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President's Log

I have a big concern every time I go out on a dive boat. That is trying to figure out the correct amount to tip the crew.

Part of the enjoyment of diving lies in the travelling to far off lands, new waters to dive, and get in touch with other cultures. The problem is that other cultures see tipping in different ways. Then you have to deal with the local culture of different operators on the same island. Oh, don't forget to factor in if they haul your gear for you, or set up your unit, or if they let you set it up yourself, whether the DM guides the dive or stays on the boat, etc.

I always try to be fair and realize that, it is possible that the person may be working for tips only. I found this out, first hand, this winter. We were diving with a shop where the busiest time of the year is the winter holidays. They call in all the troops for two weeks. They even called Erwan in to work the shop and guide some snorkel trips. Erwan thought this was a dream job and was more than willing to work for tips. It was a great working experience for him as he got to work with people, use his multi-lingual skills, was able to share his love for the sea and his knowledge of the local aquatic life, AND earn a few bucks.

In three days he had many great experiences and came home with good money,,, but not always. One day, he found out about the other side of the working world. His group that day consisted of just one high maintenance family. (No, it wasn't Valerie and me.) He even got to tow the three hundred pound dad several hundred yards back to the boat. At the end of the day, the family praised and thanked him for several minutes and said their goodbyes, leaving Erwan stiffed for the day. Hey, if the crew goes out of their way for you, please remember them at the end of the day.

Brad

Erwan's What's it?



This month we are introducing a new feature in the PDC Newsletter. It is called "Erwan's What's it?"

Each month (or some months) Erwan will submit a photo for you to identify. Try to come to the following club meeting with your guess and you will find out if you were right.

We will also post the photo's identification in the following month's newsletter.

Remember, though Erwan has only been diving for a few years, his shots could be from many different or exotic locations.

Valérie Lent

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by Valerie Lent

Female Divers News

Among the Women Divers Hall of fame Class of 2011, is local/French Céline Cousteau, daughter of Jean-Michel, grand-daughter of Jacques-Yves. You can look her up at her website

<http://www.celinecousteau.com/> although the site looks like that of a hip fashion star. If this is what it takes to get some people interested in our oceans, it is not a problem. We need advocates that appeal to a wide spectrum of audiences.

Submitted by Valérie

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