

# Live Aboard Diving

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### Agenda

Why are Live Aboards So Great?
Jim's Experiences
Pricing and Comparisons
Safety
Caveats
Recommended Gear

# Great Diving



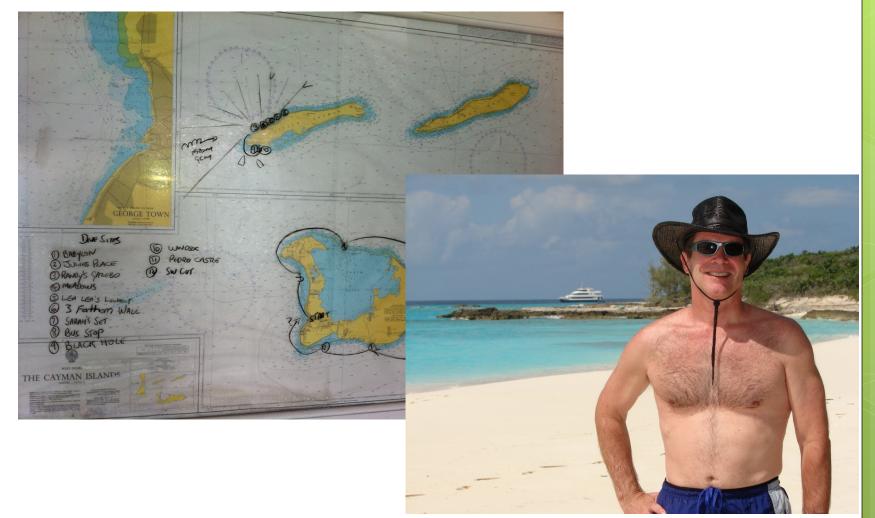


# Great Food

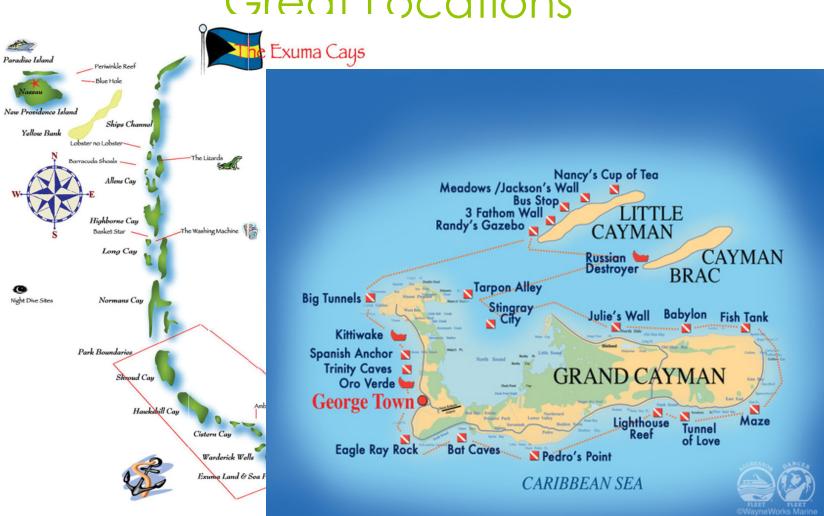




#### **Great Locations**



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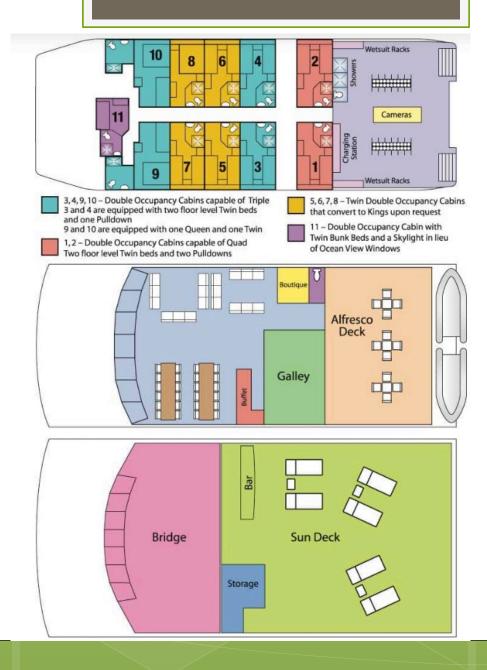
### **Great Crews**

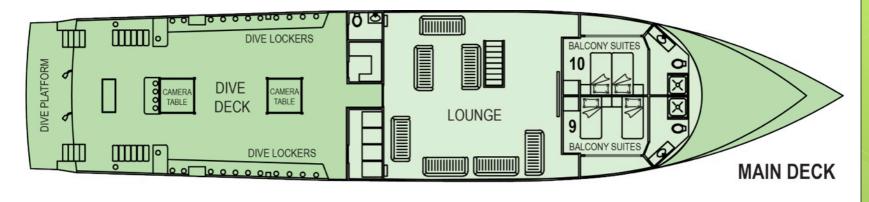


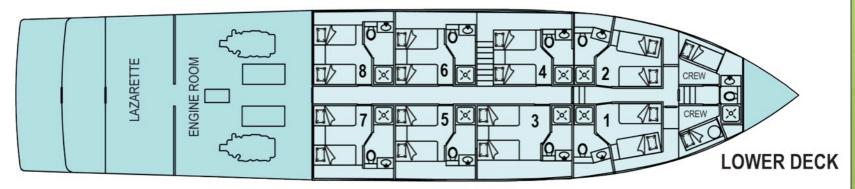
# Comfort



# AquaCat

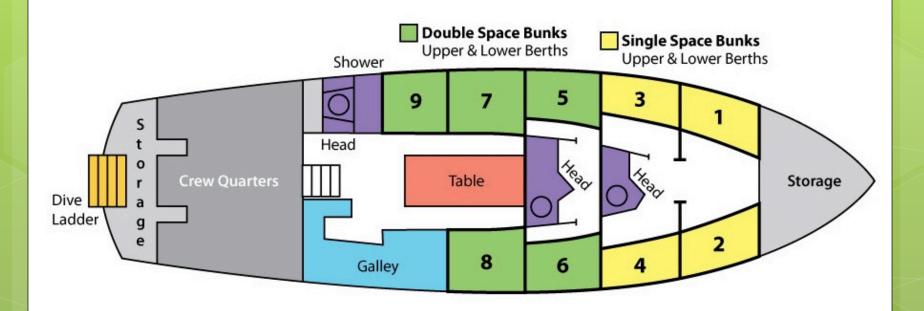






Cayman Aggressor V

# Blackbeard "Low Frills"

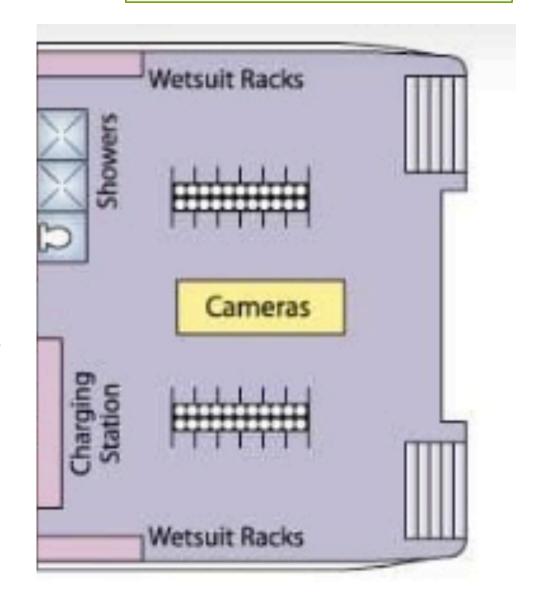


# Lots of Easy Diving

# Juliet Dive Deck



# AquaCat Dive Deck



#### Self Serve Bars



# Your Day

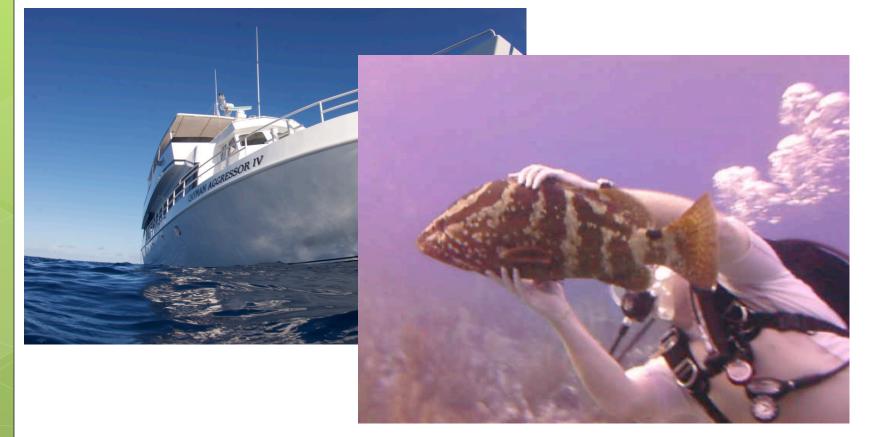
- Eat
  - Dive
  - Dive
- Eat
  - Dive
  - Dive
- Eat
  - Dive
- Drink
- Sleep

# AquaCat 2010 – 21 dives

- Blue Holes
- Washing Machine
- Pillars
- Shark Feeding



### Cayman Aggressor 2011 – 22 dives





# Comparisons

Boat	Nights	Price PP	Sleeps	Travel Costs
Aquacat	7	\$2395	22	Medium
Cayman Aggressor	7	\$2995	20	Medium
Galapagos Aggressor	7	\$6595	16	High
Juliet	6	\$1690	12	Low
BlackBeard	6	\$1045	18	Medium

Additional costs: Tips, Nitrox, port fees, Travel

# Safety







### Caveats





#### **Advanced Open Water Diver**

or equivalent from another training agency





# **Recommended Equipment**



#### Summary

- Every diver should do at least one
- Will improve your confidence, experience and skill
- Will be a lot of fun