

Press Release

Dive Friends Bonaire Awarded PADI Five-Star Instructor Development Dive Resort Status, Announces First Instructor Development Course (IDC)

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Dive Friends Bonaire is pleased to announce that they have been named a Five-Star Gold Palm PADI Instructor Development Dive Resort.

PADI Five-Star Instructor Development Dive Resorts are facilities that meet all PADI Five Star Dive Resort standards, plus offer PADI instructor-level training. PADI Five Star Instructor Development Dive Resorts have at least one PADI Course Director on staff and are committed to offering instructor development programs and continuing education opportunities to dive professionals. By offering PADI instructor-level training, PADI Five Star Instructor Development Dive Resorts take on the responsibility of developing qualified PADI Instructors – benefiting PADI Members, dive consumers and the dive industry as a whole.

Accordingly, Dive Friends Bonaire will hold its initial Instructor Development Course (IDC) beginning November 25th, 2009 to coincide with the next Instructor Examination (IE) to be held on Bonaire December 5-6, 2009. Conducting both the IDC and IE in Bonaire's clear, warm waters make both the course and exam an enjoyable experience.

Dive Friends Bonaire can assist with on-island arrangements, such as accommodations or vehicle rental, for those coming to the island for the IDC/IE. Those interested in participating in the IDC may visit <http://www.dive-friends-bonaire.com/idc.html> for additional information, or contact Dive Friends Bonaire directly by email at info@dive-friends-bonaire.com for pricing and eligibility requirements.

Dive Friends Bonaire is one of Bonaire's premier diving facilities offering full diving and snorkeling services while still providing personal attention. Two retail stores are available in Kralendijk, in addition to four diving facilities. For additional information about all their services, visit their web site at www.dive-friends-bonaire.com, or e-mail: info@dive-friends-bonaire.com.

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