

Sexual Harassment in the Scuba Diving Industry

– Comments by Male Scuba Divers (Non-Dive Professionals)

Michael Menduno ([InDEPTH Magazine](#)), Tamara Adame ([Cenote Girl](#)), and Darcy Kieran ([Business of Diving Institute](#)) conducted a survey in June & July 2025 on sexual harassment in the scuba diving industry.

[Statistical results from this survey are available on the Business of Diving Institute website.](#)

At the end of the survey, participants were asked:

"Please share any additional thoughts you have on sexual harassment or assault in the dive industry: the current situation, the causes, and the solutions."

Comments below are from **MEN** who were **SCUBA DIVERS** (non-dive professionals). *Find comments from other groups [here](#).*

These published comments are those of the individual commenters, and not necessarily those of the survey organizers themselves.

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1. I'm very interested in these results. I've been diving for years, across many dive companies and countries, and never witnessed or experienced sexual harassment.
 2. I've been a recreational diver for 41 years, diving on charters, privately owned boats with a combination of friends and strangers. I do not recall a single event where I felt or sensed inappropriate behavior to any people I've been with or myself. Yes, I've seen some lower-standard operators and highly professional ones, but from recollection, all have demonstrated care, safety, and respect. I, too, demonstrate similar values. One reason I've stuck with it.
 3. Egypt for single or solo traveling women is a problem.
 4. All my interactions while diving on training courses, charters and in recreational groups have been very respectful.
 5. Just a general disregard for women in the industry.
 6. Diving is mostly done by educated and mature people. Therefore, sexual assault is rare.
 7. Owner-operators tend to be the worst! Think they're untouchable and can get away with anything.

8. Goed dat hier aandacht voor is. [Google Translate: It's good that attention is being paid to this.]
9. I think, there is a statistical problem, as people with sexual harrassment experience will most likely answer the questionnaire, and people without such experiences will most probably not. So you´ll get a high quota, but with a huge bias.
10. I have not seen or experienced sexual harassment, but the power difference guides, instructors and course directors have against their students may contribute to this. At least I can see why. I am a bit distrustful of pros as I have heard concerning stories every time I'm with a new group of divers. I think at the very least, agencies should tell their customers what is NOT normal behaviour - and have the right channels setup to address these issues.
11. Dive agencies should share names of professionals who have been convicted of crimes.
12. I personally have not experienced or seen any sexual harassment in the dive industry, but loads elsewhere conducted by both males and females. Unfortunately, punishments are not drastic enough and or equal to the severity of cases.
13. The cases were already in the process of being reported, but nothing came of it.
14. Never witnessed it, but makes me sick to think it happens in the dive industry. I thought us divers better than other people, clearly I was wrong.
15. I haven't witnessed it yet. But I know it happens. I'm determined to speak up if I ever witness sexual harassment of any kind.