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Welcome to SCUBA News - thank you for subscribing. This month we interview diving author Kris Mears. Plus the diving destinations considered more covid safe.

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What's New at SCUBA Travel?

Good to go: Diving destinations on the "Green List"



The UK has published its new "Green List" of countries where foreign travel is allowed without the need to quarantine on return. Many of these are islands and great diving destinations.

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8 Places to dive in France



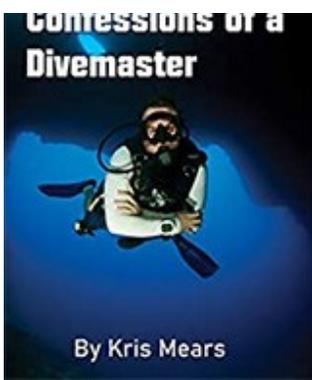
Some of them might surprise you.

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Book Shelf: Interview with Kris Mears



Kris Mears is author of *Confessions of a Divemaster*



What prompted you to write the book?

Over the years, when telling my friends about my adventures they always said "Kris, you should write a book" so I thought I'd give it a try.

Which writers have influenced you?

I enjoyed reading books by Bill Bryson while traveling but I really love the fish ID books by Paul Humann and Ned DeLoach.

Do you have a favourite dive site and why?

That's a tough question for a favorite, how about top 5? Hanifaru Bay in the [Maldives](#), Blue Corner in [Palau](#), German Channel in [Palau](#), Giant Clams in [Puerto Galera](#), Delsan Wreck, [Tubbataha](#).

Anywhere that you haven't yet dived but would like to?

Looking to visit [Socorro Islands](#), [Raja Ampat](#), [Truk Lagoon](#) over the next few years.

If you could dive with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?

I would love to dive with my Mum, but she hates the water though.

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Kris Mears is currently living in the Philippines, working as the international sales manager for Scandi divers resort in Puerto Galera. He is married to Beverly with two kids Hannah and Max, aged 7 and 4. He was born in South Wales but has been working in the dive industry since 2008. He's an underwater videographer under Scuba Sheep Productions brand. He is currently working on Confessions of a Divemaster 2, which he hopes to be ready by December 2021.

You can buy Confessions of a Divemaster from [Amazon](#) in Kindle (free!) or paperback (£12.99) format.

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Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



Detecting and protecting endangered right whales

New underwater technology which can listen for right whales and filter out other sounds could help protect these extremely endangered animals



Coral reefs' survival depend on managing local conditions

Although some have argued that climate change is so overwhelming that conserving coral reefs on a local scale is futile, study finds local actions



magnified the effects of climate-driven heat waves. Local action to conserve coral reefs can help the reefs withstand warming seas.



Watered-down plan to save India Ocean yellowfin tuna disappoints conservationists

Tuna-fishing nations hammered out a temporary plan to stop overfishing of Indian Ocean yellowfin tuna at a June meeting, but fatal weaknesses may sink it, experts say.



Scientists Successfully Breed Corals with Goal of Disease Resistance

Brain corals rescued ahead of disease outbreak raise hopes for restoring genetic diversity and increasing disease resistance on Florida's reefs



Panama doubles the size of its protected marine areas

Home to turtles, sharks and whales, the newly expanded Cordillera de Coiba zone has nine mountain ranges under the ocean's surface



Plastic in Galapagos seawater, beaches and animals

Most plastic pollution in Galapagos - a world-famous biodiversity haven - arrives on ocean currents.



Using space data to aid offshore renewable marine energy generation

Space data can provide a wide range of information including weather, sea state, environmental impacts, vessel activity and thermal signatures. This will produce direct cost savings, carbon savings and reduction of risk in offshore renewable energy.



Scientists use NASA satellite data to track ocean microplastics from space

Scientists from the University of Michigan have developed an innovative way to use NASA satellite data to track the movement of tiny pieces of plastic in the ocean.

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