

Wo der Helfer zum späteren Opfer wird - oder Murphy taucht immer mit

May, 2005 - xxxxxxxxx

Narrative (data below) written by xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx: Victim and yyyyyyyyyy entered "the xxxxxxxx" entrance about 10:00 AM. the west line passes the opening in the daylight zone, so they deployed no primary reel. The team went north on this line to the end. They put in a jump reel from there, passing over the "gold line" to the crossover line leading to the deep section, but did not go far. the team turned the dive before "thirds".

At some point on exit, yyyyyyyy experienced a second stage freeze up, and his regulator began to free flow, **they did not do a shut down**. Victim passed off his long hose to yyyyyyyyyy. They were exiting, receiver in front, donor in the rear.

Next yyyyyyyy told his interviewer, the long hose he was breathing from was yanked away from him. He went back on his own reg and kept going. He did not see Victim again. yyyyyyyy surfaced back at the "xxxxxxx" with less than 500 psi in his doubles.

The recovery team found Victim's body about where yyyyyyyyyy had described the incident took place, about 400" swim from the entry point. He was face up on the floor 10' (25cm) from the guideline, in a area with about 15' (38cm) floor to ceiling height. No regulator in his mouth, long hose layed out in semi circle on the floor to his right, second stage working. His mask was on his face, short hose reg in lanyard around his neck, and other gear in place. There was a minimal amount of silt on the body, indicating little activity near the bottom. His spg (fini) read **0 psi**. The direction the team was heading was going up slope at the accident site, and it appears that both divers were stressed at this point, **leading us to conclude that Victim may have been bumping the ceiling and rolled off his left post (Abgang). He tried to get his long hose back but couldn't recover.**

DateOfAccident	= May 2005
DateRecoveryStarted	= one day later
AgeOfVictim	= 43
SexOfVictim	= Male
VictimsHighestCertLevel	= "full" Cave
DateOfTraining	= mid-2003
TrainedInCaveDiving	= Yes
YearsExperienceCaveDiving	= 2
NumberOfDivesAtThisLocation	= 25-30
MaximumDepthAtLocation	= 109'
a_DivePartnersExperience	= OWSI
MaximumKnownDepth	= 110'
WaterTemp	= 40 F
DepthBodyFound	= 109
DistanceToNearestExit	= 400'
DescriptionOfSiltInArea	= Some/fine
NormalVizDistance	= 40 plus ft
VizDuringRecovery	= 15-25'
a_WeatherConditionsAtTimeOfAccident	= Partly cloudy, scattered showers
a_EntryConditionsAtSite	= Clear, good
WetOrDrySuit	= Dry, Bare
NumberOfTanks	= 2
SizeOfTanks	= HP 120's
TankPosition	= back
FillPressureAtStartOfDive	= unk
PressureAtRecovery	= 2000 psi
TankValveConfiguration	= dual outlet manifold, 300 BAR
PositionOfIsolationValve	= open
NumberOfRegulators	= 2
StatusOfValveOpening	= Left post shut off, right post open
PressureGauge	= yes

PSIReadingOnGauge = 0 (valve off:0; 2000 psi when turned on)
[d.h. es musste ihm denjenigen Abgang
geschlossen haben, an dem der Finimeter
hing, hier eben links]

NumberOfLights = 3
TypeOfLights = 1-Dive Rite canister HID, 2-Pelican C-Cell,
3-Ikelite PCA, thigh pocket
LightsOperational = all working, Primary dead battery
LocationOfLights = 1-waist, 2- chest strap, 3- thigh pocket
NumberOfReels = 3
TypeOfReels = 1- Dive Rite primary, 2- Dive Rite cavern,
DistanceFromGuideline = 10'
GuidelineCondition = good, intact
OverallConditionOfEquipment = good