

Damian Zaremba



I am an experienced professional with a background in IT systems/network engineering & PADI/TecRec/EFR training.

Previously I have been a climbing instructor for the scout association, maintainer of anti-vandalism services for Wikipedia, a volunteer at conferences & a business owner.

In addition, I have worked on infrastructure for organisations ranging from lean start-ups to multi-billion dollar public companies.

My curious nature & desire for knowledge results in ongoing learning & advancement of existing ratings, incrementally improving my valuable skillset.

I am currently looking for a PADI 5-star centre with IDC/Tec Rec accreditation that can support taking my professional diving to the next level.

Work Experience

Scuba Education Amsterdam

Staff / Divemaster / Instructor

2018 - present

SEA is a busy 5-star PADI resort & PADI TecRec centre located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Starting as a Divemaster candidate, I became intimately familiar with the centre operations throughout my internship.

After achieving my Divemaster rating, I stepped up as the right-hand man, taking on direct responsibilities for the day-to-day running of the dive centre.

Since achieving my instructor ratings, I provide in-classroom & in-water training for PADI/TecRec/EFR courses.

General responsibilities include:

- Opening/closing of the dive centre
- Greeting/orientating new students
- Operation of the filling station
- Equipment repair/servicing
- Organisation of student training
- Management of staff (DM/AI)
- Reviewing/remediating theoretics
- Delivery of knowledge development material
- Preparation of classroom/pool for training
- Organisation & transportation of equipment
- In-water teaching, evaluation & supervision
- PADI & internal paperwork completion & review
- Issuing certifications via PIC online

Additional responsibilities include:

- Assisting with events in the associated diving club
- Providing surface/diver support during technical dives
- Acting as a certified assistant during technical training
- Providing in-water assistance for local events

Fastly

Senior Network Engineer

2018 - 2021

Fastly is a leading cloud computing services provider.

As part of the Network Reliability Team, I worked on multiple cross-functional projects, delivering complex technical solutions powering world-leading customers.

During this time, the company completed an IPO and more than tripled the global capacity.

Key customers included FOX Sports/CBS interactive (Super Bowl), ByteDance (TikTok), Amazon.com, BAMTech (Disney+), Sony IE (PlayStation network), Paypal & Spotify.

Booking.com

Network Engineer

2016 - 2018

Booking.com is a leading online travel agency.

As part of the Internet Team, I worked on delivering internet connectivity for 18k+ internal colleagues, as well as infrastructure serving 1.5+ million bookings per day.

During this time, there was a complete hardware refresh with numerous tooling initiatives.

Both day-to-day operations & key infrastructure upgrades required significant collaboration with other internal teams, delivering significant capacity & performance improvements to an aggressively growing business.

Diving experience

Over the last four years, I have logged more than 300 dives across multiple countries ranging from beautiful tropical & sub-tropical destinations including Thailand, Mexico, Egypt & Tenerife, to the cooler northern climates, including Iceland, Germany & the Netherlands.

The wide range of diving locations & opportunities has enabled me to advance my skills & knowledge, achieving many certifications along the way including Tec Rec & professional ratings.

After assisting with more than 150 students & personally certifying more than 30, one of the best rewards is watching others grow, achieve new things & have their own experiences.

With northern Europe offering cold water diving all year, I have significant experience with diving & managing students in challenging conditions, including dark/turbid waters & extensive dry-suit diving.

Current certifications

PADI core ratings

- Divemaster
- Open Water Scuba Instructor
- Master Scuba Diver Trainer

PADI TecRec ratings

- Tec Rec Trimix Blender Instructor
- Tec Rec Deep Diver (certified assistant)
- Tec Rec Trimix Diver (certified assistant)

EFR ratings

- EFR Instructor
- Care for Children w/AED Instructor

PADI speciality ratings

- Peak Performance Buoyancy Instructor
- Project Aware Instructor
- AWARE Coral Reef Conservation Sp Instructor
- Deep Instructor
- Enriched Air Instructor
- Drift Instructor
- Dry Suit Instructor
- Night Diver Instructor
- Underwater Navigator Instructor
- Search & Recovery Instructor
- Diver Propulsion Vehicle Instructor
- Wreck Instructor
- Self-Reliant Instructor

Yacht training/certifications

- Shorebased RYA/MCA Day Skipper for Sail & Power Craft
- Shorebased RYA/MCA Coastal Skipper & Yachtmaster Offshore
- RYA Competent Crew

Additional training

- Human factors in diving: the essentials

Additional information

Insurance

- DAN Pro PADI dive accident insurance
- DAN Pro PADI liability insurance
- Personal health insurance (CZ)

Miscellaneous

- Netherlands company registration
- Own equipment (recreational, technical & mCCR)
- Renewed 2021 instructor

Travel

- United Kingdom passport
- Netherlands (EU) residence permit (unrestricted)
- Netherlands (EU) driving license (AM/B/T)

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