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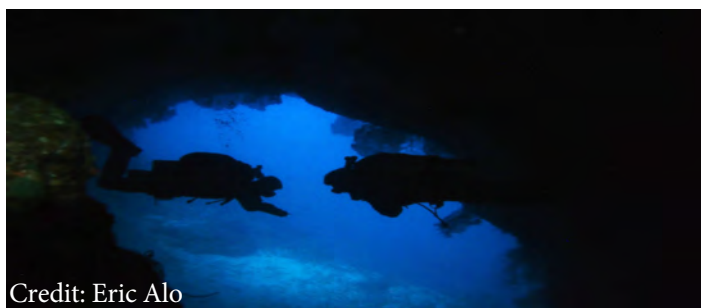
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Credit: Eric Alo

Members Photo Library

Thank you to all of the members for the photos that they have been sending. It is great to see what NAUI is doing worldwide.

Photos from the NAUI members library are featured in NAUI Sources, social media posts, marketing pieces and other NAUI promotions.

The NEXT Contest is to send in your best photo showing NAUI members diving. Go to <https://photonlibrary.naui.org/> and upload a photo. Be sure to give us a brief description of the photo, what is happening in it and the names of those in the photo. We will announce the winner in the next NAUI Sources. The prize will be an Advanced Diver NES Kit.



Winner of the Sources Photo Contest!

Congratulations to Ken Head for the submission of this photo to the NAUI Photo Library. You will be sent a code of Advanced Diver NES Kit as a thank you for your submission.



Photo Provided By: Kenneth Head #57145

“Chris Long on his final Deco Stop to complete his Trimix 1 Certification on the USS Oriskany”

NAUI's International Think Tanks: Starting Soon!

by Bill Doran

It is not too late to sign up for one of these events. In September I will start to host workshops for each of the three International NAUI Think Tanks.

The goal of these workshops is to develop marketing resources that truly meet our mandate of being NAUI Worldwide. By having people from each of our service centers around the world assist in the development of resources we will be able to meet both of our global and regional needs.

The think tanks will be divided into three categories. One for Independent Instructors, one for Professional Educators (such as teachers at Colleges and Universities), and one for Stores, Charters and Resorts. With these three groups we can really focus on member needs. The reason behind the three different groups is because each group type faces a different set of challenges, and it would be easiest for people who face the same marketing issues, to help come up with solutions and opportunities.

These workshops will be an open forum for positive discussion, allowing everyone in that group to share their thoughts and ideas for their category and region. In turn we all will be able to use other people's thoughts and ideas to help better our own plans and strategies. Each of these groups will be meeting once quarterly (once every 3 months virtually to have these discussions. Between each session I will be able to focus on different area needs. My goal is to have two people for each region within each group.

If you have any interest in joining a NAUI Think Tank, please email bdoran@nau.org with your name, which group you wish to be a part of and which region you are from. Then I will put you on a list and send out the date of the Zoom meeting as well as pass on further details.

The dates for the first three different NAUI Think Tanks are:

September 2nd, 2021- Stores

September 9th, 2021- Independents

September 16th, 2021- Professional Educators

Yours in fun, safe diving, Bill Doran.

Marketing Director NAUI Worldwide.



Credit: Sam Shaw Horng Ho

From Zero to Sixty in a Matter of Minutes: The Pool Experience

Please note that references made in this story are made to depths that are beyond recreational limits. Always make sure that you are diving in situations that are related to your training.

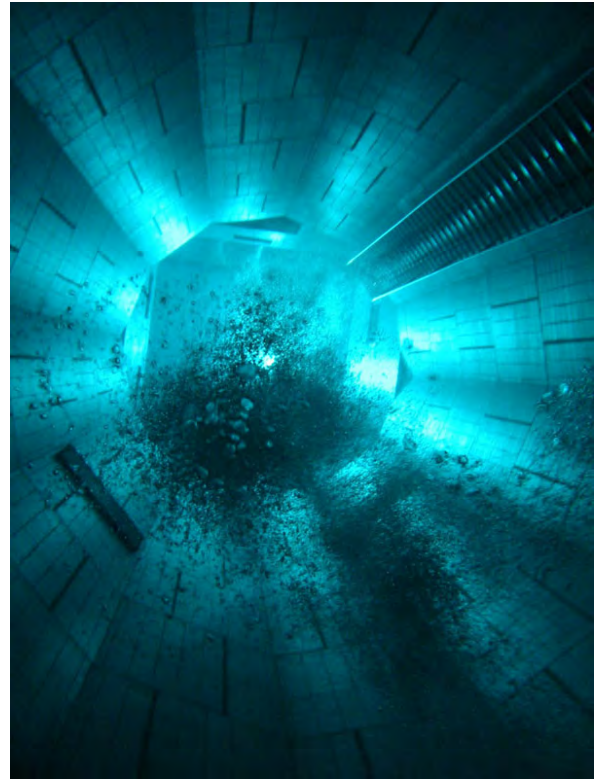
Looking for a different type of dive? Here are four worldwide “deepest pools” for your enjoyment!

NEMO 33 – Brussels, Belgium

A pool that originated the trend of designing the “world’s deepest pool”, NEMO 33 takes its name for two reasons: the depth of the pool is 33 metres/111 feet and the temperature is regulated at 33 degrees Celsius/91 degrees Fahrenheit! The pool, like others you will hear about in this article, is a haven for free divers and for scuba divers alike. Features include leveled surfaces at 5 metres, 10 metres and a diving well that goes down to 33 metres.

I’ve personally visited three times and a great highlight was not only exploring the space but being able to watch video underwater while others were enjoying the projected footage on “dry land” in NEMO 33’s in-house restaurant. In the times that I’ve been there, traditionally movies have played, but I took particular delight in being able to watch the Olympic marathon while sitting underwater!

How to get there: Flights are plentiful in and out of Brussels airport or you may choose to take a train into one of Brussels’ three train stations. From there NEMO 33 is easily accessible by public transit.



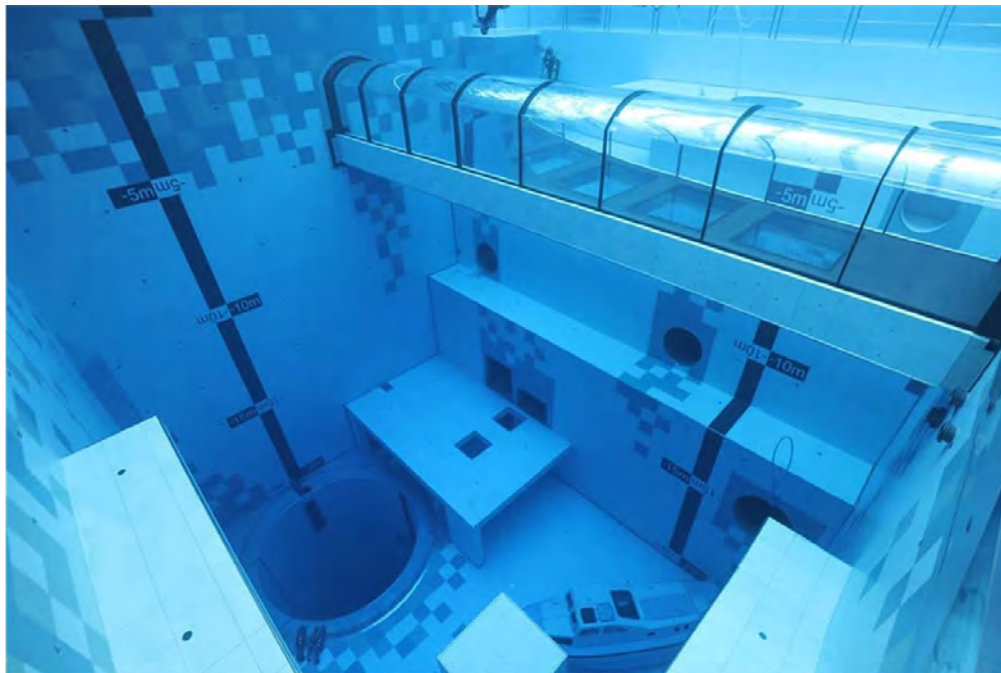
Y-40 THE DEEP JOY – Montegrotto Terme, Italy

Y-40 – located about an hour outside of Venice – opened in 2014 and replaced NEMO 33 as the world’s deepest pool. Y-40 has various attractions including an “underwater cave system”, a tunnel that keeps onlookers dry and allows for great photo opportunities if you’re diving or not, and the prestige of having its depth measured by champion Italian free diver Umberto Pelizzari.

How to get there: The nearest international airport to Y-40 is in Venice, Italy; then it is about an hour’s train ride to the village where Y-40 is located.



From Zero to Sixty in a Matter of Minutes



DEEPSPOT - Mszczonów, Poland

Fast forward to December 2020 and a new kid was in town. Deepspot opened in Mszczonów, Poland just outside of Warsaw. Its depth is 45 metres (and 47 centimetres!) and states on its official website that it is the “only dive site in Poland without a thermocline!”. Bottom features include a wreck and a wonderful constructed face that evokes memories of a Mayan ruin of days gone by.

How to get there: Flights can be arranged from your departure point to Warsaw and then travel 50 kilometres southwest to Deepspot.

DEEP DIVE DUBAI – Dubai, UAE

Leapfrogging to a staggering 60 metres of depth, Deep Dive Dubai has held the title of “world’s deepest pool” for roughly two months at the time of this writing. While it is slowly rolling its doors open for public access (having opened in late July 2021), images that have surfaced online show an underwater city that features a games room with a foosball table and arcade machines but also the knowledge that it houses its own hyperbaric chamber in case of emergency.

How to get there: Grab yourself a flight to Dubai and grab a taxi to travel the 20 kilometres to the site.



IN SUMMARY

As you can see, the idea of a “superpool” has very much come to be in the last twenty years. They will continue to sprout up – and hopefully on other continents as well!

Images courtesy of:

Nemo 33 – nemo33.com, Y-40 – express.co.uk,

Deepspot - [@deepspotpoland](https://www.instagram.com/deepspotpoland) on Instagram, Deep Dive Dubai-deepdivedubai.com

NAUI Flagship Travels Around the World: A story that continues! (Part 3)

Captain's log 05/08/2021: From “blocked” boat captain to certified NAUI diver!

On this day, we entered the bay of Playa Flamingo, being a bay on the southern part of the island of Lanzarote, which is part of the Canary Islands.

The bay is well protected from the ever blowing northern winds and thus the formed ocean swell. Our plan is to stay here a few days and scuba dive on the pristine reefs here, formed by a natural phenomena, hundreds of years of volcanic activity. The complete island is formed by volcanic activity and has a landscape that seems to come from another world: dry, rocky and barely any natural life on it.



Below the surface? A completely different image! An abundance of fish in many varieties, colorful and plenty of each kind, with an extra attention that goes out to the eagle rays and the unique inhabitant, the Angel-shark. As we set out on the second day with our dive-dinghy “Bubble”, being a 3m40 RIB with a strong 25hp Mercury outboard (this combination can easily transport 6 divers+equipment), we detected another sailing boat; more specifically, a catamaran in trouble!

We changed our course towards the boat (as we were on our way to dive) and approached the catamaran. They welcomed our help and explained that they were 'stuck' on the reef with their anchor and could not lift it anymore! So, a quick look under the surface told us that they had actually dropped their anchor straight in the middle of a hole in the volcanic bottom. Without help from below, there was NO way to get their anchor back out of the hole! So, making a plan for the safety of the divers, we explained to them what to do and put our dive gear on!



Once descended to the bottom, the boat captain started to move the boat into the correct position, as earlier discussed and we then could set the anchor free, giving the boat the opportunity to lift the anchor back up!

As we surfaced, only smiling faces welcomed us back and the captain asked us where we came from. We told him we came from Belgium, it turns out that he was from The Netherlands, the country bordering Belgium and yes, we do speak the same language. He promised to find us back on our boat later that day to get more acquainted!

And so, after a double dip that morning, one for the anchor and one on a reef worth mentioning later, we met Pieter and his wife Nienke later that day!

With a nice bottle of local volcanic wine (yes, pretty unique is the wine from Lanzarote as it is grown on top of the volcanoes, he thanked us for the quick help in setting them free!

Pieter was amazed by the possibilities of scuba diving and as they were about to embark on a world trip with their sailboat as well, the question soon came up: why couldn't he learn to scuba dive himself?

As we spoke the same language, he asked how and what about an Open Water Diver Course and within 30 minutes, we had set a training plan for the next few days for him to get NAUI certified!

The next 5 days went without any difficulties in training Pieter! During the multiple training dives, we combined NAUI training with exploring the volcanic reefs and even returned to the same reef mentioned earlier!



Thousands of fish in 4-layer schools, combined with hunting barracudas gave me the possibility to show Pieter the complete chapter of marine biology from the Open Water course in reality! A passing eagle ray, and a hunting octopus topped of the menu of fish and sea life! The days passed without noticing time and soon, certification was reached, logbooks filled with memories and dive-data. A new, very enthusiastic diver was certified! Ready for lots more diving to come!

As SY Blowing Bubbles needed to leave to discover new reefs on another island, Gran Canaria, scuba divers never say “Goodbye” but set new plans to meet and dive again! Somewhere on our blue planet more adventure will await him, and us as well!

The stories continue and we will print regular updates from this ocean voyage, touching many parts of our blue planet; a voyage that will take over 10 years! The nicest part of the story is that you can read about it in our Sources magazine BUT you can also join the SY Blowing Bubbles on-board and become part of the story! If you have long term goals to accomplish, why don't you send us an email and maybe we know just the spot and the moment to be on-board SY Blowing Bubbles to serve you some more bubbles!

Email: info@blowingbubbles.eu

Join Us for the Next NAUI Talk

Every two weeks the NAUI Marketing department runs the NAUI Talk webinar series with guest presenters, speakers, and discussions. Each topic is an opportunity for NAUI members around the world to build and succeed in their businesses. Sessions range from 30-60 minutes; time well spent!

The next session will be on Tuesday September 7th at 2 pm EST where we will feature “How to write an Article – a format that works to help you be an expert in your region!” We will look at a format that you help you to promote your area while establishing you as the regional expert. This is a valuable strategy for NAUI members. The invitations will go out, but why wait? Use the link below and sign up now! Feel free to pass this link to your fellow divers!

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-g4TsXadTH-WsjuxdRM_Ww



Upcoming Talks:

September 7th: How to write an article: A format that works to help you be an expert in your region!

September 21st: Plan your next season for success!

Check out previous sessions of NAUI Talk by going to NAUI TV -

Click here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NAUITV>



NAUI Instruction is for Life!

At the end of 2019 I found myself in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, a thousand miles from any land, crossing the ocean as part of an experimental archaeological expedition called “Phoenicians Before Columbus”. We were an international crew of 11 who sailed from Tunisia, in the North of Africa, attempting to cross the Atlantic Ocean aboard a replica of a 600 BC Phoenician Ship, built in Syria in 2008. That was the same ship we used on another project, when we successfully circumnavigated the African continent, from 2008 to 2010 - also an experimental archaeological expedition.



Photo Credit: Michael Ward

On that particular day, in the middle of the Atlantic expedition, I woke to my morning ship’s watch, from 8 to 12 AM, to learn that one of our rudders had caught something during the night. Most ancient ships, including Phoenician ones, were stirred by two outboard rudders, one on each side of the vessel. The port rudder was dragging a long-abandoned fishing net, all entangled in a thick nylon cord and many layers of net that became a real sea life destroyer.

We would have to repair that situation without really stopping the ship, because even if we were to let our ancient square sail down, the strong sea currents and winds would continue to propel us forward. So, any dive in the middle of the ocean from a vessel like this is a dangerous one, and of course, the most experienced crew member had to do it, and, luckily, we had a NAUI instructor aboard...

When I decided to become a diving instructor, back in 1990, I chose what I thought was the best agency around the world. I was living in the UK at the time and had the plan to open a diving operation for foreigners in Japan, trying to get in touch with part of my ancestry. I was born in Brazil, but my parent’s families are half Japanese and half a mix of Italian, Lebanese, Native, like many people in the Americas.

I had worked with scuba diving in Brazil; not instructing, but organizing diving courses in my hometown, when I was 16 years old, and enjoyed it very much. Ten years later, when I decided to become a diving professional for real, I researched the different options and NAUI was a no-brainer. I liked the special attention to safety in NAUI’s DNA and the fact that the teaching system allowed me to adapt my classes to the special environment I would face, teaching foreigners in Japan.



Photo Provided By: Eric Alo

In 1991 I graduated at Hall's Diving Center in the Florida Keys, and after that my wife Vera, a NAUI Divemaster herself, and I opened and managed the operation in Japan and other locations like the Philippines for 4 years. Not easy being a stranger in a strange land, especially opening a business to teach people how to explore the fascinating underwater world, but as a NAUI member I could count on NAUI Japan to give us some initial help with establishing our company there.

We spent four wonderful years teaching scuba diving and exploring dive sites beside ancient temples and buildings, on volcanic islands, on the tropical beaches, and even on the mysterious ancient underwater ruins of Yonaguni. Japan is an amazing place to visit with lots of unique dive sites around the islands, and we highly recommend that visitors balance the time underwater with time on land exploring the culture.

The reason we decided to have a diving operation in the first place is because we always loved the sea, and after those years in the Land of the Rising Sun, with many amazing experiences, we decided to get even closer to the oceans, so we moved to live aboard a sailboat.

For that we returned to the USA, to California this time, where we bought our first home, a floating home, that is, an ocean sailboat. From this time on I didn't teach scuba diving anymore, but the skills we learned from NAUI allowed me to work on different fronts, living adventures in the water.

A live-aboard is really challenging sometimes, not only during long ocean crossings, when you work all the time to make sure the boat is performing as best as she can until you reach a safe harbor, but also when you are in port doing maintenance on your boat that serves as home and means of transportation.

Back in our days of diving operators we started filming underwater; first our students and then our excursions to different diving destinations, and that was the beginning of our professional life as TV and movie producers. Since then, we dedicated our time to developing and producing stories about nature and adventure and shooting underwater whenever we manage to include water in the story.

The skills I learned all those years ago, not only the ability to perform underwater, but also of leadership, sales, navigation, and much more, are still in use on each project we develop and execute, such as movies and TV or streaming series.

Some are about expeditions across oceans aboard boats of all sizes and periods, such as the 1800s sailboat I designed and built for the first IMAX movie produced in Brazil, in 2017, the Amazon Adventure 3D; or the replica of a Phoenician Ship from 600 BC that we used to circumnavigate the African continent from 2008 to 2010, and again across the Atlantic Ocean from 2019 to 2020; or our ongoing series Profundo Scuba Diving, now under development for the 4th season for Brazilian Paid TV.



Photo Provided By: Eric Alo

As a NAUI instructor's life is never boring because we don't stand still too long in the same spot, we are now developing another water adventure, the Amazon River Ice to Sea Expedition. We'll soon travel the entire length of the longest and most powerful river on the planet aboard a solar and pedal-powered boat built with natural fibers and bioresin. This four-thousand-mile journey has the support of UNEP Clean Seas Campaign, and just like we did on the Phoenicians Before Columbus Expedition, we'll be collecting water samples to measure the plastic pollution along the way.

I told all that to affirm that even if I don't instruct anymore, I can say that I still use what I learned from NAUI instruction in my personal and professional life in so many different ways, especially the ethics that were imprinted so strongly during my time I was trying to become a NAUI instructor.

Announcements / News

Check out what NAUI Members are doing and let us list your events on the NAUI Sources Site. These can be courses, Environmental Clean Ups, or more. Simply email your event information to marketing@nauai.org and help us keep NAUI divers informed.

<https://sources.nauai.org/category/news/>



Credit: Gary Sun Shao Wu



Credit: Carolyn Wagner

Promote your events!

Take a look at upcoming courses, environmental clean ups, special events and more.

Don't forget to tell us about your events so that we can list them too. Simply email your event information to marketing@nauai.org and help us keep NAUI divers informed.

<https://www.nauai.org/events/>



SCUBA Industry Careers – Check the NAUI jobs!

Looking for a career change? Are you looking for a NAUI Dive Professional? This is the place to go.

Posting career opportunities is simple. All you need to do is to email the job title, description, location and who interested members should contact to marketing@nauai.org and we will get the message out to NAUI members.

<https://www.nauai.org/careers/>



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**That's All for this Week,
But...**

**For NAUI Sources to
Continue to Provide an
Amazing Newsletter, We
Need Help from You!**

**Send in your Articles, Photos, Events,
and Anything Else that you want to
share with the rest of the NAUI
Community!**

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Thank you!

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