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1984 Why I did Underwater Naturalist Diver Specialty?

Think about how many times you have been on a dive where divers just took off swimming. When they came back all they wanted to talk about was the few big things they saw. I felt and still today feel divers need to slow down and enjoy what the underwater world has to present to you. When you go slow or even stay in one spot, it is amazing all the cool stuff you can see. So this course was designed to have divers slow down. Diving Lake Michigan on a big wreck, I understand swimming the wreck, however diving a stone pile or a coral reef one needs to move slowly. It amazes me all the interesting little stuff I see when I hover over the bottom and just look. In local lakes we can see insects, crayfish, small fish and more. In the ocean it is a world of its own in a square yard. Learn how critters live in harmony with each other as well as how they live off of each other. The naturalist course really teaches you how to slow down and smell the roses as they say. I love teaching this program and seeing the students' eyes light up when they see so much in such a little area. During this program my goal was to get people focused on close up items, and it really works. Next time you're diving, slow down and see what is around you.

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