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DIVEMASTER

DIVE QUALIFICATIONS

- PADI DIVEMASTER

After numerous injuries playing rugby, it became clear to me that my body was telling me that I really needed to make a change to a less intense sort of pastime.

I learnt to dive with Robin Hood Watersports which was a 40th birthday present from a member of my family. I did my PADI OW in 2011 and quickly progressed through Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver as the diving bug kicked in. I have been fortunate to dive with the shop on organised trips in world class locations in the UK and all around the world now. My favourite trips have been to the Red Sea and the Philippines.

Diving is an absorbing lifestyle and there are many different kinds of things that you can do which follow your own personal interest. I wanted to improve my diving and help other people learn by training to be a Divemaster in 2014. To understand more about dive safety

and self-reliance I have done my initial technical diving Tec40 qualification. In the last twelve months I have been working through the PADI Assistant Instructor course with my first dive instructor. If you ever come diving with me, you will quickly realise that I also love underwater photography.

Diving is not just limited to warm seas, and I have been a member of the Independent Robin Hood Dive Club for several years, travelling round the country visiting places I would not have otherwise have visited. It certainly helps in this time of "Staycation" to know the best beaches, harbours and pubs to visit – come and find me on an open water event and I can tell you all about how you can continue your diving once qualified and competent to come on trips.

