

# Hard at Work in Paradise

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Well, here in paradise we are working hard. Between the lessons and tuning we also squeeze in a bit of recreation. Lucky for me I am a diver and believe me here there is no shortage of prime diving.



Here I am on a recent dive as you can see, I also do underwater photography.

Of course working hard, I generally only get to do night dives. They are a pleasure unto themselves. The night dive wraps you in a world of darkness with only your dive light, and those of your buddies, to reveal the wonders around you.

Of course Don is asking for us to work as much as possible, so after a bit of a search I found the following:

<http://wetpc.com.au/html/technology/wearable.htm>

And now I fear that Don may have us tuning databases at 100 feet down while diving! I tried to explain that you need to concentrate on diving when you dive, but I fear a wearable dive capable computer is probably in my future.

Anyway, until that happens I get to do normal diving and will be able to enjoy working in paradise as well as dive there when I get the chance.

Here is a sea turtle I recently photographed on one of my day dives. They are all over here in paradise and it is rare not to see one on a dive.



Also to be seen are eels, many breeds of sharks, and all the tropical fish you could ask for. Of course on night dives you get to see the exotic creatures such as the numerous types of squid, shrimp and of course, the king of the night underwater, the octopus.

The octopus are fascinating creatures able to change color and so flexible they can easily squeeze into crevices you would feel certain couldn't contain them. You can generally find them by looking for coral heads that have fish waiting around them, the other fish let the octopus scare out the small fish they desire to consume.



In the shallows here the sting rays are used to being hand fed and as soon as you start to wade they literally come up and eat right out of your hand. Of course be sure to keep you fingers together as they can't see what they are eating as their eyes are on the top of their bodies and their mouths are on the bottom. They suck up the food given like an ocean going vacuum cleaner. Like I said, it isn't but a few minutes after you start wading until these kittens of the deep come zooming in looking for handouts. I call them kittens of the deep because they tend to rub up against your legs just like a kitten as they try to get your attention so you will feed them.



Well, got to get to bed after a hard day of...working.

We know this is going to lead to many more assignments in this area of the world, believe me, I really look forward to it...even if I do start tuning databases at 100 feet down....

From somewhere warm and tropical...

Mike