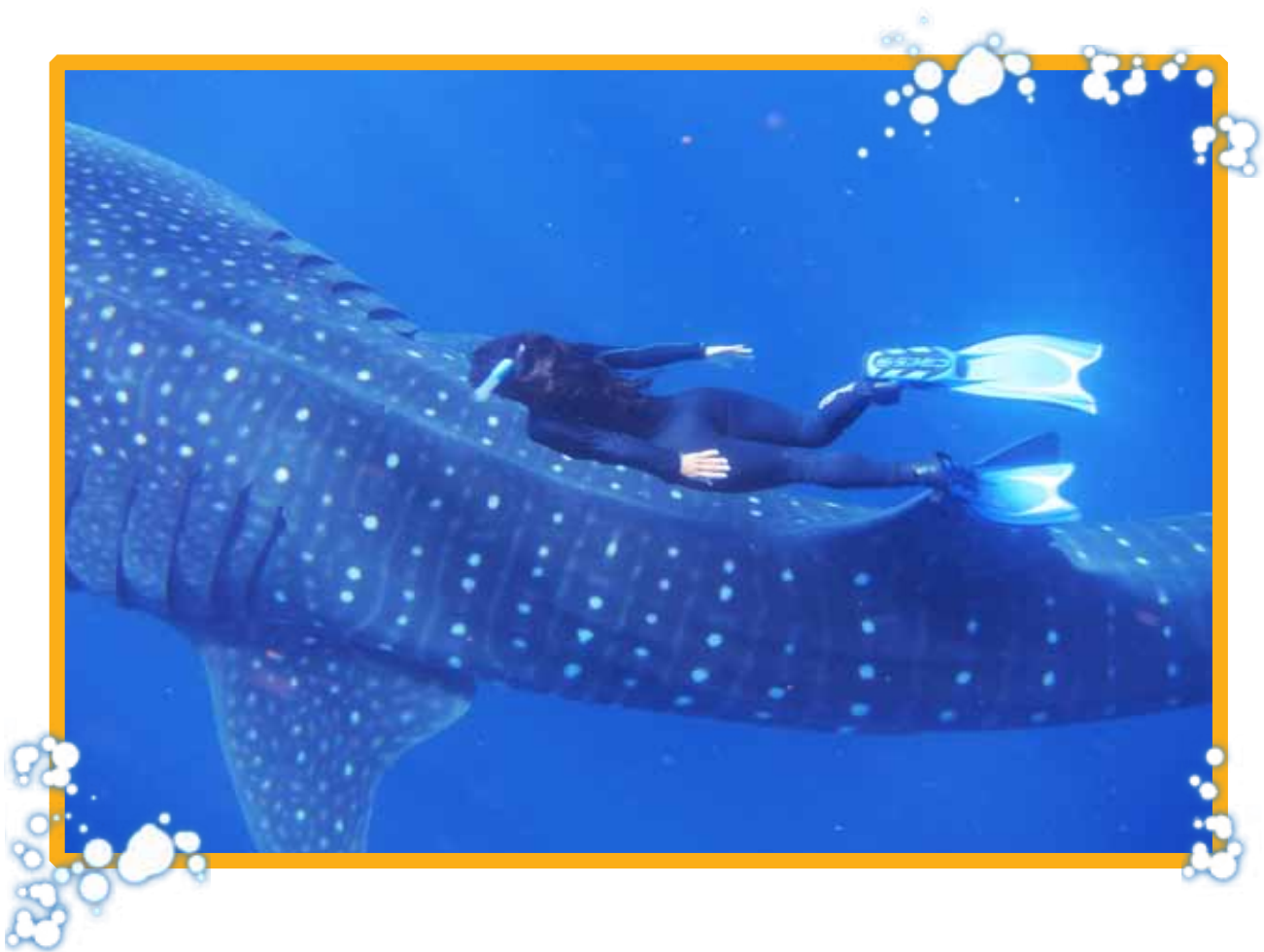
of Utila

There's a few other amazing reasons why Utila is one of the best training destinations in the Americas, and worldwide, for your dive career training. Whilst many locations have a handful of dive sites, that you often only get out to a few times a week, you'll find on Utila our diving is comprised of amazing reef systems, and our diving is a little more diverse than most warm water destinations and we send several boats out a day offering you more diving, which you won't find in many other areas and we have over 80 buoyed sites around the island. Also on the North side of Utila we have sheer walls and drop offs that go several hundred meters, obviously we don't go that deep! This is where we find the gentle and majestic Whale shark (with year round sightings) and also we have regular encounters with Dolphins and on the South side of Utila we have a fringing reef system with spur and groove formations where you'll find some of the more diverse creatures in the Caribbean, the REEF group that publish the 'Caribbean Fish ID' series of books have voted the Bay Islands the most diverse region in the Caribbean for aquatic life. There are Eels, turtles, Spotted Drums, Stonefish, Frogfish and a plethora of other inhabitants of the reef. The visibility here averages 20-30m/60-100ft and water temp averages 26-28c/84-88f.



The Caribbean Island of Utila...

Utila is less commercial than the other Bay Islands and most islands in the Caribbean, and the Yucatan of Mexico, and you won't find deluges of cruise ships, motor traffic, condominium developers or mass tourism, instead the island is reminiscent of the traditional Caribbean way of living. Whilst there is not an international airport on the island, this has protected the island from over development and allowed it to retain its natural charm and beauty, and Utila is still within easy reach of the mainland. The island is English/Spanish speaking, very safe and friendly, and you won't need to take taxis or shuttles to get around the island, or waste time commuting, and most people get around by bicycle, and you have easy access to supermarkets, apartments, all close to our dive centre. Utila is also one of the most affordable destinations to live and train on in the Caribbean as well, due to the lack of commercial development on the island. If you compare to other destinations nearby for training, you can often spend hours stuck in traffic each day commuting to resorts/hotels, or long boat rides to dive sites. The effort in reaching Utila is made up in a matter of days with the amount and quality of diving you'll get to do, lifestyle, low cost of living, and quality of training and additional options.



Project Aware Coral Watch

& Beautiful Oceans

Weekly Coral Reef surveying exclusively for Utila Dive Centre Divemasters in Training!

CoralWatch is an organisation built on a research project at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, and is an integrated part of your Divemaster internship at UDC. The University researchers have developed an effective, simple, non-invasive method for the monitoring of coral bleaching, and assessment of coral health which you will be trained and get to apply during your Divemaster course with UDC, to advance your understanding of coral reef systems and also to help contribute back to the understanding of Utila's reefs. The Coral Health Chart is basically a series of sample colours, with variation in brightness representing different stages of bleaching/recovery, based on controlled experiments.

In 2015 we will be continuing our partnership, for the 6th consecutive year, with PADI's Project Aware and the University of Queensland, to integrate the CoralWatch surveying into our Divemaster course. Every week at UDC you will visit Utila's reefs and compare colours of corals with colours on the chart and record matching codes, then you'll upload the information to a scientific database. It is our goal at UDC to train you beyond a basic Divemaster and to give something back to Utila's reefs for the enjoyment we take from them. Also we aim to both provide a scientific tool and increase your awareness about global warming by demonstrating one of its devastating effects. We're fortunate at UDC to have the boats, tanks, staff and resource to offer such a program to your benefit and also to the reefs in the Bay Islands of Honduras. On the right side is a sample of a bleached coral that you might record observing in a dive, in the Bay Islands.



healthy branching coral



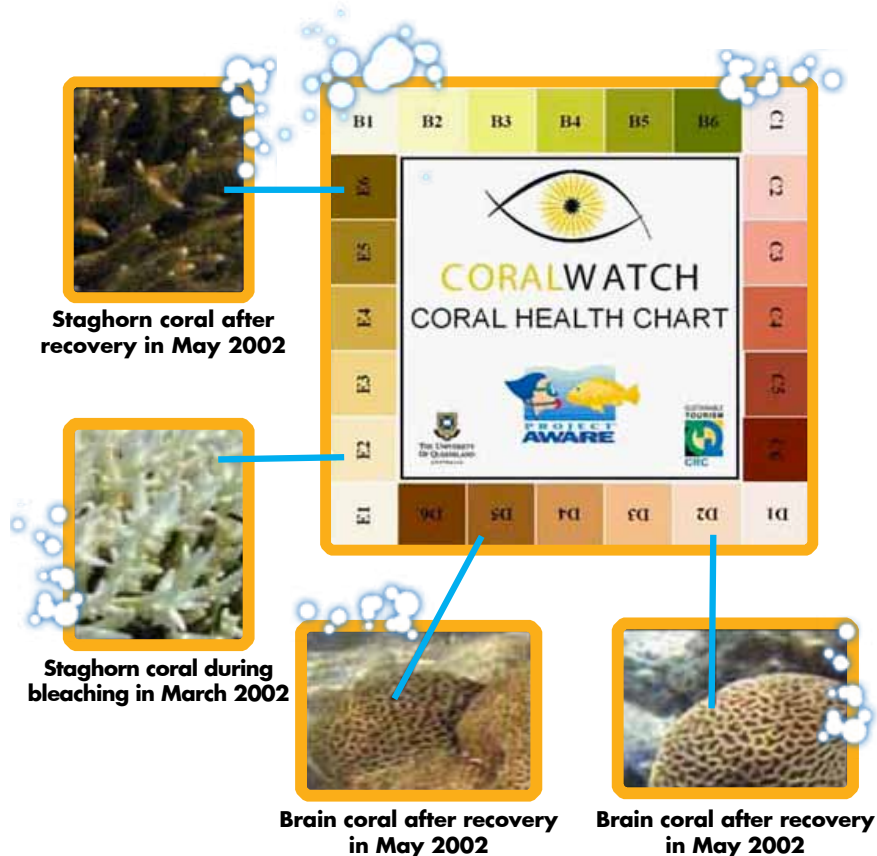
bleached branching coral

Project Aware & Beautiful Oceans...

The Coral Watch program at UDC makes monitoring coral reefs easy. The Coral Watch chart uses a series of colors representing different stages of bleaching and recovery. Just match the color of the coral with the corresponding color on the chart and record the color code along with the type of coral on the data sheet. Data collected from monitoring activities is then entered online and analyzed by scientists in Australia to answer questions on coral bleaching and recovery patterns, as well as the severity and duration of bleaching events.

During your 4 week Divemaster internship you will contribute valuable data to help scientists learn more about the condition of Utila's reefs and how the eco system functions. This program at UDC makes it possible to measure small natural fluctuations in the coloration of healthy corals to immediately identify changes outside of the normal range. With your support it's also possible to monitor coral health on Utila throughout the year, not just during bleaching events, and help determine factors that influence coral health.

Here's a sample of how the chart matches various corals at different stages:



"I work with CoralWatch, a coral monitoring organisation based in Australia, - Utila Dive Centre incorporate CoralWatch into their DM training, and they are now one of the highest contributors to our bleaching database." - **Angela Dean University of Queensland**

Project Aware & Beautiful Oceans...

Today's dive professional also needs to have a thorough understanding of the marine environment, coral reefs and ecosystems, and the majority of divers and students want to receive additional training and education in marine science.

Beautiful Oceans programs are designed to help dive professionals better understand marine biology, ecology, species and ecosystems, and give them new skills which will make them more employable, knowledgeable and to provide better experiences that today's diver and snorkeller seeks from their adventures. These programs are taught exclusively by Beautiful Oceans Science Instructors and are open to all PADI Divemasters & Instructors to qualify, you do not need to have been a diver for 6 months to take a Beautiful Oceans Science Instructor, as all learning is designed to take place in the classroom with optional application on discovery dives in the water.



Curriculum

Our Divemaster Course

The program consists of 3 separate modules, knowledge development, watermanship and practical assessment training. During knowledge development you'll learn about supervising both students and certified divers, risk management, dive careers, in addition to gaining theoretical diving knowledge about physics, physiology, skills and environment, equipment and the recreational dive planner. You'll also put your practical training into developing an underwater map of a local dive site. The watermanship module will develop your strength and skills in the water and develop your confidence to a strong level of comfort. With guidance and counselling from our experienced Instructors you'll soon develop into a true dive professional. In fact many of our Divemasters go on to successfully complete PADI Instructor training.



All Divemasters in training complete a foundational week where we cover watermanship, dive supervision classes, skills development, and practical skill sessions and workshops. Then after week 1 there are 2 options for completing your Divemaster 'Practical Assessment' training with us, Option A 'Practical training exercises' and Option B 'Internship'.

Option A is for candidates who start the program with at least 50 dives but have time constraints so the program can be completed in approximately 2 weeks total, however independent study (either with course manuals or the e-learning option) is required prior to arriving on Utila and starting the course. After the foundational week 1 is completed then week 2 of practical assessments will be conducted with 4 role playing sessions and the final exams.



Curriculum, our Divemaster course...

Option B 'Internship' is for candidates who have more time available as we schedule this option over 3-4 weeks, you'll need at least 40 dives to begin the program (though we can run a pre-week with dives and the coral reef surveying dives included to get you to the 40 if necessary). As part of the internship you'll be assisting our experienced team of Instructors as they conduct PADI training programs with student divers. We'll provide Instructor led class sessions to help you assimilate the most from your independent study so if Physics sounds like a foreign language then you'll soon become multilingual thanks to the expert tuition of our staff. You'll also get experience working as a dive guide by guiding certified divers on our dive trips to Utila's famous North side dive sites. At the Utila Dive Centre we put no time limit on the length of time you can stay with us so the more you put into this program the more you get out of it.

Many of our interns have compared us to the Harvard or Oxfords of scuba diving education, and we train all of our candidates as if they plan to go on to become Instructors. In fact with monthly Instructor programs you'll even get a first-hand opportunity if you wish, to assist as a 'problem student' on our Instructor courses. As part of the service we provide to our Divemasters you'll be offered specialty training in areas of diving where you have accumulated additional experience e.g. Fish Identification, Deep diving, Equipment maintenance etc... If you dream of working in exotic environments, beautiful dive experiences and meeting people from all walks of life then the PADI Divemaster course could give you the lifestyle you've always dreamed of.

We've extended our Divemaster program to cover more effective teaching techniques, discuss diving in different worldwide environments, look at greater career opportunities in diving including resume preparation, coral reef surveying, 'diver safety' and 'technical diving' (the only facility in the Bay Islands with an approved side mount course and rebreathers) and we even offer a monthly Discover Tec workshop for all our DMT's. As the Premier PADI Career Development Centre in Central America and the Caribbean we receive a lot of job applications so we'll show you exactly what it takes to become a successful Divemaster in today's dive industry.

All this is done in a low stress, relaxed and most importantly 'fun' environment.

For more information on the components and curriculum of our Divemaster course, and what makes it a world leader, please also refer to the PDF 'Divemaster course content'.

Our team

for your Divemaster



ANDY PHILLIPS (UK)
PADI Platinum Course Director
International Yacht Training Instructor Trainer
DAN Instructor Trainer
DSAT Trimix Instructor Trainer
IANTD Instructor Trainer
Rebreather Instructor Trainer
Beautiful Oceans Science Instructor Trainer
Utila Dive Centre's 'Director of Professional Training'

Andy has taught and dived all over the world, Egypt Red Sea, Thailand, SE Asia, Galapagos/Costa Rica Pacific, Cyprus Mediterranean, Caribbean, Yucatan caves of Mexico and South Africa. His award winning IDC's have seen him receive countless certificates of excellence from PADI Vice President James Morgan based on the comments and feed back of the Instructors that he has trained. Andy has over 5000 logged dives, is also a DSAT Trimix Instructor Trainer, DAN Instructor Trainer and IANTD Instructor Trainer and IANTD 'Closed Circuit Rebreather' Instructor. Andy has trained over 3000 divers and 1800 Instructors and is an accomplished and experienced mixed gas technical diver. Andy's hobbies outside of diving are sailing, travel, trekking and off road mountain biking. Prior to working in the scuba industry in 1997, Andy worked in commercial insurance in market analysis and designing future policies, his business background and expertise will help you get the best possible start to your professional dive career. Andy recently graduated with his Masters degree in ecommerce and has integrated additional information into our professional training courses to help our candidates to understand the direction of the dive industry and how the internet is shaping education and training online.

Our team for your DM...



THERESE CLARKE (Ireland)

Manager of UDC Divemaster program & Head Instructor

PADI IDC Staff Instructor

EFR Instructor

Specialty Instructor; Wreck, Nitrox, Equipment, O2 provider, Gas Blender, Underwater Photography, Deep

Therese is originally from the Republic of Ireland and being technically an 'island' she grew up as a child with a passion for the oceans and love of water. She put aside her love of scuba diving to take a 'real job' as an accountant and after building a successful career with one of the top 5 blue chip accounting firms worldwide and in international business, she decided on a career change like many of our Divemaster and Instructor candidates and hung up her business suits for a wetsuit. Therese has trained and dived throughout the world and her favourite non-Utila site is the Great Barrier Reef and she can teach a wide of variety of specialties, and also in English, Spanish and Gaelic! She co-ordinates with our environmental projects and PADI's Project Aware and also staffs on our 'Instructor Development' programs on a regular basis, which makes her a fantastic mentor for our Divemasters in training. Anyone who ever had the luck to take a course with her agrees that there's no one as happy and energetic as she is. When she's not teaching scuba, she enjoys spending time with her students and still playing on the water with her rubber duck!



JHAIR HERRERA (Venezuela)

PADI Platinum Course Director

EFR, IYT and IAHD Instructor Trainer

PADI Tec Deep Diver Specialty Instructor

Jhair is also a PADI Course Director, and Instructor Trainer for our MSDT courses, Yacht Training courses, and IAHD Adaptive Teaching programs, and as well as a wealth of experience and diversity he brings an unlimited amount of energy and humor to our Divemaster training. Originally from Venezuela and fluent in Spanish, English, Italian and Portuguese, and in addition to assisting on all our professional and technical programs Jhair is also our resident DJ! Jhair has worked as an Instructor and dive centre Manager in Venezuela and Colombia and dived around the world. Jhair is also a technical wizard in compressor maintenance and equipment repair, and very savvy with web 2.0 technologies and social media marketing in scuba diving. As a dedicated professional and avid diver he continues to advance his diving education and is working towards his trimix tec and rebreather Instructor Trainer rating and he brings a wealth of teaching and diving experience to our programs. He's so passionate about diving that we often have to ask him to slow down when talking about scuba and tec diving, as he even speaks faster and better English than a native speaker!

Our team for your DM...



DOUG HOY (UK)
PADI IDC Staff Instructor
EFR Instructor

Specialty Instructor; Wreck, Nitrox, Equipment, Deep, Gas Blender

Many years ago, we were so impressed with Doug during his training with us on the Divemaster and Instructor course and his outstanding performance on our UDC quiz nights, that we made him an offer he couldn't refuse - 'an Instructor position at Utila Dive Centre'. Doug is well traveled and has dived throughout the world from Thailand to India and to the Caribbean. In addition to being a full time Instructor for all courses at Utila Dive Centre, he also mentors with our Divemaster candidates sharing his wealth of teaching experience with several hundred certifications at all levels issued and outside of diving Doug also has a passion for sports, travel and culture. As a PADI IDC Staff Instructor Doug is also involved with our Instructor training so you will receive an excellent foundation for your Divemaster training and above and beyond the minimum industry standards. Doug is also involved with teaching our 'Caribbean LionFish Containment Program' which helps to control invasive species on the reef and also our resident grill master at our weekly BBQ's. so one Instructor to definitely keep happy!



CATHERINE-JANE HOWARTH (UK)
B.sc Marine Biology
PADI IDC Staff Instructor
PADI Trimix Instructor

CJ is our Tec Instructor and in addition to working on our Divemaster training and running our CoralWatch program, CJ also conducts our tec diving courses at UDC and can teach sidemount and trimix diving which adds a credible edge to your Divemaster training at UDC! CJ is a qualified marine biologist and has dived all around the world, including the cooler climate of the UK waters. She has become involved in technical diving and is one of the few female PADI Trimix Instructors in the Caribbean and Central America and has several 300ft/90 meter dives to her credit around Utila's Northside walls. A real lady of extremes one day she's diving the deep dark depths of the technical realm of scuba diving, the next hanging out in shallow water on the reef shelf looking for fish and critters. Whatever your interests in diving and professional training CJ can surely satisfy most.

Dive Shack

only the best equipment!



We've partnered with the number 1 equipment suppliers on Utila, 'DiveShack Utila' to offer special packages for our trainees, retailing high quality equipment from Cressi Sub, Aqualung, Scubapro, Suunto and Trident. You'll find the prices are more favourable than most locations though special fitting items may be limited. We recommend you check www.diveshackutila.com for their selection and prices, and availability.

Not only do we have the best training programs in Central America, but we've also partnered to offer you equipment from the most comprehensive and best stocked dive retail store.

Most employers will expect you to own your own full set of equipment when they are hiring you and we can offer you a complete 'head to toe' set up of exceptional quality gear from \$2000 including duffle bag.

Please contact us for more details if this great offer interests you so we can ensure sizing and availability as equipment needs to be pre-ordered 6 weeks in advance.



Utila Dive Centre's commitment *to you*

Our commitment to you doesn't end at the end of the course. If you are staying on Utila looking to find work we will do our best to help you, our staff and facility have a high standing in the dive community of the Bay Islands and can try to find suitable work. Please bear in mind though in most dive centers and resort destinations around the world, most centers use have certified Divemasters who are willing to work simply in exchange for experience. Although we can never guarantee this, we do occasionally have paid employment opportunities for our Divemasters upon certification, where you'll receive payment for every scuba review you conduct, for referring students to dive with us, and also for guiding divers, though please bear in mind the pay is minimal.

If you are really looking for a paid position within the dive industry, you need to be at least a PADI Instructor as most people that visit Utila and throughout Central America/Caribbean do so for PADI certifications and we do try to provide work through our placement service and extensive global network to all our Divemasters who go on to become PADI Instructors. After the Divemaster program you are welcome to stay with us for as long as your time frame allows and you can assist our Instructors and certified divers in their dive experiences.



UDC's commitment to you...

This gives you valuable experience and a work reference from our PADI Career Development Center and will make it easier for you to find your own position. This is another unique advantage that we offer you at Utila Dive Centre that other facilities are unable to offer and are often envious of.

If you plan on traveling to other dive resorts in the world then it's possible our Course Director and IDC Staff Instructors, through their own experience of working all around the world, can help/advise and counsel you on teaching in differing environments and help guide you in the right direction to secure employment. As part of our commitment to you we send regular newsletters keeping you informed of changes on Utila but most importantly you become part of a professional network of divers (Divemasters/ Assistant Instructors/Instructors) that have all trained at Utila Dive Centre. In addition to having our Staff who have worldwide contacts and teaching experience we can use this network to place you in touch with other professionals who are working all around the world to help you find employment or simply seek advice from, in fact, one of our past PADI Course Directors, was recently working as the PADI Regional Manager for the Great Barrier Reef / Papa New Guinea area! Also our past Videographer now works for one of the founders of Microsoft aboard his Superyacht.



Global Dive Network

Improved for 2015

Exclusive membership of the Global Dive Network with Utila Dive Centre

We have evolved our previous referral scheme 'Prestige card' into a new collaboration between the top dive centers, and destinations worldwide. Utila Dive Centre and GoPro Utila have now formed a referral scheme with the following dive operations worldwide and growing;

- Emperor Divers, Egypt, Red Sea (5 resorts and live- aboards)
- Poseidon Divers, Dahab, Egypt, Red Sea
- Buddha View, Koh Tao, Thailand
- Blue Season, Bali, Indonesia
- Eco-Divers, Manado, Indonesia
- ProDive Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Australia

This scheme is in addition to our local Central/South America referral scheme 'TrekCATS', and all our students and divers receive a membership card, and reduced rates (5-10%)/preferential treatment at any of these quality dive operations.

When you take your training with us you'll receive your Global Dive Network/TrekCATS membership card that benefits you regionally in Central/South America and worldwide, and also entitles you to equipment reductions in our dive store.

Many IDC facilities and Course Directors may make claims of job placements and networks but this can only be built after years of established training at the highest level and no other dive operation in the Caribbean, Honduras and Central America is committed to your success, and opportunities during and after your time with Utila Dive Centre.

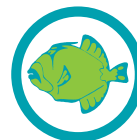
Others talk whilst utila Dive Centre delivers!



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PRO DIVE
CAIRNS
Great Barrier Reef, Australia

More options *for you*

In the last week of your Divemaster training you have the option to enroll in 5 PADI specialty classes at cost price, these courses can make you a better wreck diver, deep diver, night diver or certify you to dive on enriched air. As a PADI Divemaster or leadership level professional with another organization you have several different options to begin your PADI Instructor training. After having been certified as a diver for at least 6 months you can go directly into the full PADI IDC (11 days) or instead do the PADI Assistant Instructor course (4 days) and at a later date complete the PADI OWSI portion (7 days). At Utila Dive Centre we prefer to keep our AI/IDC class sizes smaller and more personal by offering more programs per year and by giving you more choice over your path to becoming a professional and by offering up to 10 IDC's per year we do incur greater expenses but we prefer to do this in order to keep our group sizes smaller and give a better service.

If you compare this to other dive resorts you'll probably find few other facilities give as many scheduling options or flexibility. We have a maximum group size of 6 students to 1 Course Director, this is lower than the required 8:1 ratio from PADI, why?... well we like to provide better service, simply put after every IDC our staff meet and are constantly reviewing how we can improve our programs, it's this dynamic thinking that helps make you a great Instructor and show you how 'attitude' is one of the most important attributes a dive professional can have.

Maybe you're not sure if you want to become a PADI Instructor or haven't yet been a diver for 6 months, but you love coral reef and marine science fascinates you and you'd like to share this with other divers. Then the 'Beautiful Oceans' science Instructor rating may be perfect for you.



More options for you...

Utila Dive Centre was the 1st, and currently the only, Beautiful Oceans Science Instructor Development Centre in Honduras, and Central America. For all candidates who register for the Beautiful Oceans courses with their Divemaster, we can include online access (at no extra charge) so you can study and read the materials and improve your knowledge of marine ecology before arriving on Utila.

As a dive professional are you interested in increasing your chances of finding employment?

As a dive professional are you interested in teaching fun coral reef biology courses?

As a dive professional are you interested in adding new skills to your curriculum?

As a working dive professional are you interested in earning additional income from the job that you love?

By adding the distinctive rating 'Science Instructor' to your curriculum you will be qualified to teach coral reef biology to divers and snorkelers, issue official 'Science Diver' and 'Science Snorkeler' C-cards and significantly increase your chances of finding employment.



More options for you...

TEC SUPPORT DIVER, SIDEMOUNT AND REBREATHERS: FUTURE TRENDS IN DIVING

As a PADI Technical diving facility, the Utila Dive Centre, runs monthly technical diving courses. You'll get the opportunity to be trained as a DSAT Tec Support diver, and learn about the logistics of technical dive mission, and provide valuable support and assistant to our technical diving Instructors and students. We're the only facility in the Bay Islands with an approved Tec Support diver specialty (we wrote the course)!! All Divemasters are trained to supervise certified recreational divers, but if you were on a boat and technical diving was taking place, would you know how to identify the different gases in their tanks?, or understand terminology they were using?, or know the procedures for providing surface and logistical support during the dive? Our senior Instructors at Utila Dive Centre wrote the distinctive specialty 'Tec Support Diver' and had this approved by PADI, no other facility or team in the Caribbean have the advanced diving skills and knowledge that can be passed onto you with this specialty.

In the last few years that has also been a trend and growth worldwide in sidemount diving within recreational diving. Sidemount diving is where the scuba diver carries the tank on the side of the body, as opposed to the back, and is popular in recreational diving, cave, wreck and technical diving. Sidemount diving originated from cave diving, as divers needed to pass through restricted passages they would sling the tanks under the armpits and to the hips which made them more streamline, also on remote expedition sit made transporting tanks easier, as opposed to having double/manifolded tanks, and wearing these as backmount made it harder, if not impossible to pass through restrictions. Sidemount diving is now making it's way into recreational diving, as recreational divers are seign they are more streamlined, have better body posturing, are more relaxed, and can improve their air consumption carrying the tank as a sidemount. Sidemount diving also offers safer diving, and extended times, as recreational divers can easily sling and carry 2 tanks so there is redundancy, without the hassle and effort needed to use back mounted double, and this makes entries/exits to much easier as the tanks can easily be removed and passed in/out of the water.



More options for you...

At Utila Dive Centre our technical team of Instructors wrote a distinctive specialty for our divers who wish to learn to dive sidemount, this is a very unique specialty and currently there are only a handful of dive centres worldwide that have the staff, the outline, and can offer this type of training. We schedule regular 'Discover Sidemount' sessions for our Divemaster and Instructor candidates, and are one of the only PADI centers in the Caribbean that can offer this specialty.

PADI (the worlds largest recreational scuba training agency) released their recreational 'Closed Circuit Rebreather' (CCR) courses, and at Utila Dive Centre we're the only facility in the Honduras and the Caribbean/Central America to offer PADI diver & Instructor level training in these programs. Rebreathers have grown in popularity and use in recent years, as technological advances have brought the costs lower, and as divers wish to extend their limits, they offer safety, and longer times in the water. Rebreathers recycle the air that a diver breathes, so not only does this extend their air supply compared to an open circuit diver who loses air with every exhalation, but rebreather divers have longer no-decompression limits as they breathe a constant enriched mixture of air, and they lose less body heat and moisture with every exhaled breath so stay warmer and hydrated for longer. For photographer and videographers rebreathers are the tools of choice, as they get closer to aquatic life and have more intimate interactions as the bubbles do not disturb the creatures or scare them off. For more information on our rebreather courses please visit our [website section on rebreathers](#).



More options for you...



PADI have long had a semi-closed rebreather course, but now with their recreational and technical versions of a closed circuit rebreather course, will allow more divers to learn about this exciting technology and advanced way of diving. Utila Dive Centre have the only certified rebreather divers and Instructors on staff in Honduras, and during your time with us, you can learn about these exciting technologies and witness rebreather diving in action.

Once a month at Utila Dive Centre we run a 'Discover Tec/Future trends' workshop at the Utila Dive Centre, this is complimentary for all out interns and professionals (limited spaces and liability releases need to be signed and participants need to be in good health), and allows you an introduction to these exciting trends in scuba diving. As you travel and dive locally and worldwide, you'll notice technical, sidemount and rebreather diving growing in popularity, and whether or not these specialised diving activities appeal to you, it is important and extremely valuable that as a PADI Divemaster you understand technical dive planning procedures and supervision, and you never know, this introduction at Utila Dive Centre might just wet your appetite for more!

utila Dive Centre helping your professional career beyond recreational diving, the standard Divemaster course, and into the future!

IAHD Adaptive Dive

Partner/Pro



IAHD-Americas are the world's premier adaptive scuba training & certification agency with the mission to share the magic of scuba diving with individuals with serious physical, mental and emotional disabilities, to allow them to participate in underwater activities. To accomplish this requires competent, well-trained instructors, underwater guides, and capable dive buddies, as well as training programs, standards, guidelines, materials, and member support, and for that reason IAHD Americas have partnered with the Utila Dive Centre, a world renowned PADI Career Development Center to offer specific training to dive professionals who wish to work with disabled divers, and also offer adaptive teaching programs.

The IAHD Dive Partner course is designed to allow certified divers to be certified to fill the key role of a certified support diver for an IAHD-certified adaptive scuba diver and also to be a more aware, empathetic and supportive dive buddy for divers with disabilities. An IAHD Dive Partner is specially trained in how to dive with a disabled diver. Candidates get first hand experience in understanding some of the problems encountered by disabled divers. Candidates learn:

- To be able to relate to some of the common psychological aspects of disabled persons.
- The characteristics of various physical disabilities, and how they relate to scuba diving.
- To recognize and adapt to some of the unique characteristics of mental & emotional disabilities.
- How to overcome some of the problems you may encounter when training physically disabled divers, through simulations and workshops in both confined and open water environments.
- Proven methods for assisting those with sight impairment, hearing impairment, spinal injuries, amputations, and other disabilities.
- How to adapt and modify normal diving equipment to the needs of the disabled diver.
- To anticipate the needs and attitudes of challenged students and to develop a foresight in logistic awareness and considerations.

We can offer this adaptive training for all our Divemasters in just 1 ½ days to build upon their supervisory and responsibilities to now help and work with divers with disabilities. Expand your professional role with the IAHD dive partner/dive pro training.

PADI Approved International Yacht Training (IYT) *Dive Boat Mate Certification*



International Yacht Training Worldwide (IYT WW) in cooperation with the PADI dive training agency is pleased to introduce the new Dive Boat Mate programs - professionally recognized boating qualifications specifically targeted to meet the needs of the diving industry and to develop PADI professionals maritime knowledge and skills including practical boat driving experience. The Dive boat Mate courses were introduced due to demand from the diving industry and cover components relating to health, safety, engineering, legal and competency aspects that are required to safely operate such a boat.

These programs incorporate everything that a diveboat operator would be required to know from the moment the boat left the dock until its safe return to port and are an amazing compliment to our Divemaster course, and the courses, while diveboat specific, contain the necessary knowledge for operators to obtain various certificates of competency (COCs) issued by IYT Worldwide on behalf of the British Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The MCA boating qualifications are the most internationally recognised qualifications in the world and have, over the past ten years become the de facto world standards. N. B. These courses are by no means meant to replace any certification or licensing that may be required (by law) in the various flag state maritime jurisdictions worldwide.

There are currently two levels of certification that we offer at Utila Dive Centre and are Diveboat Mate (and Instructor level) and Diveboat Coxswain, with the DiveBoat mate available for enrollment for candidates on our PADI Divemaster course, or also as a stand alone program. The majority of our candidates qualify to take the IYT Dive boat mate program during the same time as their Divemaster course, although we encourage and highly recommend e-learning prior to arriving on Utila. Candidates will learn a very broad range of maritime and nautical theory and motor skills including driving boats, which serve as a foundation to gain further experience and sea time under the direct supervision of a licensed Captain.

International Yacht Training...



DIVEBOAT MATE

Entry level requirements:

PADI Rescue Diver (or equivalent)

Capabilities:

Crew on board a dive vessel. Captain a dive vessel under the supervision of a Diveboat Coxswain or higher certified captain.

Upon completion of the program, the students are going to receive several certifications:

- VHF radio operator (MCA compliant/recognized)
- Powerboat/RIB Master (MCA compliant/recognized)
- Yacht Deck Crew (MCA compliant/recognized)
- The General Engineering Knowledge (GEK) is not MCA but is STCW compliant. The Second stage of the Engineering (GMEC – General Marine Engineering Competency certificate awarded at the Coxswain level after the practical training record book is completed is the same (not MCA but STCW compliant)
- IYT DiveBoat Mate certification
- PADI DiveBoat Operations Specialist (Distinctive)

International Yacht Training...

Course components:

- 1) General engineering overview
- 2) VHF radio operations
- 3) IYT powerboat coastal skipper/ ICC <10m Power (4-5 sessions of driving boats under direct supervision, including skills circuit)
- 4) Diveboat safety & operations (DOS) PADI approved with topics covering;
 - Dive crew safety & competency
 - Dive & snorkeler safety and competency
 - Organization and risk management procedures in planning dive charters
 - Special equipment for divers required on board
 - Site selection and overview of relationship between surface and underwater conditions
 - Dive site briefings
 - Drift diving/ live pick up considerations
 - Supervision - roles, responsibilities and procedures
 - Diver accounting procedures and safety logs
 - Dive vessel emergency and rescue procedures
 - On-board gas blending management and storage



International Yacht Training...

The IYT/PADI Diveboat Mate is the ideal program for the entry level mariner and Divemaster. This certification allows the holder to crew on board a dive vessel and gain sea time and training as captain under the supervision of a Diveboat Coxswain or higher, and we integrate this training with our PADI Divemaster course and this can be completed during the 4 week program. All candidates complete the IYT DiveBoat mate e-learning prior to starting the course, and receive additional class sessions at Utila Dive Centre and workshops, and during the course practical boat driving exercises are conducted under the direct supervision of our Captains, including mooring/docking. This program is valuable for anyone wishing to work on dive vessels, super yachts, liveaboards and the student who completes this certification will also receive the MCA (British Maritime & Coastguard association) small Powerboat/RIB Master which certifies them to run tenders globally. Please enquire for scheduling and specific costs of approximately \$1400 and take the first step towards a nautical qualification and maybe in the future after building seetime and experience you could qualify as a Coxswain Captain or Master of Yachts, or might just find more employment opportunities.

IYT operates more yachting courses with more Government approvals through more schools, in more countries and in more languages than any other yachting organisation in the world including the RYA. IYT was founded and became MCA recognized 15 years ago in May 1997. IYT is a professional Yachting organisation, run by professional mariners, and IYT Master of Yachts courses have multiple Government approvals, and IYT's Master of Yachts theory and practical courses have been audited and approved for content by a number of Flag State Authorities including the British Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands, the United States Coastguard, Marshall Islands Yacht Registry and several others. IYT is approved by the MCA, the US Coastguard and the Marshall Islands Shipping Registry to issue STCW Basic Training certificates and IYT courses are available in multiple languages and operates in 43 different countries. IYT is authorized by the Irish Dept of Transport to issue International Certificates of Competency (ICC's) to any mariner in the world who qualifies. The demand for IYT Master of Yachts certification on a global scale has resulted in IYT licensed training facilities in Australia, Austria, Belarus, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Dubai, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lebanon, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, St Maarten, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, United States & the United Arab Emirates with other locations opening shortly. IYT Master of Yachts Certificates have become the certificates of choice throughout the world for both the Professional International Yachting Community and the serious recreational yachtsman.

Lifestyle

of a dive pro in Utila



A typical working day in the life of a Divemaster on Utila starts with a 6.30am commute to work, cycling through the narrow streets of this traditional Caribbean island on their way to their dive centre. The journey isn't over yet, as they travel their way to the islands north side by boat in order to guide a group of divers on a wall dive, if lucky they often get to stop and swim with dolphins or Whale sharks on the way. As a Divemaster on Utila you'll never find a job that has so much variety, one day you'll be guiding a group of international backpackers to the delights of the under water world, assisting a PADI Open Water diver course. At other times in your daily duties you'll be leading certified divers through the magical caribbean waters of Utila.

When it comes to lunch time rather than hiding from the rain indoors or rushing to find something suitable to eat in the little time you have, you'll find that in the Caribbean lunch times can be spent for hours in one of the many island cafes, catching up with colleagues on their morning aquatic encounters whilst afternoons may involve hammock time or teaching dive academics in the classroom to aspiring divers. At sunset

Lifestyle of a dive pro in Utila...

enjoy a cold drink from our on-site café/bar and relax on the UDC dock with friends as the sun sets slowly into the sea in spectacular Caribbean style and then after enjoying dinner from the variety of restaurants on the island you can either relax on your own balcony/hammock at home or as darkness sets in so does many of the islands night party venues. The Treetanic Bar, Tranquilla and Bar on the Beach have been known to host some of the best parties in this part of the Caribbean, with warm friendly smiles and great atmosphere.

Of course if it's a quiet night in that you feel you deserve then there's no better place to relax in the evenings than Utila. Most apartments and homes have out door balconies where you can gaze at the stars or look out to an ocean view, including modern amenities to ensure you have the creature comforts that maybe you are accustomed to. On days off from work you can hike the island, take a bike to the off road tracks and end at desert beaches, swim in freshwater caves, kayak through mangrove canals, sail in 3 person 'Hobie Cats' or charter a sailboat to the nearby islands of Roatan, Cayos Cochinos or Glovers Reef, Belize.



Our pledge

...we are professional and fun!



Our Course Directors and IDC Staff Instructors will always be available for consultation during your Divemaster training so if you're still now sure of the location of where you'd like to 'GoPro' ask yourself the following questions?

1. Is my Divemaster course extended beyond 4 weeks training to an unlimited time frame?
2. Is unlimited diving included in my program, with 5 boats departing several times a day from our own on-site dock, to reefs just a few minutes boat ride away?
3. Do I have 2 experienced PADI Course Directors overseeing my Divemaster training?
4. Can I get tuition in other languages, if needed?
5. Will my group size be smaller than that of 4 candidates?
6. Can I assist on PADI courses and dive after my certification is completed for additional experience?
7. Can I dive for free if I return to my Divemaster training facility?
8. Will I have an on-site confined water training area at my availability for additional skill development and extended practice?
9. Is the dive facility I want to be trained in able to offer the complete system of PADI 'continuing education' including Instructor courses and PADI specialty training in Wreck diving, Night diving, Deep diving, Equipment repair, Gas Blending, and also able to offer Beautiful Oceans Marine Ecology program, DAN dive safety classes, IAHD Adaptive Teaching and IYT Dive Boat Mate training and certification?
10. Will I get the opportunity to learn more about marine biology, conservation and be a part of a regular scheduled coral surveying program, affiliated with the a recognized University (Queensland, GBR Australia)?
11. Will I get the opportunity to supervise and learn about supporting technical divers, including training and certification as a 'Tech Support Diver'?, and will I have the opportunity to learn about the latest trends in diving in rebreathers and sidemount diving, including training and certification if I desire?

Our pledge...

12. Are my Instructors able to help me with career advice and are they well connected in the local region and in other dive resorts around the world?
13. Am I confident my Divemaster course will be professional, knowledgeable, interesting, real world and fun?
14. Have PADI recognized my dive facility and Instructors with certificates of excellence and recognition?
15. Has my facility ever been voted No 1 PADI IDC center by PADI Americas and also Sport Diver UK, the official PADI publication?



If you can answer yes to all the above then we hope that you're able to join us in the near future for the beginning of an exciting time and start to your dive career as a PADI professional. Remember it's important that you feel 110% comfortable with the facility and people where you undertake your dive training so we hope this gives you an idea of what we have to offer at Utila Dive Centre. Unfortunately the one thing we cannot give you an idea of is the **great ambience and atmosphere that exists at Utila Dive Centre** and probably one of our biggest assets is intangible, no matter how well equipped our facility is, no building, boats, classrooms, equipments can match the care, attention, service and quality that we put into every PADI Divemaster Program and all the staff at our resort who works so hard to achieve this.

We've even created a **Youtube channel** and **Facebook community** that tries to give you a feel for our facility, and would encourage you to take a look at these if you haven't already, just be aware the videos do not do UDC or Utila justice, so if you enjoy what you see, just wait till you join us!



UTILA DIVE CENTRE

Often Imitated but Never Surpassed

Testimonials

*what our students have
to say about us*



UDC is a thriving dive shop on a tiny and awesome little island. I went there for my Dive Master and left a DM and Tec 50 diver with a wide array of specialties. I couldn't imagine a better location to train with up capacity of five boats going out for different training and diving every day. Want a consistent three dives to different dive sites daily? You're set with UDC, since they send boats to the north side for incredible diving nearly every day. I have to say, I was initially hesitant to do the PADI tec training, but once I saw CJ, Jhair, G, and Griff out diving and training, they quickly earned my confidence. CJ, the Tec Instructor, is conservative/safe, thorough, and a true natural educator with some serious diving skills.

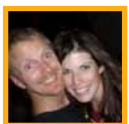
In addition to the professional training and high quality diving, the community that is formed around the shop is perfect for anyone and accepts all. I had too much fun every day, from the Pub Quiz with Christina, BBQ with Dec, or just going to Foo King Wok with a diverse group of friends from around the world. Have no worries about approaching any of the Instructors or Staff at UDC, you will be welcomed with open arms and a frosty brew.

Thanks everyone at UDC for the incredible two month training and vacation, I couldn't imagine a better overall experience.



Dylan Arnold (USA)
May - June 2014
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I recently spent almost a month on Utila getting my Divemaster cert. Having dived all over the world, I can say that Utila Dive Centre are one of the best outfits I have ever dived with. The staff are very professional and run great courses, but they are also some of the nicest and fun people you'll ever come across. The dive gear and equipment is pretty new and really well maintained by on site staff. They have a number of boats - all run by great captains - and they vary the sites a lot. I hope to get back to do my instructor course in the near future. All around a really special experience and I would highly recommend it.



Leeanne Marshall (Australia)
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Testimonials...

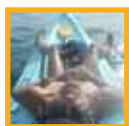
I cannot rate Utila Dive Centre highly enough! The centre combines professionalism, fun factor and extreme friendliness, and I would recommend everyone to come to Utila Dive Centre either to start off your PADI adventure, continue your PADI qualifications or just to experience diving on some of the most beautiful reefs in the world, getting up close and personal with all marine life ranging from sting rays and barracudas to reef sharks and whale sharks!!

The instructors instantly make you feel at home, the strong family feeling around the centre is a perfect choice for first time divers wanting to start their PADI Open Water Course, especially if you feel nervous about the ocean as they are all eager to help you enjoy your experience.

I completed both my Rescue and Divemaster certification over a three month period this summer and it was the best, most fun and rewarding experience, where I have made friends for life. Sadly I had to return home, but I will back to complete my Instructor's Course next year.

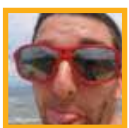
Utila Dive Centre did not skip any corners and did everything by PADI standards, but at the same time there was a relaxed feeling and I was able to complete my Divemaster in my own time, which allowed me to fun dive as much as possible. Another added bonus for me was that they offer free fun dives for life when you complete your Divemaster course with them... something every diver wants!!

I can't wait to return to Utila Dive Centre next year. Just be warned of the infamous saying: "If you come to Utila, you will never ever leave"-you will not want to go back home!!



Chloe Tredgett (UK)
Divemaster July-September 2013
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I did my rescue, dive master and instructor course at udc. i've visited a lot of different dive centers in my life, and udc is by far the most professional one i know. just the fact that they have a dive boat just for fun divers shows, how they really try to correspond to every ones wishes. The instructors and all the staff are really good and also fun to have a beer with. It doesn't matter if you want to do a beginner course or if you want to become a professional diver, Utila Dive Center is definitely a shop you should consider. I really recommend it!



Pascal Coudret (Switzerland)
July 2013
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Testimonials...

I'm not sure where to start but all i can say is both times I've been there I've felt like family and come back home with a greater passion and knowledge about diving. My first visit was in June 2012 when i did my IDC. my first few hours there on Utila i met Andy one of the Best Course Directors ever! he quickly introduced me to Jhair, where to start with Jhair?!?!?! this guy is amazing i may even name my kid after him :). Jhair made me feel right at home and took me under his wing from day 1, theory was my biggest fear mainly the physics part, Jhair solved all of this with a simple game of tic tac toe (u need to go there yourself and ask Jhair to teach you physics) the IDC went wonderful and along the way i made amazing long life friends and became an instructor because of udc.

My second trip was April 2013 to do my MSDT, i was a bit disappointed when i arrived and learnt that Jhair wasn't there but he was in Malaysia becoming a course director (there's nothing this guy can't do) Caught up with Andy who had to leave the island as well. Regardless of my previous mentors and role models not being there i have to say my MSDT was amazing as i met 2 more persons I'd like to follow someday, Mary and Suzy were nothing short of outstanding teachers and mentors, they treated us like family first, students second and customers last. wreck diving, nitrox, well needed O2 provider ;) and my favorite of all i became the youngest and only side mount instructor on my island thanks to Mary's great mentoring and knowledge she shared with us. On this second time around i made another set of lifelong friends and shared great times. UDC is a great place for diving instructions, I'll definitely be back :) Thanks to the Entire UDC Staff and Crew, you guys are the best!!!



Ian Olivia (Belize)
April 2013

My three months spent with UDC in the fall of 2012 were without a doubt the most amazing 97 days of my life. Every single instructor there is amazing. Sarah may be the nicest person earth (Miss You!). I went from a open water diver to an OWSI with specialty instructor ratings in Nitrox and wreck diving, equipment and gas blending and it has change the course of my life. I now eagerly await graduating college so I can go work as a diver instead of jumping into the "real world." There are many dive centers on Utila. If you want to join a community of the smartest dive instructors, most prepared divemasters, and brilliant first time divers chose Utila Dive Center. Oh yeah, and they know how to have a good time too.



Hallie Green (USA)
Divemaster December 2012
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Testimonials...

I just wanted to thank you and the rest of the staff for the experience I had UDC Everything was so organized and thorough and the staff are so knowledgeable. Maya, my mentor, and the other instructors were fantastic! They were wonderful at scheduling me for the skills I needed to complete during my stay. I was even able to get in one fun dive on my last day of diving. It was perfect! It was such a great experience that I'm strongly considering changing my summer travel plans so I can do the IDC at UDC in July. Thanks again!



Chrissy Cappellano
Divemaster December 2012
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Andy! Never got to say goodbye. Thanks again for everything. Had soooo much fun and can't believe the summer went by so fast. Missing the shop and everyone, missing the passion for diving and look on someones face when they step off the boat after an underwater adventure. Tell Juice and Alan we saw maybe 60'ish lionfish on a dive in Placencia at the Silky's, send help! We're up in Caye Caulker now, dived this morning with 15 or more nurse sharks, eagle and sting rays, green turtles, the diving here is sweet, but the company's not the same. Keep in touch. Love you guys.



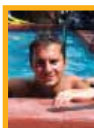
Chris Cadogan
Divemaster June/July 2012
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Going through the Divemaster training at UDC was an experience of a lifetime. UDC strikes the perfect balance by offering instruction at the highest professional level in a lively and fun environment. I would strongly recommend this facility to anyone wishing to gain a professional certification while having an excellent time and meeting people from all over the world.



Elena Shishkova
Divemaster February 2011
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First of all I want to say thanks again for everything, I really had an unforgettable experience in Utila, and mostly because of UDC. Everything was done in a perfect and a professional way from the first e-mail that I sent you when I was still considering to which dive center should I go, and your immediate response did make that change, to the first step I took on the island when a representative from UDC was waiting there to take me to the Mango Inn and up until the last second I spent on the island. I want to say special thanks to Maya which really did above and beyond and was there always to assist. I believe that you probably know she is a great asset for UDC but I just wanted to mention it again and say thanks one more time.



Tal Kreisler
Divemaster April 2011
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Reservation

details



Whilst we can normally always 'walk-in's' we strongly encourage that you make a reservation in order to begin your professional dive training with us. In order to maintain the high quality of Instruction on our courses we do have limited group sizes and by booking in advance you can be ensured that we will have study materials ready for when you arrive on Utila and can accommodate you at our hotel upon your initial arrival to the island.

In order to confirm your reservation we just require a small deposit of \$416 per person, this can be done by e-mailing gopro@utiladivecenter.com and we will send you a Paypal link. Alternatively a wire transfer (\$25 transaction charge) or cash deposit can be made into either our US or UK accounts, please see below for details:

USA ACCOUNT

Account holder: Henry M. Spurgin
Checking account #: 3250 2188 1734
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UK ACCOUNT

Lloyds/TSB Account details
Account name: Mr A T Philips
Sort code: 77 27 09
Account number: 42670068
Swift code: LOYD GB 2L
Address: Southgate Stret,
Gloucester, Gloucestershire

Once you have initiated your deposit please send an e-mail or contact us at Utila Dive Centre so that we can confirm receipt, book your place on the course and reserve materials and make the reservation in our hotel if needed.