

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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- Degree in technical map-drawing for construction (1988)
- CMAS \*\*\* Diver (1991)
- Lifeguard and first-aid license (1992)
- Skipper license for recreational navigation (1997)
- Padi OW Instructor # 932755 in teaching status to date (1998)
- Nitrox Diver TDI (1998) and PADI (2001)
- Padi Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT), specialities of UW Naturalist, UW Photography, Wreck diving, Night diving and Drift diving (1999)
- 4.900 dives + to this date, all logged.
- Vegetarian, non-smoker, non-drinker. Swimming, yoga and mountain biking.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **1993:** After working 12 years in architecture, both in Spain and abroad, moved to the Red Sea to work professionally in diving. First job was live-aboard *Jadran*, Marina Eilat, Israel, as diveguide/deckhand.
- **1994:** Moved to Hurghada (Egypt) and worked as diveguide, first in daily-diving but soon after as a cruise director of the 20 m liveaboard boat *M.Y. Hydrotec II* in South Egypt.

- **1995:** Diveguide in Swiss land-based operation *Subex Diving Centre*, Movenpick Hotel, El Quseir, South Egypt.
- **Summer '95 to end 97:** Cruise director of the 30 m liveboard operation *M.Y. Ghazala Explorer* for German-owned Sinai Divers in South Egypt. Also started publishing stories regularly for the Spanish diving magazines *Apnea* and *Buceadores* and others in Egypt and Israel.
- **1998:** After logging 1500+ dives in South Egypt and becoming increasingly involved in UW photography and mapping, self-published "*Diving the South, a miniguide to the Southern Egyptian Red Sea*" in English and German, with the sponsorship of Scubapro Germany. A total of 8.000 copies of the booklet were distributed over the course of the next 3 years through major diving travel agencies in Europe.  
This year also combined freelancing for *Ghazala Explorer* with special requests like Wreck Research Expedition for the German diving magazine *Unterwasser*, private guiding for a superyacht, and the elaboration of the *Guide to the Northern Egyptian Red Sea* for The Dive Tribe diving centre in El Gouna, published online.
- **1999:** Moved back to Spain to prepare the project of custom-building a 32 m traditional wooden schooner in Indonesia, to be dedicated to diving liveboard charters.
- **2000:** Moved permanently to Indonesia to personally supervise the construction of *S.M.Y. Ondina* ([www.smyondina.com](http://www.smyondina.com)), co-owned with three other partners.
- **2001:** After the launching of *S.M.Y. Ondina* set up the whole diving operation, trained the crew and explored the different regions of Indonesia, both underwater and topside.
- **2002 to 2009:** Successfully run the operation by living on board the *S.M.Y. Ondina* and personally guiding an average of 22 ten-day charters a year, with varying occupancy up to the maximum of 16 guests in 8 double-cabins. Management tasks also included maintenance of the boat, crew handling, paperwork and accounting.
- **2010 to 2012:** Moved to Bali permanently to combine the operational of *S.M.Y. Ondina* with private guiding for yachts, writing stories for the diving and yachting magazines in Spain and the preparation of the book "*Underwater Paradise: a diving guide to Raja Ampat*", recently released.