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**BLUE SEASON BALI NEWSLETTER** BRINGING YOU ALL THE BEST DIVE ACTION AND NEWS FROM BALI

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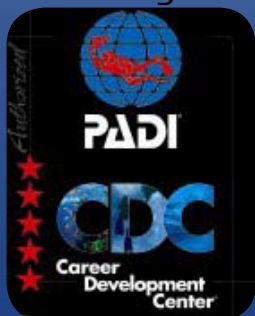
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## Blue Season Bali Becomes a CDC!

Blue Season Bali is very proud to announce that as of August 2009, it is now a Career Development Centre. PADI has awarded the CDC title to BSB in honour of our Instructor Development Training commitment to excellence; this makes Blue Season Bali one of only fifty centers in the world to receive this accolade. The Blue Season Bali management would like to thank all of the staff for the hard work that made it possible!



We cannot think of a better way to start our newsletter than to congratulate Moira, Ramon, Jason, Artur, Bill, Naoki, Yuko, Yoshi, David and Nadine on becoming PADI Scuba Diving Instructors. The July IDC was a global affair with candidates coming from Japan, Belgium, UK, South Africa, USA, Switzerland, Singapore and Indonesia. We would also like to say a special thank you to our impeccable Course Director Chong and to our IDC Staff member, Taka - you did us all proud.

August: More success, this time for Benji, Alex, Rosie, Dan and Trevor; congratulations on behalf of the whole dive school on becoming PADI Instructors, your great team spirit and hard work truly paid off. Also, a special 'thank you and well

done' to our very own Blue Season Bali Course Director Jonathan Cross and to our Internship Supervisor Tom West, who assisted with the IDC. Blue Season Bali was also honoured to host the confined water skills part of the IE on both occasions with our new facilities praised by both the PADI Examiner and the New Regional PADI Manager, Tony Andrews. The current IDC has just started on the 18th September, but drop us a line at [contact@baliiocean.com](mailto:contact@baliiocean.com) to reserve your space for the next one!

NEXT IDC's:

23rd October

17th November

# Welcoming New Directors at BSB

## Introducing Mark Giles

Mark is the latest recruit to join Blue Season Bali and comes to us not only as an Instructor but part owner of the company. Mark was born in Bristol, England, and has a pretty colourful background with 22 years in the Casino industry (sorry Mark, but we can't put that roulette table on the boat as the currents on Penida are just too unpredictable!)

Mark discovered SCUBA whilst working as a Casino Manager on-board cruise ships in Bermuda and the Caribbean for 10 years he then became land based and spent the



## Newly Certified Divers

### OPEN WATER

Sophie Gravel, Ronal Lorenz, Anders Olsen, Ricco Schneider, Martin Mandal, Christophe Mauret, Takaasi Shimkado, Megumi Ota, Andrea Lawson, Shinsuke Kaiichai, Emi Kamiichi, Sylwia Schalk, Nadine Schalk, Gary Collins, Jeau Cardon, Roland Bencer, Evelioen Van der Keil, Sebastien Molema, Claudia Gatzmeier, Desmond Chua, Norman Leau, Yvonne, Lisa Moore, Keigo Gleebeek, Arturo Contreras, Tom Hughes

next 2 years living in Israel and working in Palestine. He relocated to Russia which became home for the next 7 years. However, with Moscow being land locked and temperatures reaching -27 in the winter months, Mark decided enough was enough and followed his dream of becoming a scuba diving Instructor in paradise with Blue Season Bali

## Introducing Max

Max and Mark have been together for more than thirteen years. They met onboard a cruise ship called the Costa Classica (aah, how romantic), where Max didn't even know how to snorkel. Mark put her straight and she is now very proud of her Advanced Open Water Certification and one hundred plus dives.

### ADVANCED OW

Sophie Gravel, Pawel Wittmeyer, Joelle Mottier, Gary Poget, Manfred Hoogveld, Tomas Monten, Remkno Simons Yumi Sekiguchi, Kohshiu Sekiguchi, Andrew Barriskell, Paula Barriskell, Todd Sheerin, Erica Sheerin, Mizuki Fozusawa Anders Olsen, Ricco Schnieder, Martin Mandal, Richard Green, Jian Chen, Bartosz Sadowski, Chi Fung Cam, Helena Gray, Chieko Kato, Shiriori Kato, Lisa Moore, Stefan Weanor, Katrian Lens, James T Loh, John T Loh, Keigo van Gleebeek, Paulo Saraiva, Mao Kawai, Tom Hughes

### RESCUE

Todd Sheerin, Erica Sheerin, Tom Hughes Wolfgang Stetzle, Dan Stilwell, Tom Ellis

Max is a keen traveler and has lived in eleven different countries, she is also a keen Arsenal supporter.....hey, it was an issue with Blue Season Bali, but as Mark being a Man United supporter has overlooked it for thirteen years, we've decided to do the same!

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

### CERTIFIED DIVEMASTERS

Dan Stilwell, Tyron Vogts, Johannes Otto, Alex Delmotte, Trevor Blake, Mark Burns, Wei Wei, Noaki, Yuko, Tom Ellis, James Trayer, Alex Hayes, Wolfgang Stetzle, Kate Hareb

### CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

Dave Baker, Russel Hughes, Jon Hanley, Igor, Chris Dragoswski, David Daxhelet, Bill Jordan, Noaki, Yuko, Yoshi, Jason, Ramon, Arthur, Nadine, Moira

### DSAT Gas Blender

Igor, Jon Hanley, Russ Hughes, Alex Delmotte, Chris Dragowski, Dave Baker

### WRECK SPECIALITY

Tom Hughes, Todd Sheerin, Erica Sheerin, Wolfgang, Phil Lumb, Dan Stilwell

### DEEP SPECIALITY

Tom Hughes, Todd Sheerin, Erica Sheerin, Wolfgang Stetzle, Dan Stilwell,

In the past 3 months, Blue Season Bali has had an influx of new internships coming and going through our doors, although it seems like many more arriving than leaving with the high numbers of Divemaster internships that are converting into Instructor internships! We all know that it's common knowledge these guys have had and are having the time of their lives! Its not only Divemaster and Instructor internships coming through but divers who just want to join in the Blue Season Bali fun and become part of the team such as Todd and Erica, brother and sister from LA, who simply signed up for a month of fun diving and MSD Speciality courses!

Obvisouly its sad when all these great guys and girls finish their internships, but we know they will all be spreading the word to family and friends telling them just how great diving Blue Season Bali really is!

From right to left:  
Internship Co-ordinator Tom West, Dan Stilwell, Wolfgang, Todd Sheerin, Tom Ellis, Erica Sheerin, James Trayer, Regional PADI Manager Tony Andrews, Benji Weiman Kelman, Alex Delmotte, Russel Hughes



## Going Deep with our Staff Team This Month: Koen



Koen 'Fishey' Vangrysperre joins us as yet another Belgian to add to the growing list of staff here at Blue Season Bali! Koen is in charge of dive operations here now, taking a bit of stress off the aging shoulders of the directors. Having been in the business for a very substantial amount of time already, I'm sure he will have the school running as smoothly as a Belgian chocolate fondue! Koen has worked in many countries, in particular the Maldives where he lived on a tiny little desert island and had a best friend who was a volleyball named WILSON!!!!!!!!!! sadly Wilson was lost in transit out here to Bali..... although speaking 5 languages im sure Koen won't be short of people to talk to here at Blue Season Bali!

## Featured Dive Site



10 - 40m Advanced OW Divers

Crystal Bay is aptly named due to its fantastic visibility. This site consists of a fantastic little bay in shallow water that offers excellent opportunities for photos, before sliding down into deep drop offs. Superb coral is only matched by the equally superb marine life. During the season of July through to November Crystal Bay is another excellent place to locate the Mola Mola which gather to be cleaned on the slopes of the reef. Currents here, as with the rest of Nusa Penida can change in an instant and along with the depths required to find the Mola Mola, its suggested only Avancedd OW divers and above can visit this site!

### BSB Launches New Range Of Merchandise

The last month has seen BSB launch a brand new range of merchandise; our Internships are currently sporting our very popular 'Scuba Tank' t-shirt shown modelled by the interns, and for those wanting something a bit 'posher' we have a classy navy polo shirt with embroidered Mola Mola logo. We've also got Blue Season Bali embroidered baseball caps and sporty grey 'Dive Bali' racer back vests to keep the ladies happy. To celebrate this year's Mola Mola season we have also introduced a 'Mola Mola 2009' range for men and women.....these are limited editions and are only available while stock last!



## From the Directors

The last few months at Blue Season Bali has exceeded all expectations. We've had 100% success on the July and August Instructor Examinations, and our daily fun diving trips to Nusa Penida and Tulamben have been packed out practically every day.

Our eight year anniversary has been celebrated in which meant a well earned barbeque/pool party for all the staff plus we are busy trying to raise funds for Project Aware, something Blue Season Bali likes to support every year, details of such event will be in the next edition of BSBN!

The management at Blue Season Bali would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for working their socks off this summer and to acknowledge all of our guests who came from all parts of the world for choosing to dive with us!

**We hope to see you again soon!**

**Jonathan, Wakaba, Mark & Maxine**  
Directors, Blue Season Bali

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