

## Evaluating Web Sites: Basic lessons for Diving What you have to know before going to dive?

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### **What is the topic of my project and why I chose it?**

The reason for choosing this topic is because as I believe diving is one of the interesting activities, but is also dangerous more than interesting. For that reason I took this topic to show people what should they know and DO before thinking to go on a diving lesson or before joining a diving institute. I have selected some sites that could give us information, and I have developed my own set of evaluating for these sites according to how much valuable information it contains.

### **These are some web pages that are relevant to my topic:**

1. <http://www.divernet.com/technique/technique1.shtml>

By Divernet magazine



Rating: 90 (highest mark)

This is one of the sites that appeared to me showing all different parts of the diving techniques. Also they introduce you to some relevant questions and answers that reader should know on technical matters, learning to dive, training, how to keep fit for diving and heavy breathing for diving.



The site does not contain lots of advertisement, there is many links that you easily go throw it and was up – to date on 1/1/2004.

There are negative points about this site. First, it gives the information indirectly; it talks about someone's activity or story that he crossed a hump that he or she was facing during the diving lessons or trip. Second, you maybe will get board because there is too much writing and there is some difficulty to get the information from the site.

And it's a free site.

2. <http://ygraine.membrane.com/enterhtml/live/scuba/index.html>

By underwater world



(Courses)

Rating: 75

This site gives the information about the main courses, you also can contact them if you have any questions on diving and there are also some nice pictures of underwater world, but the main information that you can get from this website is the scuba diving safety that you have to know.

The bad points is that the site has jammed information and lot of links and they didn't write when the site was last time up-to dated, if you went to gallery you can notice it was due 2003.

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3.

<http://familydoctor.org/x1774.xml#top>

By family Doctor

(Diving safety)

Rating: 80

The site tells you about the scuba diving safety, what are the most common problems of scuba diving? What kind of medical conditions are possible when you are diving? And how can you lower the risk of medical problems? What should you do in a diving emergency?

This site is very valuable because it has much important information about the safety rules that you should know it before going to dive, you can also navigate easily with the links and take more information about any health problems you want to know.

4. [http://www.iaff.org/safe/content/DivingMedicine/diving\\_medicine.htm#Basic%20Diving%20Physics](http://www.iaff.org/safe/content/DivingMedicine/diving_medicine.htm#Basic%20Diving%20Physics) [3bdlw] By IAFF



Rating: 85

This site provides some necessary information in six steps and they are:

1. A brief overview of the history of diving.
2. An outline of basic diving physics and effects of diving on the body.
3. A review of the major medical complications of diving.
4. A discussion of diving fitness for duty criteria.
5. Discussion of diving safety.
6. Links for answers to more complex diving medicine questions.

These steps or topics will help you to understand more about the diving and some basic information about the constant temperature, pressure and volume that you already may know it with some physics equation.

The site mainly talked about the Medical Implications of Diving he gave some examples including how the prevention and the treatment.

The bad points there is pictures are missing and some links are not working.

This web evaluating was based on *five* points and each point includes some questions related to the topic and they are:

1) Authority:-

- Is any way to contact the author?
- Is there any references and links?
- Is trustworthy?
- The domain name.

2) Currency:-

- Is the information is up – to dated?
- Can you tell when the webpage was last up – to dated?
- Are there nonworking (dead) links?

3) Relevance:-

- Is the site relevant to the topic?
- Is the reading clear?
- Is it accurate, well written?

4) Clarity:-

- Is there graphics?
- Is it clearly presented?
- Are there advertisements?
- Is the pages well organized (good looking)?
- Is there any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes or word usage?
- Is the text neat?

5) Accessibility:-

- Can you get in?
- Does the site load quickly?
- Is the site easy to use?

<b>Score</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Authority	5	3	1
Currency	5	3	1
Relevance	5	3	1
Clarity	5	3	1
Accessibility	5	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>*4</b>	<b>*4</b>	<b>*4</b>

<b>Sites</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Useable</b>
<a href="#">Divernet Magazine</a>	90	This is maybe the best site that you find all the information you need	Useable
<a href="#">Underwater world</a>	75	The site only contain some safety rules that you can hardly read it	Unusable
<a href="#">Family Doctor</a>	80	The site tells you all the necessary information you need for safety rules but without graphics	Useable
<a href="#">Diving Medicine</a>	85	The site can tell you brief history of the diving and give you some valuable information	Useable

