

Dive Résumé of Stephen Hensley

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Introduction

My parents introduced me to diving the summer I turned seven. Dad and a partner had a compressor, so we were self sufficient, no training agencies necessary. They were professional educators, and experienced adventurers, so I never felt under trained for our dives. Until I struck out on my own, summers were filled with lake and river exploration in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Only after I moved to Kauai did I have the opportunity to get back into diving, finally certified in May of 1992. I got a great deal on a full set of equipment from Poipu Divers after Hurricane Iniki, and started to dive regularly. After moving to Maui, and dabbling in the boat and beach world, I caught the photography bug! My exploration of Makena and Molokini caused me to dream of being a professional underwater photographer. ([home](#))([recent](#))



Free dive stunt,
Molasses Reef, Key Largo

Moving near Monterey Bay put me in COLD water, with frequent toxic algae blooms, convincing me to focus on surface activities. I attempted to whale and dolphin watch in my little Catalina 22, but most of my good pictures were from the charter boats. At the end of 2000 I got back on track to move back to Maui and make the ocean my career. Going to Key Largo for my dive instructor training allowed me to learn from and interact with many excellent dive professionals. Those that aren't "Legends" should be, and I am fortunate to have them as my mentors.



with Dad at
Flathead Lake, Montana

I relocated to the North Shore of Oahu shortly after 9/11/01, investing in and working for a "crazy inventor", Greg Hunter ([résumé](#)). HeadHunter Helmets produced camera platform helmets for skydiving and head mounted camera systems for other extreme activities. AirSea Services marketed Greg's boat captaining, commercial diving and dive medic skills, as well as SCUBA, skydiving and ultralight instruction. The JetSub was the project I thought I signed on for, a submersible boat/wet sub with possible applications in commercial, recreational and military diving, to name a few.

My first certified divers were through Deep Ecology in Haleiwa. I have worked with DE as independent, part time and full time instructor/guide/naturalist for much of the past 3 years. I have learned and photographed most of the dive sites on Oahu, particularly the dives on the North Shore. Depending on your abilities and/or desires, we could go on **extreme** shore dives to sites visited by only a handful of humans or we could boat dive all the famous wrecks off the West and South sides of Oahu.

Dive Qualifications

Through Ocean Divers CDC, Key Largo, FL

PADI Advanced Rescue, DM, IDC and Dive Center Operations

From MI Sue Gidney, CD Frasier Nivens and CD Simon Selwood

PADI IE at Key West Community College, Examiner Len Bucko (4/22/01)

PADI Specialty Instructor ratings

Deep, Night, Nitrox & Wreck Diver, Underwater Naturalist & Navigator

Through Stephen Frink Photographic, Key Largo, FL

Completed Resort Photo Pro course, an Ocean Divers co-op, as

PADI Underwater Photographer Specialty Instructor

From Training Director Michael Waters

Through [Hyperbarics International](#), Key Largo, FL

Completed Dive Accident / Risk Management course, and

IANTD Advanced Nitrox Instructor crossover (all sport levels)

From IANTD Founder Dick Rutkowski

IANTD Enriched Air / Nitrox Gas Blender Technician, and

IANTD Dreager Dolphin (Atlantis) Rebreather Diver

From Instructor Trainer Larry Heiskell
 Through Quiescence Diving Services, Key Largo, FL
 Certified PSI Visual Inspection Professional (VIP)
 From Training Director Paul Caputo
 From Cave Excursions, Luraville, FL
 IANTD and NSS-CDS Intro Cave Diver
 From Instructor Trainer Bill Rennaker

Work Experience

Oahu

Deep Ecology Dive Shop	Haleiwa (North Shore)	instructor/guide/naturalist	10/01 - 4/05
Waimea Falls Adventure Park	North Shore	cliff diver/lifeguard/host	04/02 - 06/03
AirSea/HeadHunter/JetSub	North Shore	photographer/instructor/sales	09/01 - 12/02

Monterey County California

Quail Lodge Golf Resort	Carmel	banquet bar/wait, relief club bar	04/98 - 12/00
Highlands Inn Park Hyatt	Carmel Highlands	bar/wait/banquet bar	07/99 - 12/00
El Torito on Cannery Row	Monterey	lead waiter	02/98 - 07/99

Maui

John Pope Restaurant Mngmt	Kihei/Kahului	bar, head wait, asst manager	01/96 - 01/98
Beach Activities Maui	Kaanapali Beach	beach sales, activities sales	09/94 - 11/95
Leilani on the Beach	Kaanapali Beach	waiter	05/94 - 06/95
Koho's Bar and Grill	Napili	night bartender	08/93 - 09/94
Blue Tropix Night Club	Lahaina	waiter/bartender	04/93 - 05/94

Kauai

Tradewinds, a South Seas Bar	Kapaa	night bartender	02/92 - 04/93
South of the Border	Kapaa	day bartender	06/92 - 09/11/92
Sleeping Giant Hostel	Wailua	activities driver/guide	12/91 - 09/11/92

Education

Computer Training Academy, Honolulu

Completed web/graphics program

Adobe; Acrobat, Illustrator, PageMaker, Photoshop and Premier

Macromedia; Dreamweaver, Fireworks and Flash

Microsoft; Front Page and Publisher

Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Matriculated senior in Engineering Physics major

Otero Junior College, La Junta, Colorado

Associate of Science, Pre-Engineering

La Junta High, La Junta, Colorado

Graduated top third of class, College Prep classes

Awarded Math Scholarship to OJC

Digital Darkroom Equipment

2 Desktop PC's (Home Built - Pentium IV and Athlon)

Power Mac G4 Cube

Laptop (Toshiba - Celeron)

Microtek ArtixScan 4000t slide and film scanner

Canon S9000 archival photo printer

Camera Equipment

Olympus C5050Z (digital), PT-015 housing, INON WAL, Ikelite SS 200 (mod)

Nikonus V, 20mm, 28mm, 35mm, macro kit, Ikelite SS 200

Canon EOS 1N with Sigma 50-500mm and Sigma 2X

Canon EOS 10S with Canon 75-300mm