

Gary Sterling



PADI Divemaster

Gary was born in Southern California so aquatic sports and activities have always been an important part of his life. Gary was first certified for SCUBA in 1998 after planning a trip to Belize. He has not stopped diving and learning about diving since. He has been a Divemaster for Dive N' Surf since 2000 and an active AAUS Scientific Diver since 2002. "Still, my favorite vacations are dive vacations. In fact, to me, diving is always like being on vacations." Gary is a Chemical Market Analyst for Chemtel and an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Santa Monica College and Cal. State University Dominguez Hills. He's an avid swimmer, scuba diver, bicyclist and tennis player. He is a volunteer Scientific Diver for Santa Monica Baykeepers and the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. Maybe you have seen Gary at the Aquarium. He's the guy diving the exhibit in the full-face mask talking to the crowds. Gary has over 750 aquarium dives.

Gary's Diving Experience

Mexico: Cabo San Lucas, Belize, Cozumel, Cenotes in Playa Del Carmen.

Caribbean: Martinique. **Canada:** Cambell River area, East Coast of Vancouver Island.

Florida: Key Largo. **Southern California:** All the Channel Islands including Farnsworth Bank, Beg Rock and Cortez Bank.

Gary was awarded Dive N' Surf's coveted Top of the Bottom award for boat diving in 2003. Gary has logged over 600 open water dives (390 hours). Plus his aquarium dives he has logged over 1300 dives (>600 hours).

Teaching Experience

Discover Scuba, EFR, CPR/AED, DAN Oxygen, DAN Advanced Oxygen, DAN Hazardous Marine Life and DAN AED. Gary is a DAN DEMP Instructor.

Special Achievements

MA Chemistry, MBA Marketing Management – Gary has many years experience in sales, marketing management and R&D for specialty chemicals and polymers. In diving, Gary was the speaker and promoter for Aquarium of the Pacific's volunteer scientific diving program to The American Academy of Underwater Sciences annual convention. Gary has been an active volunteer AAUS scientific diver and aquarium diver since 2000.

Diving Philosophy

“Keep diving and keep learning.”

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