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1998 Swimming

Why Did I Do Swimming?

You would think swimming and diving go together, but in SCUBA training they do not or at least years ago did not. My first course was developed back in the 80'S and to make it worked I tied swimming and skin-diving in to the same program. When I was young I was a swimmer and won a lot of meets, I was pretty good. But that is what gave me the skills to develop this program. Today I still love swimming and believe it is the best means of exercise. As time went on we need a swim program and I saw the needs for more than one level. I developed three levels for swimmers. My goal was to try to get PADI to adopt the program and run with them. A lot of instructors over the years saw the need for a swim program but more or less just sent the needy people to a local swim program. BUT I did not like that because two of the places the swim instructor was a SCUBA instructor and chances were the swimmer was not coming back to me. So now we could offer the swim classes. And that kept the swimmer in the store and allowed them to become our SCUBA student. I love it today, PADI has adopted a great swim program and we are a PADI SWIM SCHOOL and I like that.