

Patrick J Hammer

Objective To continue to work in an environment that allows others to experience and excel both recreationally and professionally, in SCUBA diving, and serve on the DEMA board.

Experience 1974 - 2019 Scuba Emporium Orland Park, IL

Owner, Founder & Course Director

- Train people to become SCUBA instructors
 - Train people to become SCUBA divers
 - Write new training material for recreational and professional divers
 - Oversee technical staff , equipment repair, as well as the HYDRO operation
 - Oversee training of staff in new DAN, PADI Swim, and training & EFR standards
 - Also owned and managed locations in Alsip, Evergreen Park & Tinley Park, IL ; FL; GA, & MI operating under the same name and, in some cases, at the same time
- *Sold in 2019 to Dive Right in Scuba and I am the Course director with them

1975 - 2016 Our World Underwater Chicago, IL; Phoenix, AZ; Texas

Owner & President

- Oversee set up and break down of show as well as volunteers
- Arrange for speakers for over 100 presentations each year
- Arrange for DAN, PADI & EFR and other agencies, training as well as technical training for equipment repair seminars.
- Oversee fund raising, silent auctions and photo contests

1980 - Current Emergency Medical Training Lemont, IL

President & Instructor

- Provide emergency medical training including CPR, AED, first aid and blood borne pathogen training to non-diving corporations at their places of employment

Education Attended 1972-1974 University of Wisconsin-La Cross La Cross, WI

- Focus in Psychology and Business

Summary

- PADI course director since 1975
- DAN Instructor and Instructor Trainer offering training in all DAN programs
- Author of numerous articles for Midwest Diving Magazine
- Author of two skin diving manuals, a log book, two operations and resort training manuals, and a book on Lake Michigan wrecks
- 1993 -1998, PADI Retail Advisory Committee