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Member Recognition

Every day - from around the world - divers send PADI a steady stream of correspondence complimenting PADI Dive Centers and Resorts for outstanding customer service and commending PADI Divemasters and Instructors for their professionalism and leadership abilities.

Each month, the PADI Member Recognition Committee reviews the submissions and selects a PADI Professional Member to be recognized on the home page of the PADI Site.



This month PADI congratulates
PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer

Jeffery Beckers

Indian Valley Scuba

Harleysville, Pennsylvania

PADI Diver Education Leader of the Month

July 2015

Nominated by: PADI Diver Erin Bryant

I would like to recognize my PADI Open Water instructor, Mr. Jeffery Beckers, for his exemplary teaching skills, as well as his infectious enthusiasm for the sport of scuba diving.

My decision to enroll in the PADI Open Water class stemmed from an upcoming trip to Hawaii. My husband has been certified for over ten years, and I thought it would be an activity we could share once or twice a year on vacation.

I was lucky enough to get Jeffery as my instructor. From day one, his enthusiasm for the sport was almost tangible. He shared stories of the amazing experiences he has had, and all with little tidbits of wisdom and lessons he had learned along the way.

Each week my enthusiasm grew. I watched the DVD, studied the books and dive tables, hung on Jeffery's every word in the classroom and the pool...and then came my checkout dives (less than a week before my trip).

First of all, it was the 3rd weekend in April, in Pennsylvania. The water was cold and I quickly became aware that actual diving was very different than being 6 feet under water in a YMCA swimming pool. Jeffery went out of his way to make me as prepared and comfortable for those dives as possible.

I am the type of student that likes to be good at things immediately, and get easily frustrated and discouraged when they don't. Jeffery was very patient and encouraging every step of the way. There was one particular skill that I had mastered in the pool, but struggled with in the 45 degree water. "Erin, I know you can do it," he said with complete confidence. "What I want, is for you to see you can do it."

His belief in me reinvigorated my spirit, and I continued on.

With exhilaration I passed that weekend and headed off for Hawaii. I had the most amazing vacation and all my favorite parts were centered around diving. I could not wait to thank Jeffery for making that trip possible. After every dive, I found myself saying things like "I cannot wait to tell Jeff about that," or, "my instructor would be so proud of me for doing that or remembering that!"

Jeffery not only molds his students into confident and well prepared divers, but he really puts a lot of effort into making scuba fun. It is clear that he wants all his students to share in his passion and enjoyment for this sport. I want to thank Jeffery for a truly life changing experience, one I may have given up on if it were not for him.

PADI congratulates Jeffery Beckers, along with all of the July 2015 winners and Honorable Mentions, with gratitude for their professionalism and dedication to diver training and customer satisfaction.