

Rebreather (Megaladon) Fatality in Truk Lagoon, 30 June 2008

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We arrived in Chuuk (Truk Lagoon) on the Saturday morning and spent the day relaxing and sorting out our kit.

On the Sunday we did 2 30m dives (NDC) with a good surface interval in between.

On the Monday 31st June [Anmerkung: es muss der 30.6. sein=Montag] Jayne and myself were diving on a wreck in Truk that lies in 60m. We had had a fantastic dive with great visibility and no current. Most of the dive was spent at around 47m-50m but we did drop down to 57m for 3mins to look at the props.

The ascent was uneventful with all stops (GF30/85) completed correctly. Throughout the deco Jayne showed no signs of stress or anything unusual, she was responsive to signals and having dived with Jayne for 5 years I can tell if she is stressed.

Jayne surfaced 1st and removed her kit on the surface then climbed onboard. When I saw her climb on board I surfaced, dekitted and climbed on board. I asked Jayne if she was ok, and she said she was fine and what a great dive, 1min later she reported that she had lost her sight, she then started to go very weak. At this point our friend Pavel was just getting onboard and immediately assessed the situation. (Pavel is a cardio-vascular anastisiologist and is very high up in his profession)

We sat Jayne down and put her on o2 but within another 2 minutes her condition had worsened so we laid her down, at this point Jayne lost consciousness.

When we got to the shore we decided to transfer Jayne to the hospital as the chamber was unmanned at this stage plus it is only small and Pavel wanted to get Jayne stabilised 1st as here condition had become critical. The delay in getting Jayne to the hospital due to the remoteness was about 2 hours.

At the hospital Pavel took full charge as the ER is, lets say..... small and not manned to cope with much more than a broken leg. After several assessments and phone calls it was agreed Jayne was stable enough to go to the chamber. The chamber was manned by 2 technicians and a doctor from the hospital. 1 technician and the doctor went in with Jayne.

After 8 hours in the chamber (it was supposed to be 5 but they extended it) the only improvement in Jayne's condition was that the spasms had stopped but she was still unconscious.

Jayne was transported back to the hospital to await transfer by medivac to Australia but unfortunately stopped breathing soon after arriving and went into cardiac arrest Pavel spent 30 minutes fighting to bring Jayne back but to no avail.

The next day 3 very experienced rebreather divers (one a meg diver as Jayne was on a meg) did a full and thorough examination of Jaynes equipment and found nothing wrong with it. They have written a full report with photographs.

As far as I am aware this is a full and accurate report though the times may not be perfect under the circumstances.