

GERRY FISCHER

Part 3

On the day we were to certify, we had been meeting for eight weeks, either in a classroom setting or in the water. We were heading to West Palm Beach where the Gulf Stream comes closest to the mainland. We were to do a deep dive and then one shallower drift dive. On a drift the captain drops everyone in the water and then the boat takes off to where the current carries the divers and picks them up. Only three out of the original eight people showed to take the test. Me, age 40, and two young people, a man and woman, both in their early 20s.

Captain Paul owned the charter boat, and took us to the dive site. There an experienced diver took the yellow anchor rope with a grappling hook on its end, and tied the boat to a rock. The depth there varies with the tides, but is always over 100 feet deep. The rope anchored the boat and we descended

climbing head first down the rope, which had knots in it every two feet or so, for hand holds. Lucky said "Check your air and make sure it's right." I checked my gauge and it said 2,000. That is what we always had in practice, but the last meeting, the only one I missed, Troy or Lucky announced that we would be using aluminum tanks with 3,000. I saw my tank had 2,000, and that was constant all the time till now. I said I was okay, when in reality I had 1/3rd less air than needed.

We got to the rock, all five of us, Troy, Lucky, me and the couple. We played around, and even tickled a lobster. After about 20 minutes my air was coming very hard, like the airline was stopped up. Suddenly I had no air! I kicked over to Lucky, and gave the hand across the throat signal for out of air. Lucky, thinking I had the wrong signal, thumped his chest, the short-on-air signal, and looked inquiringly at me. I shook my head no and gave the cut throat signal, and his eyes got bigger than mine. He later told

Exciting times underwater

me my eyes were as big as saucers. Without a moment's thought, he handed me his octopus and we both kicked over to Troy and gave the diver up signal, a thumbs up. Me and Lucky, ascended to the boat. When I got to a depth of 30 feet or so my air began working. As I ascended, my tank pressure decreased enough to allow the increased air, to activate both regulator stages. When we got back on board, we had to sit out for a period to purge the nitrogen, and then we made the second dive.

That dive was to about sixty feet, and it was like being in a fairy tale. The beauty literally took your

breath away. Not a good thing considering where we were. I didn't see the young couple, but when I got back to the boat the second time, I was unhappy. I thought I failed my certification, but happiness returned instantly. Troy asked me how much air was in my tank and told him 2,000. He said it was supposed to be 3,000. The dive shop short filled my tank. I asked him when I could take another certification dive, and he asked, "Why? You passed your certification."

"How?" I asked, "I ran out of air."

Troy told me that the tank fill should have been

double checked, and it wasn't. He also told me that I was in an emergency situation, but used the proper hand signals, didn't panic, and came back alive. Any dive you come back from is a successful dive. The young couple became afraid on the deep dive and did not make the second. Of the eight people with whom we began, I was the only one certified, but in my eyes, I failed.



Gerry Fischer is the proud husband of Fran, father of two, retired teacher, author, and storyteller. Fran and Gerry have resided in Meade County for more than 20 years.

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