

GCPC EPISODE 873 - SCUBA Caching with Merlin1392

SB Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. My name is Scott Berks, and please welcome ~~first, our co-host from down under: Seemyshell (gday) and as always,~~ to my virtual left, my other co-host: Chaz427

CC: Howdy All! Get your flippers and dive watch, it's time for some SCUBA Caching!

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NEWS:

- 64 for the ET highway list

EMAIL:

- L&N Railroad
- Here's an idea for the hotel owner that wants to turn a room into a cache. My first thought for a cache in a hotel room is a puzzle cache based on The Shining.

SB:

- Hawaii caches - GC9E0TB - ScubaClover's Wrecked Cache - Sea Tiger
- Are all or most automatic 5/5's?
- **7 Tips for Finding Your First SCUBA Cache**
 - **Get certified.** Before attempting, make sure you have proper [scuba certification](#).

- **Read cache details carefully as every scuba cache is different.** Some will require park entrance fees while others may ask you to notify the local park ranger.
- **Research the diving area and its ecosystem.** You don't want to be unpleasantly surprised by the local sea creatures or water temperature.
- **Bring a compass.** GPS devices will not work underwater but a compass will help you navigate while submerged in water. You can also triangulate the position of the geocache based on provided landmarks – certain cache listings will specify. ****All good divers should have this as standard gear!**
- **Buddy system is a must.** In the off-chance that something were to happen (an underwater current), you want to make sure someone knows where you are.
****I'm a certified Solo Diver**
- **Bring a pencil or waterproof writing utensil to sign the logbook.** Standard pens won't work when wet.
- **Carry an underwater camera...** so you can snap a shot of yourself finding the cache!

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CC:

- Easiest and Hardest SCUBA cache you've done
- Most interesting SCUBA cache - Any Bucket List SCUBA caches
- Best place to go for SCUBA caches
- Any SCUBA caches that you can get without being certified (i.e. bubble helmet)
- Thoughts on mis-use/abuse of the SCUBA attribute.
- Freshwater SCUBA caches vs Saltwater
- Confined Spaces

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Discussed During The Show:

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NEXT WEEK'S SHOW:

- Fall Fest Mega Discussion (Amanda - Pascha88)