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1982 Why I did Advanced Underwater Navigation?

This is an interesting program and why I created it. You see, when PADI began, there was no Advanced Open Water class. Divers began to ask, well, now what do we do? PADI developed the advanced program and it actually started here in Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan. By now people were getting into diving and wanted to learn much more, especially the ones that live in the Midwest and needed to use better navigation. When we would explore Lake Michigan, it was very important that we came back to our boat-so GOOD navigation was a must. I found myself teaching more and more navigation classes and still the hardy divers want more. So I developed the Advanced Navigation, and do I ever have fun teaching this. The SCUBA SEXTANT was just coming in use and divers needed training in its use. Under this program, divers are taught to run four and five-legged courses and always come back within a few feet of their starting point. Today the Sextant is known as the Navfinder, but is still a fun took to learn and sharpen one's navigation skills. I had a girl in the program that had all kinds of navigation problems. When I showed her the proper way to use the compass and Navfinder, well she could not believe it. I had her leave a knife on the shore line and we did a four-legged run. We surfaced where the Navfinder told us to and there in the ground was her knife. We all like to dive, but sometimes taking a challenge, such as advanced navigation, adds some sport to the dive. The Advanced Navigation program makes you a more confident diver and an excellent navigator.

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