

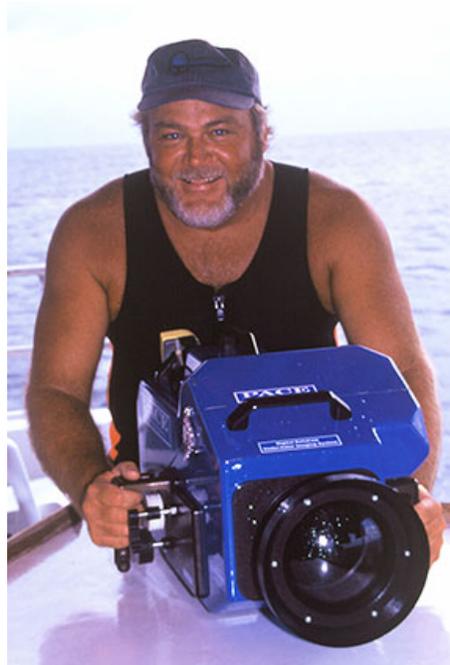
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:: Bret Gilliam - Sports / Education - 2012-13



Bret Gilliam began diving in 1959, and has been professionally involved in the diving industry since 1971. His background includes scientific expeditions, military/commercial projects, operating hyperbaric diving treatment facilities, liveaboard dive vessels and cruise ships, retail dive store & resort operation, equipment manufacturing (UWATEC), dive training certification agencies (TDI, SDI and ERDI), publishing companies (*Scuba Times*, *DeepTech* and *Fathoms* magazines), as well as filming projects for movies, television series, and documentaries. He is a successful entrepreneur... two of his multi-national companies were taken public and six others were sold to private investors.

As President of Ocean Quest International, he was responsible for the world's largest sport diving program from 1987 to 1990 aboard their 550 ft., 28,000-ton ship.

Bret is licensed as a USCG Merchant Marine Master, submersible pilot, aircraft pilot, and recompression chamber supervisor. He has sponsored research projects in decompression sickness, diving computers, inert gas narcosis, multi-day repetitive diving, and helped develop certification specialty courses in dive accident management & recompression chambers, nitrox, technical diving, and multi-level computer diving.

He has contributed papers to The International Society of Aquatic Medicine (ISAM), the Diver's Alert Network (DAN), the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), and the South Pacific Underwater Medical Society (SPUMS). He also was a contributing editor and author on "Diving Emergency Medicine" for the reference text *Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support*.

Bret has contributed to articles on various subjects related to diving education and training, diving physiology, travel, and diving operational systems. He has widely published throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, contributing to over 1000 articles, 100 magazine covers, and 58 books on diving and other topics. His coffee table book, *Diving Pioneers & Innovators: An In-Depth Series of Interviews* was released in November 2007.

Bret has twice been the recipient of NAUI's *Outstanding Contribution to Diving Award*, Beneath The Sea's *Diver of the Year*, as well as international honors for his photography and film work. He is also included in *Who's Who In Scuba Diving* by Best Publishing. He was elected to membership in the *Explorers Club* with additional honors as a "Fellow National" in 1993. Twice he has held the world record for deep diving on scuba and contributed to the industry's growth in the field of technical diving, electronic dive computers, rebreathers, and other technological advances.

Since his retirement in 2005, he formed the Diving Legacy Foundation that makes generous financial grants and support for ocean conservation, scholarships for diving education, and honorariums to diving pioneers.

He remains active as a consultant to diving industry businesses and enjoys extensive international travel on special projects.

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