

# CONGRATULATIONS SPORTDIVING MAGAZINE!

Hi Barry,  
What an unbelievable year 2009 is shaping up to be for the team at Mountain Ocean & Travel Publications (MOT). 40 years of Sportdiving, 21 years of Dive Log, and Freediving celebrating 15 years of providing informative, quality reading for divers and the dive industry generally.  
For those of us that have been around a while and have seen some dive publications come and go, to see MOT Publications reach all these wonderful milestones, all under the same editor and publisher, is indeed a testimony to the outstanding quality of the MOT publications and the team behind them.  
*Congratulations old friend! Terry Cummins, PADI International*

Dear Barry & Belinda,  
As the publisher of Canada's 'DIVER' magazine, I make it a point to check out other dive magazines from various parts of the world. I'm often asked "What's your favourite dive-mag" - or "what's the 'best' dive-mag". Unfortunately, they are not the same. My favourite is my own 'DIVER' magazine. The best is Australia's 'Sportdiving Magazine' - no contest. Please note that I don't say 'one of the best', but simply 'the best'.  
There was a popular American radio programme in the 1940's - called 'Life begins at 40' (or so my Mother told me) - now we'll get to see if there's any truth to it. Happy 40th birthday, 'Sportdiving'!  
*Phil Nuytten, Publisher & senior editor, DIVER magazine Canada*

I started diving in the 1950's and have seen huge changes. But what hasn't changed is the integrity, authenticity, and incredible passion of Barry & Belinda's Sportdiving Magazine since I first started reading it 40 years ago. And Barry's beard is greyer too!  
*Irvin Rockman CBE, Melbourne, Australia*

Other magazines have come and gone but Sportdiving is still with us, better than ever. For 40 years Barry has supported many diving causes, always on the side of the diver. He is one, so knows what the issues are. Sportdiving and Dive Log have been vocal opposing the attempts by State and National Governments to impose restrictions and fees on divers, and have ignored political correctness, always giving a voice to those with something to say - even those Global Warming nuts from CSIRO.  
The Australian diving community has a great debt to Barry and Belinda, and it would be very fitting for them to receive the official recognition they deserve. Personally, Dinah and I want to say a huge THANK YOU.  
*Bob Halstead*

Congratulations to Barry and Belinda of Sportdiving Magazine for 40 years of supporting the Australasian Diving Industry and providing a high quality publication which has elevated scuba diving to its present level as the greatest adventure activity on the planet!  
May there be many more issues.  
*Neville Coleman*

The Papua New Guinea Divers Association congratulates Sportdiving on it's 40th year! PNG has had the good fortune over many years to enjoy consistent coverage from this outstanding publication. More than any other magazine, Sportdiving placed PNG firmly on the international diving map... and made sure we stayed there! A mark of this commitment was the publication in 2002 of the special 108-page Papua New Guinea edition, which was a first for everyone involved. It was a remarkable learning experience, whose achievement continues to serve us well today.  
To Barry, Belinda, and your team of talent - Sportdiving is a testament of your commitment to excellence. We wish you many more years of success that you deserve.  
*With very best regards, Your friends in the PNG Dive Industry*

Congratulations and a happy 40th anniversary to you and Sportdiving. It has been a great run, and I hope for another 40 years. Your professional, yet personal, approach has made Sportdiving unique in the history of diving, and the best dive magazine in the world. Ceci and I have enjoyed our time together on the ocean, under the ocean, and working together on articles and trips. Since we don't see you as often as we would like, the magazine brings us a little piece of you both.  
*All our very best on this momentous occasion.  
Doc & Ceci White, Ocean Magic Photography*

Sportdiving Magazine, 40 years old and stronger than ever, Unbelievable! I remember reading my first copy in 1972 at Associated Divers in Clayton when I started diving. Congratulations Barry, Belinda, and team for a fantastic effort.  
*Russell Kitt, CEO, Oceanic Australia*

After initially spending years of amazing diving in Kimbe Bay, Papua New Guinea, Walindi Plantation Resort commenced as a commercial scuba diving operation in 1983. Celebrating 25 years of operation during 2008, we have seen many changes in this industry over that time and been through the good and bad times all businesses experience. Looking back over this period and viewing the development of the recreational scuba diving industry particularly in Australasia, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific, Sportdiving Magazine with Barry and Belinda at the helm have been the most reliable, dedicated, central, and trusted constant to which we can all relate. Now, in 2009, Sportdiving Magazine will be celebrating 40 years of operation and circulation. This milestone represents a fantastic achievement and is evidence of incredible 'heart' given by Barry and Belinda to the industry they love so much. Scuba divers/snorkellers everywhere should count themselves most fortunate to have had Sportdiving Magazine as such a pivotal part of their lives over such a significant length of time. On behalf of Walindi Plantation Resort and MV Febrina we thank Barry, Belinda, and Sportdiving Magazine for the incredible support we have received when the chips were down, as well as when times were good. We count you both as priceless friends. Congratulations Sportdiving Magazine on turning 40 and all the best for the future.  
*Max Benjamin, Walindi Plantation Resort, Papua New Guinea*

Dear Barry and Belinda,  
PADI would like to congratulate you and your wonderful team at Sportdiving on your 40th birthday. As fellow 40 year veterans of the Dive Industry, PADI understands the hard work and commitment needed to be successful. Sportdiving continues to evolve itself by staying up to date with the latest diving technology, while promoting all the safety and fun that diving has to offer. PADI looks forward to working with Sportdiving for the next 40 years to promote our great sport of diving.

*Henrik C. Nimb, Vice President, Marketing, Education and Business Development PADI International*

I have written several features for Sportdiving on the specialist subject of deep shipwreck exploration. Other magazines would not publish such articles, but rather focus on the same old shallow water fish article... again! Publishing a wide range of articles with specialist underwater features written by sport diving's more adventurous writers, distinguishes the magazine above others. Throughout the southern hemisphere advanced and technical diving is on the rise. Incredible feats in cave diving are being achieved in Australia, and deep shipwrecks are being explored every year in New Zealand. Sportdiving covers all the action and caters for just about every diver. It's also interesting to read features about working in photoshop and getting more from your underwater photography - I don't know of any other diving magazine that features hands on training for image manipulation for the specific task of underwater photography. It's always a pleasure to pick up Sportdiving when it comes through the door, and I sincerely hope that there are many more years to come.

*Leigh Bishop, Deep Wreck Photographer*

In 1969 as teenage snorkelers and spearfishers, we were thrilled to see a magazine that covered our passion for the sea. We missed collecting the first two issues but have every one since volume 1 no 3 February 1971. We've seen it grow from a 40-page black and white to a 100 page glossy colour. Inside, the stories opened our eyes to what we could aspire to as budding scuba divers. There were ads telling us what new gear we could buy, and articles revealing the secrets of the underwater world. Wonderful, adventurous people spun their diving stories and shared their photos. Over the years we have been privileged to meet some of these great folk. None of this would have been possible without Barry Andrewartha's efforts to promote the dive industry in all its forms. Happy Anniversary Sportdiving, and congratulations on your first 40 years as one of the world's premier dive magazines. *May all your bubbles be up. Chris & Cathy Deane*

It is great to hear about the 40th anniversary of Sportdiving. This certainly means that Barry must be over 40... what a surprise! It's a credit to Barry, and later Belinda, that this magazine has survived and thrived when others have fallen. The content has remained relevant and interesting, and the presentation has progressed beautifully with the times.

Congratulations to Barry, Belinda, and the team. I look forward to reading the mag for the next 40 years!

*John Lippmann OAM, Executive Director, DIVERS ALERT NETWORK (DAN) ASIA-PACIFIC*

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Dearest Barry and Belinda,  
What an achievement - 40 'unbroken' years of dedicated publication - from when diving was just a 'baby' to now when it's a full blown, full-on business. I've always considered Sportdiving (in all its former names) to be obligatory reading for myself, diving buddies, and all my students - and enjoyable reading at that. The amount of information about the oceans, its fauna and flora, diving equipment, and places to dive that you've presented and continue to present, is massive. What's more, I can't imagine it being presented in a more attractive package - your glossy, magnificently coloured magazine is a credit to you and, in my humble opinion, is easily the world's premier diving magazine. In addition, Sportdiving has been behind so many great events in Australian diving history - and when Sportdiving supports an event, it's a guarantee for success. It is, without doubt, a pillar of Australasian/S.E. Asian diving.

Thank you for informing, stimulating, and entertaining me so well for so long. I still eagerly await each copy. Well done, I look forward to your next 40 years of Sportdiving.

*Reg Lipson, Sea-Studies Services Pty Ltd, Melbourne*

As the vessel ARGO departs Cocos Island, here I sit reading my favorite diving magazine - Sportdiving. Simply the best in the diving world!!!!!! My love to Barry and Belinda after 40 years of publishing a magazine for all divers, all ages, and all walks of life.

*Ernie Brooks, Silverseas, USA*

Dear Barry, Belinda, and team,  
Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of Sportdiving Magazine! You have consistently mesmerized your readers in the highest quality diving magazine ever produced and I am honored, proud, and grateful to have been a modest part which you have rewarded Ocean Futures by your unlimited support. I look forward to many more years of beauty and dreams.

*Jean-Michel Cousteau, Founder and President, Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society*

I am honored and pleased to give my heartiest greetings to Barry and Belinda as Sportdiving Magazine turns 40 years old. How strange... Barry doesn't look a day over 30! I have always called Barry Mr. Dive of Australia. He has unselfishly supported all aspects of diving down-under for his entire career. Together, Barry and Belinda have created one of the absolute premier dive publications in the entire world and their commitment to quality, content, features, top photography, and news has been impeccable. I have been lucky to know this wonderful couple, dive with them, and call them friends. Congratulations from San Diego... wishing you another 40 years of success!

*Steve Drogin San Diego, USA*

Dear Barry and Belinda,  
Forty years of fine publishing, bringing the diving news to all us diving enthusiasts. Well, done, you are the best.

*We salute you. Ron and Valerie Taylor*

