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2002 Underwater Propulsion Vehicle Operator

Why Did I Do Underwater Propulsion Vehicle Operator?

Dive scooters were becoming part of everyday diving, it was funny people would buy their entire equipment and say I need a scooter too. They were very affordable at this time. Form what I remember the first once we played with were back in the 1960 when popular mechanics had them in an issue and shoed you how to make them. I tried twice but sadly failed. So now in the 80's we were selling scooter and people were losing them, yep they left them on and the scoters just kept going. This was good for us selling second scoters bad for the diver. You can find a few still today out in Lake Michigan. So I decided with every scoters sale or rental I was going to offer a program. Writing this one was easy, as I had used a scooter since the 70's it was like a torpedo called the Farallon. I love that system. But they were costly the news ones were very affordable and selling. During the course I wanted to show divers how to take care and maintain their scooter and also kept in mind that some divers would be renting them so I want to stress the care to them. We spent time with problems and what to do if the battery died out and you had a long swim, how to make your unit neutral so it was easy to bring back. We also went thru procedures on what to do if the switch stuck on and how to continue a safe dive and what you do with the unit while the battery is running out. We stressed to never leave a unit behind. Care and maintained is crucial to the scoters. Descending and ascending is crucial to the diver, as is navigation. A few hours in class and two dives you are very comfortable and ready to use a DPV (Diver Propulsion Vehicle). Today we still offer the classes and include them in scooter sales.