**FRANK MURGOLO, PhD**

Frank’s love affair with the ocean began at an early age. His father taught him to swim in the ocean when he was 4 years old. He began body surfing at age 5. It was no surprise that he became involved with scuba diving at an early age. Frank has more than 40 years diving experience. He is a NAUI and SDI Scuba Instructor and has trained hundreds of students. He has worked with both dive shops and the Cal State Long Beach Scuba Program. Frank is a diver for the American Association of Underwater Scientists, an instructor who introduces disabled veterans to diving, and a volunteer diver at the Aquarium of the Pacific (located in Long Beach, California). His extensive teaching and diving experience in Southern California waters including Catalina Island, makes him an extraordinary instructor and dive guide for both Tandem (Introductory) Diver’s and Certified Diver’s want a knowledgeable and highly skilled guide.

**CONNIE RAE NEWPORT**

Connie and her grown daughter first came to Catalina Island to experience a scuba dive on her fiftieth birthday. Having the good fortune to be taken into the underwater world by instructor Ron Moore, she quickly fell in love with scuba diving and the beauty of the underwater world. A few years later, Connie decided to completely change her life and moved to Catalina Island where she could dive as often as possible. Connie’s enthusiasm, her newfound love of the ocean and her life-long interest in showing other people new life possibilities combined with Ron’s life-long experience as an exceptional dive professional made it an easy decision to team up in 2007 to form Dive Catalina. The goal was to create a dive shop that catered to divers giving them the most exciting experience under water and the type of home-town valet service the two appreciate when they go on dive vacations.

**SHANNON SULLIVAN**

Shannon Sullivan began diving from L.A. County beaches. Seven years ago she successfully completed the rigorous and well respected L.A. County Instructor Training Program. She also completed the requirements for a NAUI Certification and is currently an instructor with both agencies. She immediately began looking for a position in the diving industry and found one on Catalina Island. Working at Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) , she trained young adults between 12-17 years of age to scuba dive. The following year, 2007, she took a position at Dive Catalina. Since that time she has introduced hundreds of people to diving through NAUI’s Tandem Scuba Dive Experience. She takes time to improve her skills yearly, and is a certified EMT.

Her diving includes warm water warm water destinations, but Casino Point still remains her favorite dive. She is currently the lead instructor at Dive Catalina and is masterful at making sure your dive is memorable, whether it is your first or your hundredth dive.

**CHANCE DUNN**

Chance Dunn began his teaching career in Mexico following his certification as an instructor. Returning home to Michigan he continued his teaching in the Great Lakes. Seeking a full time diving position he migrated to Catalina Island in 2010 and is now sharing his knowledge of Catalina diving with introductory (tandem) divers as well as certified divers

**GLEN FORMAN**

Glen holds an instructor certification with both LA County and NAUI. He has been involved with training entry level students through instructor candidates. His diving experience includes extensive diving in Southern California as well as Southeast Asia. He is an avid underwater photographer. Glen holds a Bachelor’s Degree in liberal arts and history from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He has over thirty years of experience in *executive positions* working with Microsoft Corporation, Hitachi and a number of other leading technology companies, but his first passion is showing new divers the underwater world that he loves so much.

**CATALINA ISLAND**

Located 26 miles off the coast of Southern California, Catalina Island is a mecca for scuba divers. Divers come quite literally from all over the world to dive the kelp forests of Catalina. Our kelp forests are home to hundreds of species: garibaldi, calico bass, sheepshead, thousands of schooling fish, bat rays and giant black sea bass to name a few. The rock reefs of the kelp forests are adorned with soft corals and algae in red, green and browns. The reefs also home to lobster, octopus, eels. Our kelp forests need to be experienced to be appreciated. Casino Point Dive Park (aka: Avalon Dive Park) is the perfect location for introductory divers, guided tours, classes, photography, video and just looking and exploring. Boat dives around Catalina Island offers a great variety of sites. Located in Avalon on Catalina Island, Dive Catalina is a NAUI Gold Star facility that offers both NAUI and PADI classes. Dive Catalina caters to divers of all agencies and divers of all experience levels.