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Editorial Review

Review

There is quite simply nothing like this book: the ultimate backstage pass into the business of scuba.

Jill Heinerth, Technical Instructor Trainer & Filmmaker

Terrific, really good! Simon captures the key characteristics of the diving instruction milieu with insight and clarity.

Associate Professor Simon Mitchell, ? Diving Physician

The closest thing we have to an insiders guide to the dive industry.

Peter Symes Publisher X-Ray Magazine

I wish this book had been available 20 years ago!

Tamara Thomsen, Owner Diversions Scuba, Madison

From the Author

Scuba Professional is mainly for three groups of people. First it is for folk I would call serious divers: people for whom scuba diving is a large part of their life. They are interested in far more than simply going underwater: they are also curious to know how the world of scuba diving works.

Scuba Professional is also for anyone thinking of making a career in the sport. Working in scuba diving can be highly rewarding but it takes much dedication and a certain amount of political nous to make a success of it. Many people come into the sport professionally with their eyes half-closed and it takes them a while before they realise what they have got themselves into. **Scuba Professional** aims to give potential recruits a clear idea of what is involved and help them make the right decisions.

This book is, of course, also written for current professionals. There are very few resources out there that dive centre managers and instructors can consult on matters relating to teaching scuba diving or running dive operations. Most of the material available is training agency - sponsored so it is primarily sales driven and designed to reinforce an agency's particular way of doing things. **Scuba Professional** is different. It raises important issues that affect dive professionals everywhere and discusses them with common sense, straight talking and no hidden agenda.

From the Inside Flap

"The dive industry can be thought of as a messy meritocracy, where a wide range of quite different skills are required and put to use - frequently in all sorts of unlikely combinations - and where entrepreneurship, improvisation and tenacity are often key for any long-term tenure.

By dissecting and laying out the inner workings of this seething and ever changing marketplace, Simon Pridmore has managed to put no small measure of meaning to the madness, pointing out viable niches, going over success stories and mapping out possible pathways through the chaos, some of which have already been trodden by first venturers. He points out footsteps that can be followed, cites case histories to use for inspiration and shares hard-learned mistakes to take to heart.

As such, "Scuba Professional" is the closest thing we have to an 'insiders guide to the dive industry.' It

should be perused by anyone who has aspirations for a career in diving and is seeking guidance. Or it can just be read as an entertaining behind-the-scenes documentary highlighting many of the diverse, multi-faceted and colourful aspects of the dive industry and its captivating personalities with their often intriguing and twisty career paths. There is never a dull moment in this industry and you won't have one reading this book either. "

Extract from the foreword to Scuba Professional by Peter Symes - Editor-in-chief and publisher (X-Ray International Magazine & AquaScope Media)

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