

Donnie Reid

Expertise: Underwater Photography & Scientific Diving

Affiliation: Pavilion Lake Research Project

Certification/Education:

Instructor Trainer, Scuba Schools International Canada (current)

CAUS Scientific Diver Instructor

Full Cave Diver, NACS

Trimix Diver, IANTD

Occupationally Certified Diver, WCB

Donnie Reid has been a SCUBA diver for over 26 years, having logged nearly 6000 dives. During much of that time he has been intimately involved in the BC dive industry holding such positions as Director in the Underwater Council of BC, President of the Dive Industry Association of BC, Diving Safety Officer for the Vancouver Aquarium and lead for the last two Ocean Pioneer Award's Dinners. Through his photography he became involved in numerous expeditions and research projects that have led to a Fellowship International in the Explorers' Club. These projects include:

1. Programme Manager for the MARSLIFE Project.
 - Joint NASA / Canadian Space Agency Research Project
2. Project Manager for the Pavilion Lake Research Project
 - Joint NASA / Canadian Space Agency Research Project
3. Underwater photographer for the Wreck Expedition in Panama searching for one of Captain Morgan's Pirate Ships
 - Joint Project of Waitt Institute / Institute of Nautical Archaeology
4. Lead diver/photographer for the Wreck Expedition on the Yukon River
 - Joint Project of National Geographic Society / Institute of Nautical Archaeology / Yukon Government
5. Lead diver/photographer for the AJ Goddard Expedition
 - Joint Project of National Geographic Society / Institute of Nautical Archaeology / Yukon Government
6. Photo-surveying the Bowie Seamount
 - Personal Project sponsored by Neil McDaniel / Fisheries & Oceans Canada
7. Lead Diver for the first recreational trimix dives on the MV Transpac
 - IANTD Canada Project Expedition

Donnie became involved with the research in Pavilion Lake in 1997 when he was asked by a friend to photograph the "freshwater corals" in the Lake. He returned to Pavilion Lake with a team of researchers in 1998, which led to the October 2000 Nature paper. In 2004 Drs. Darlene Lim and Bernard Laval asked him to be the Dive Safety Officer and photographer for the Pavilion Lake Research Project.