

Alec Ginsburg Dive Log



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My Equipment

Click on this [link](#) for a list of my current equipment.

Summary

When I first started diving, I kept meticulous dive logs like you are supposed to do. However, that was back in 1995 and I have since lost my log books, and have had to piece back together my dive history from various dive log programs that I have used over the years. I had to sift through dozens of old floppy disks (yes –floppies) and CDROM backups to find the data that is here. There was much more data but it is now lost to time except in my memory. So although this isn't perfect, it is a fairly accurate history. For example I have no records of my Rescue Diver certification dives.

Open Water Dive Log Summary

<i>Dives</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Avg/Max Depth</i>	<i>Water Temp</i>	<i>Vis</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Waves</i>
80+	US, Pacific North West (OR, WA)	55/70	45	0-3'	Med-High	12'
30+	US, Channel Islands (CA)	50/100	67	20-80'	Med-High	3'
5+	US, Hawaii (Big Island)	40/60	85	100'	Low	2'
11+	US, Nevada (Lake Mead)	40/89	84	50'	None	0'
8	Mexico, Cozumel	55/160	85	100'	Low-High	2'
134+	Totals	40/160	45-85	0-100'	All	0-12'

Pool Dives Dive Mastering Classes

<i>Dives</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Avg/Max Depth</i>	<i>Water Temp</i>	<i>Vis</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Waves</i>
50+	Swimming Pool	3/12	80	100'	None	None

'+' indicates that there are probably more dives, but that I no longer have records for them.

Certifications

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Certification</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
YMCA	Open Water	1995	Corvallis, OR
NAUI	Advanced Scuba Diver	1995	Corvallis, OR
NAUI	Diving Rescue Techniques	1995	Corvallis, OR
PADI	Advanced Open Water Diver	1996	Las Vegas, NV
PADI	Specialty – Oxygen First Aid	1997	Las Vegas, NV
PADI	ReActivated – Advanced Open Water Diver	2022	Las Vegas, NV

I also did a lot of underwater photography (click [here](#) for more details.) In Oregon this was limited to macro lenses due to the limited visibility. I started using the, now, archaic film cameras which was difficult because you had a very limited number of shots per dive. Later I got a digital camera which was much easier as you could take almost unlimited shots.

Kona Hawaii -2009 July

I believe that I did 4 boat dives off the west side of the island

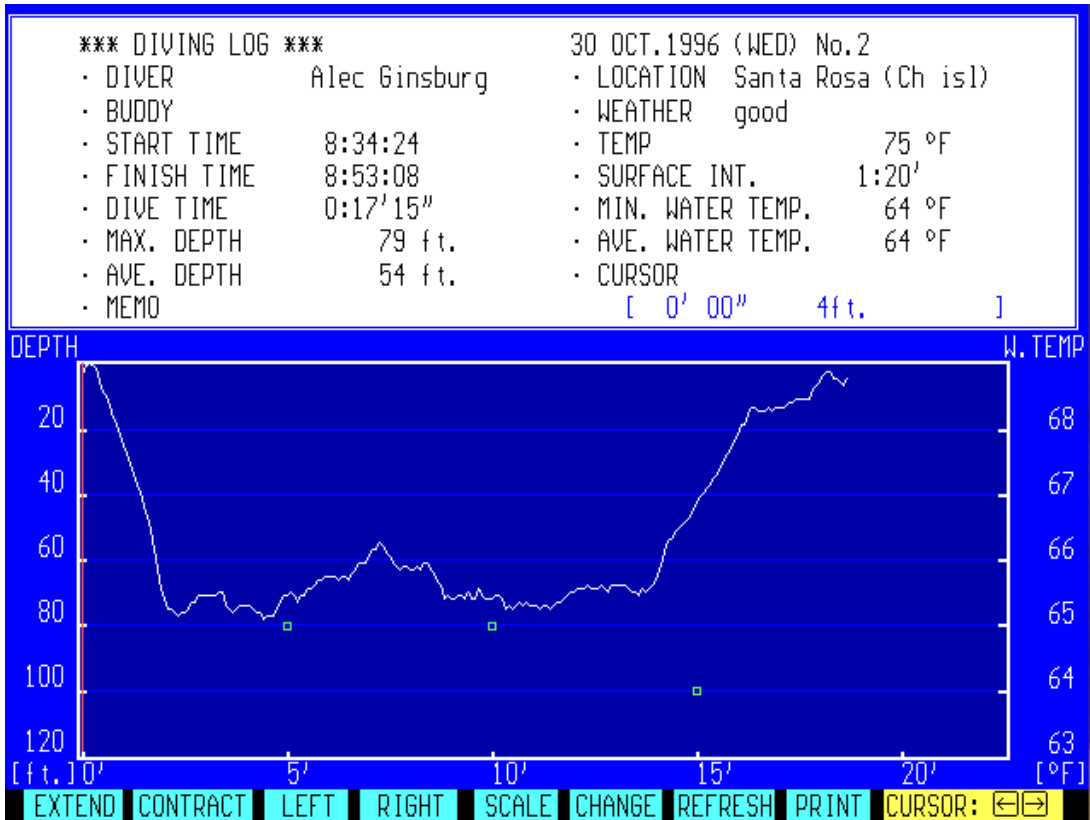
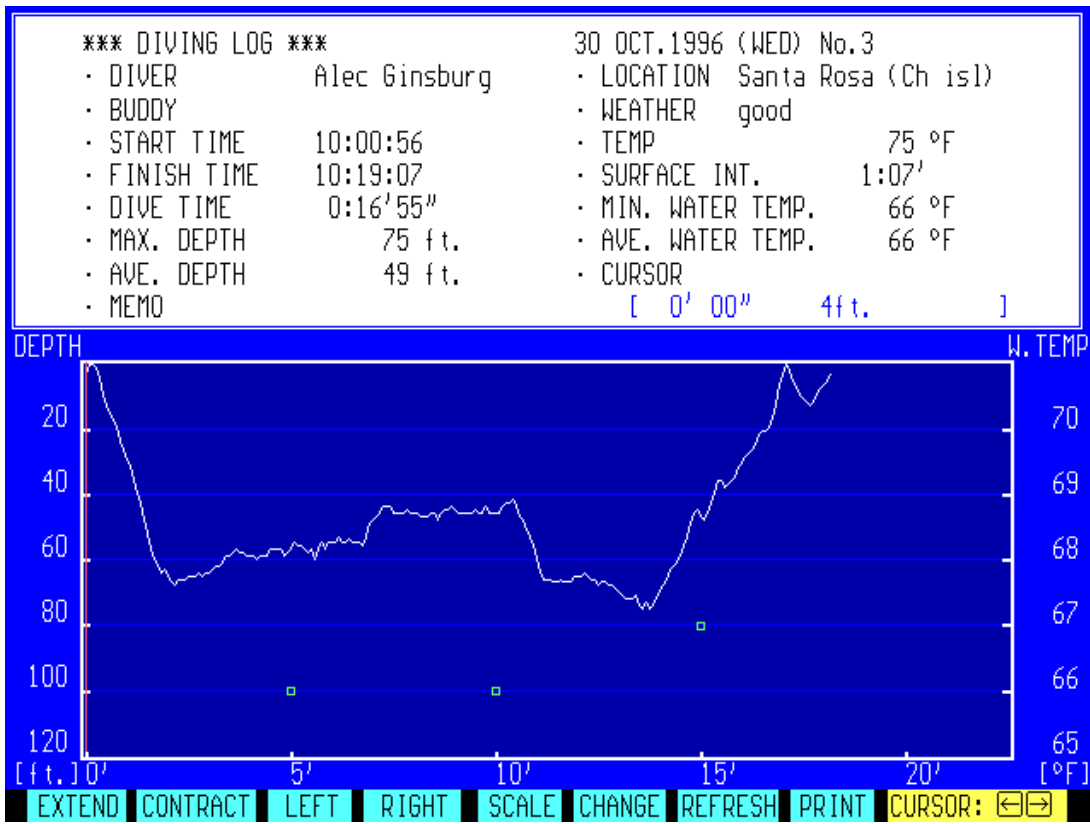


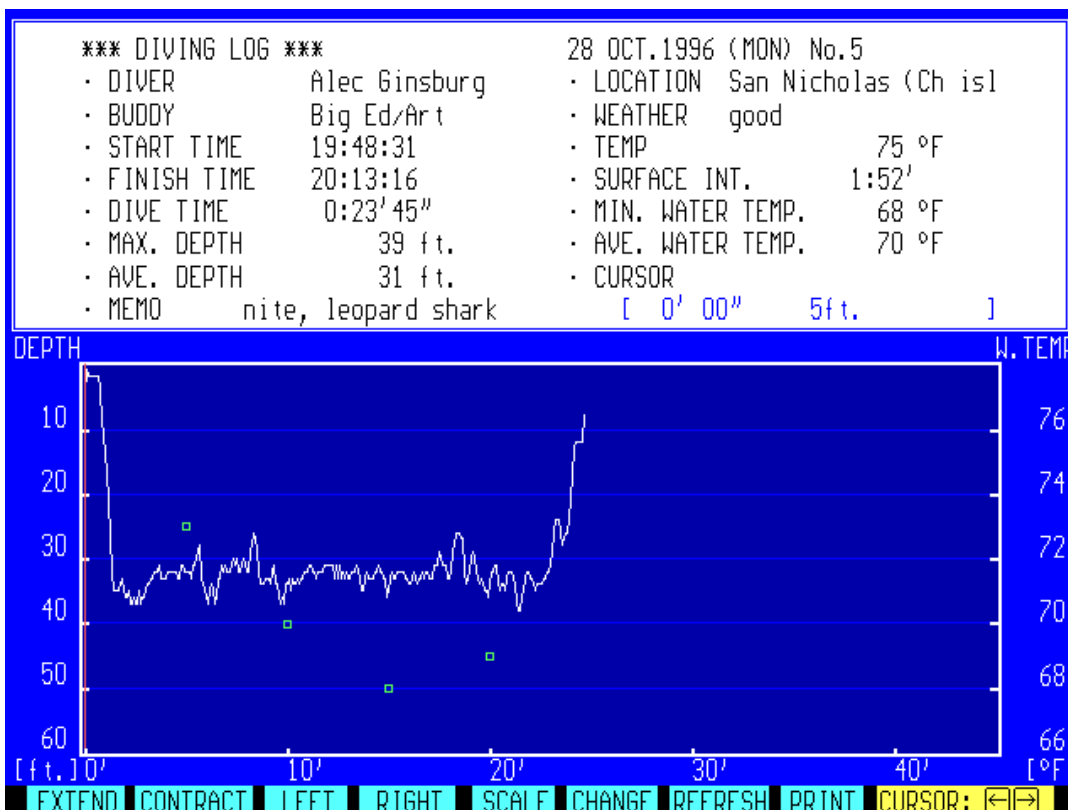
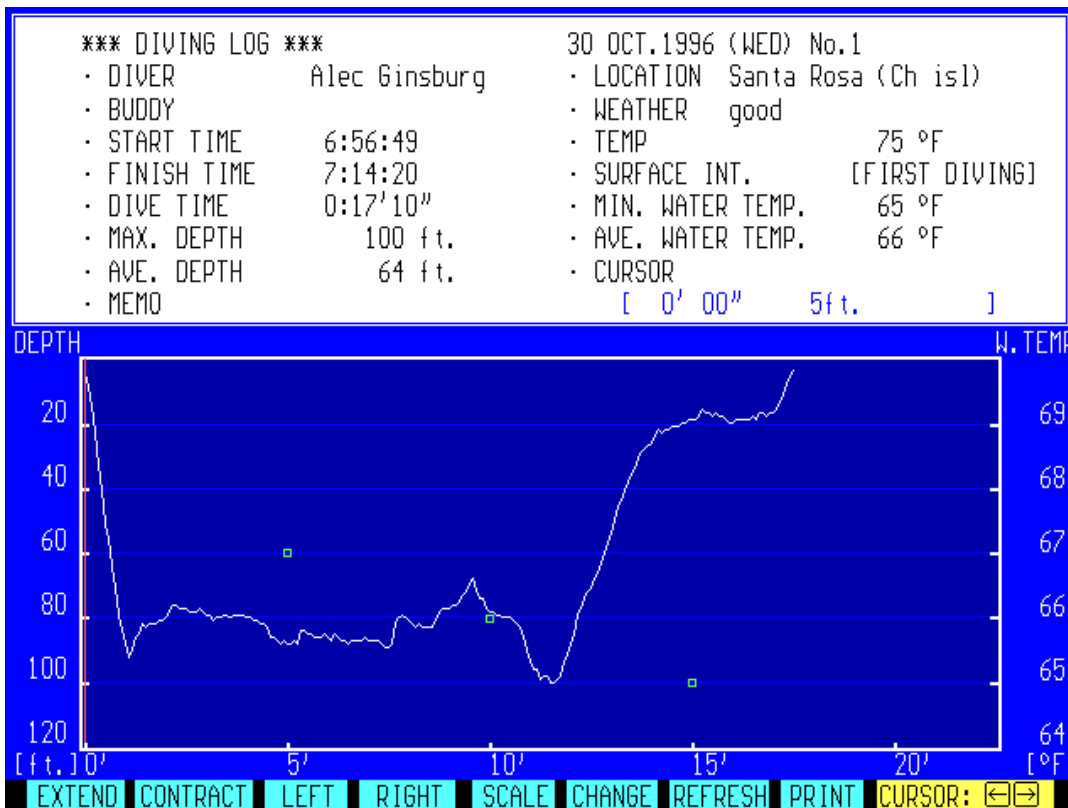
I then did the Manta Ray night dive which was incredible. They told us that it was hit or miss and that sometimes no mantas show up. We were incredibly lucky and had what must have been at least 10 manta rays gliding above us as we sat around the underwater lights on the bottom.

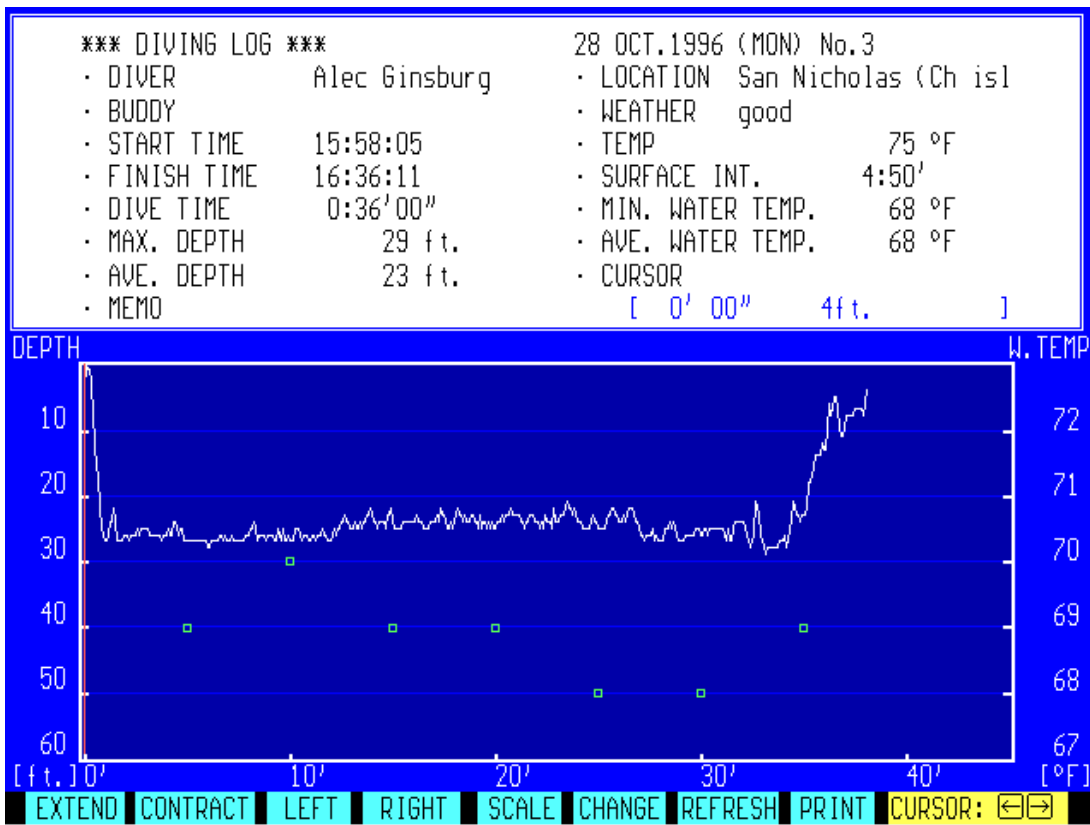
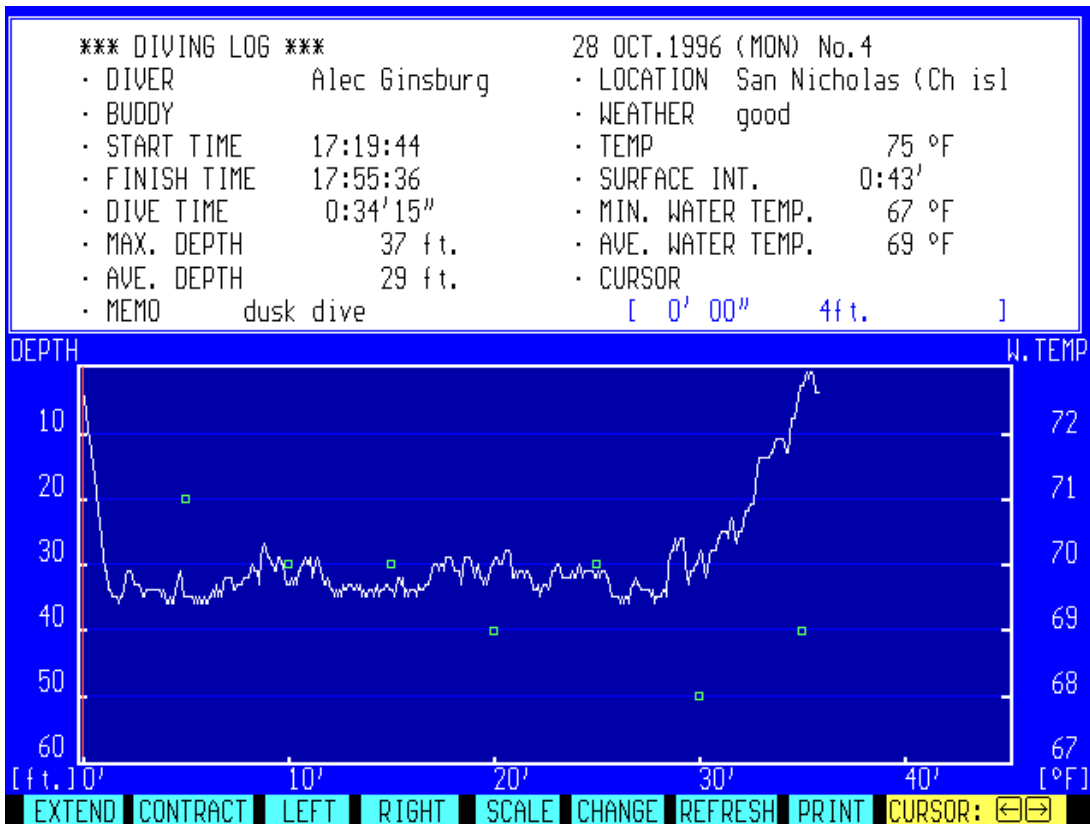


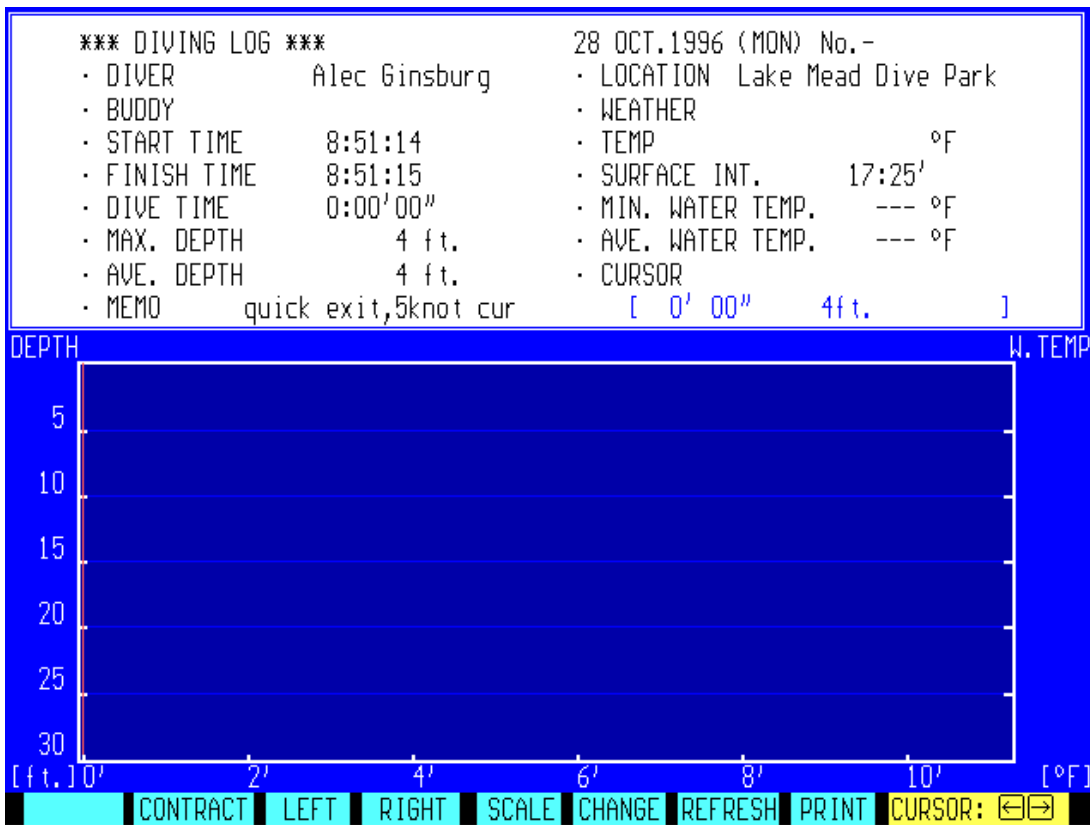
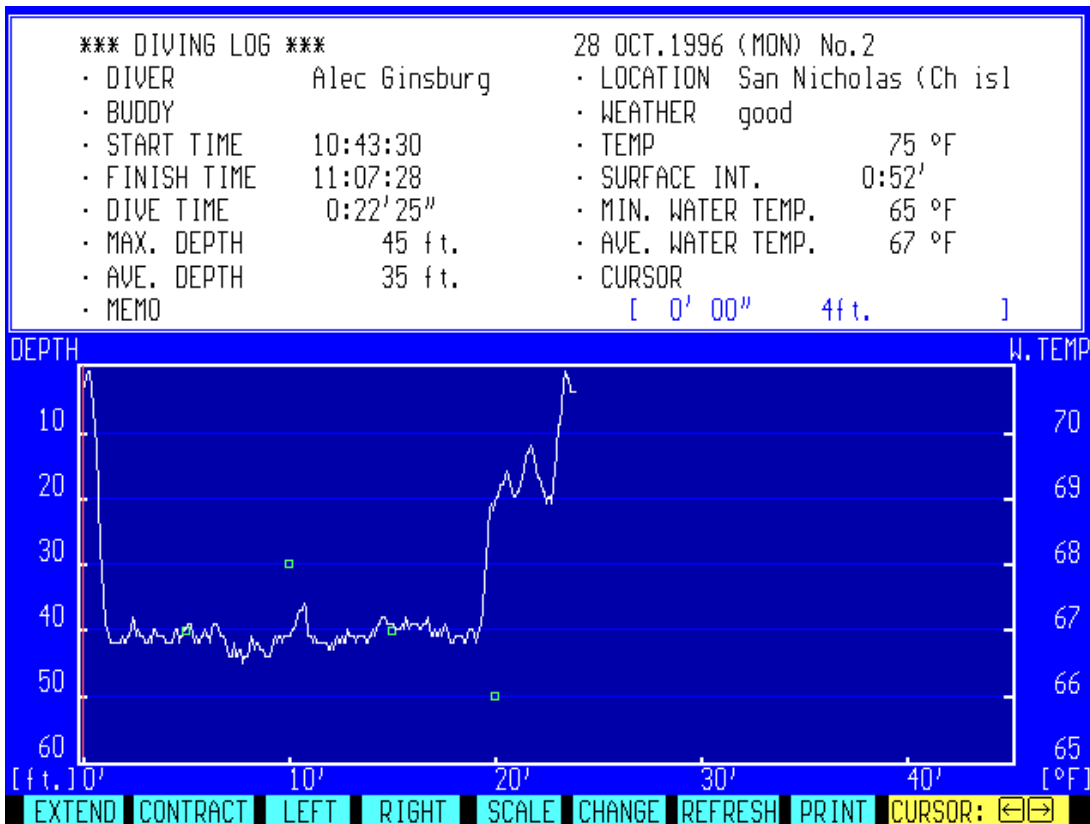
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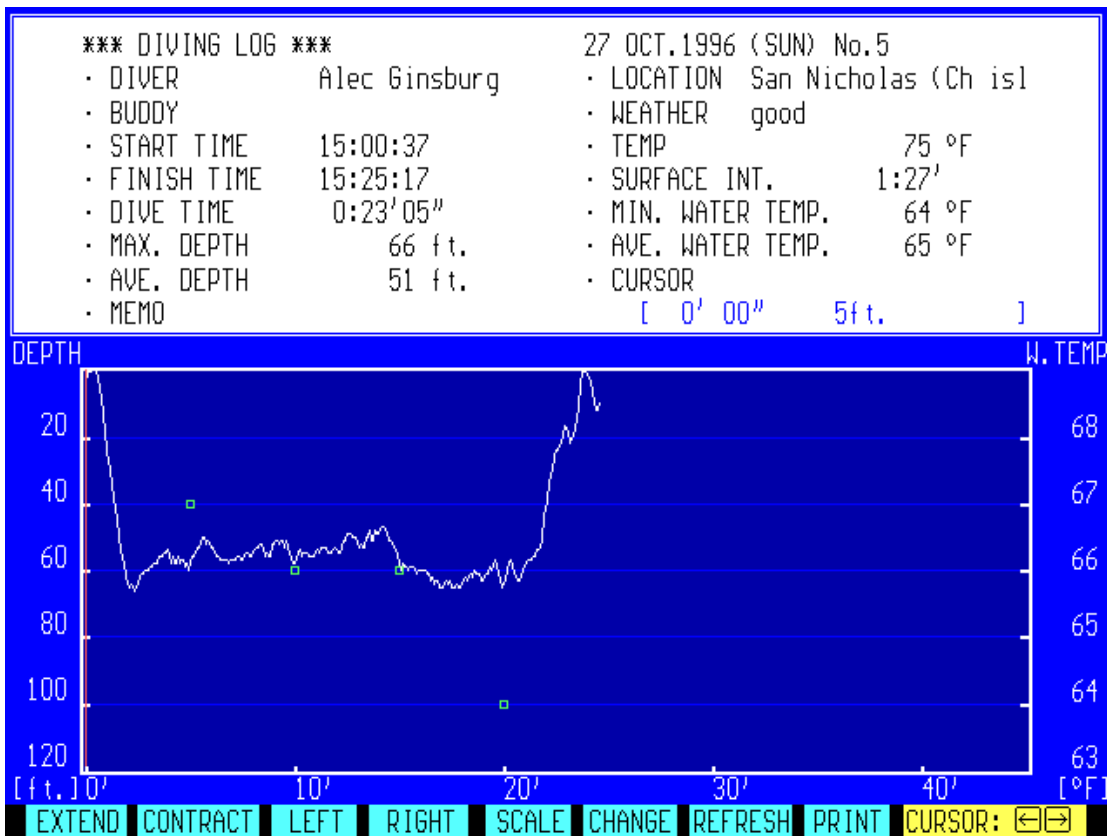


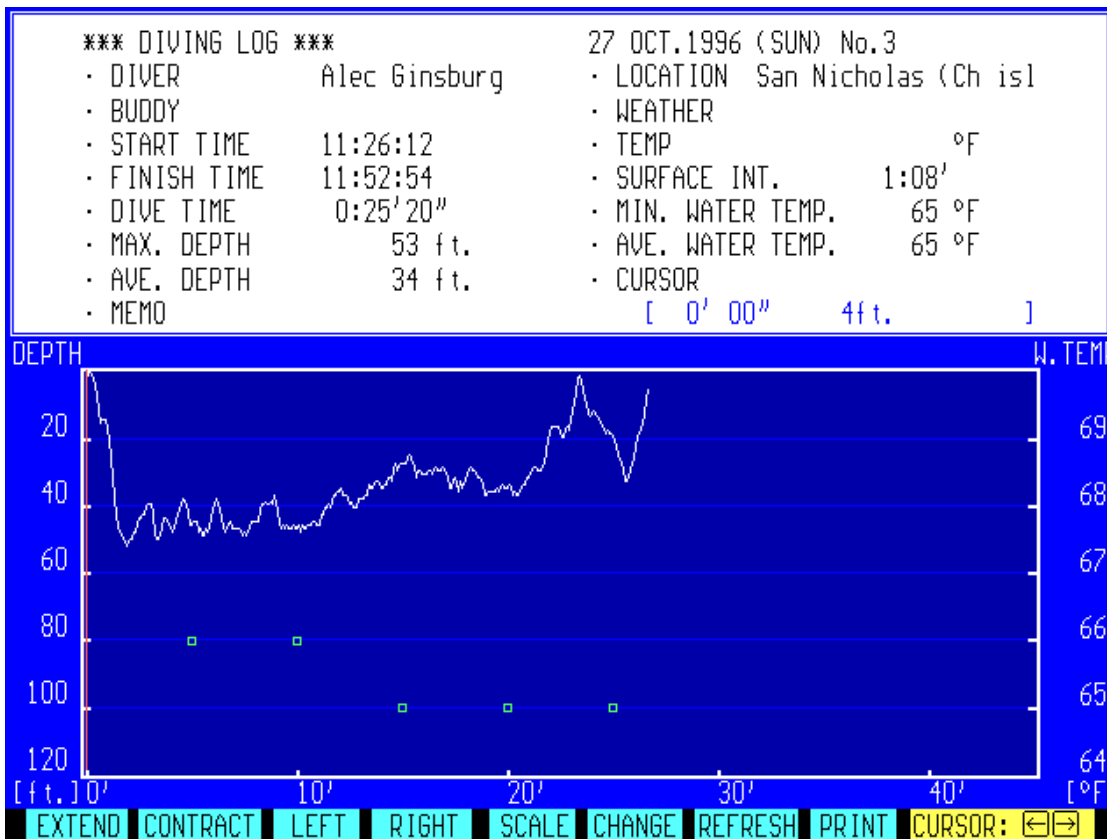










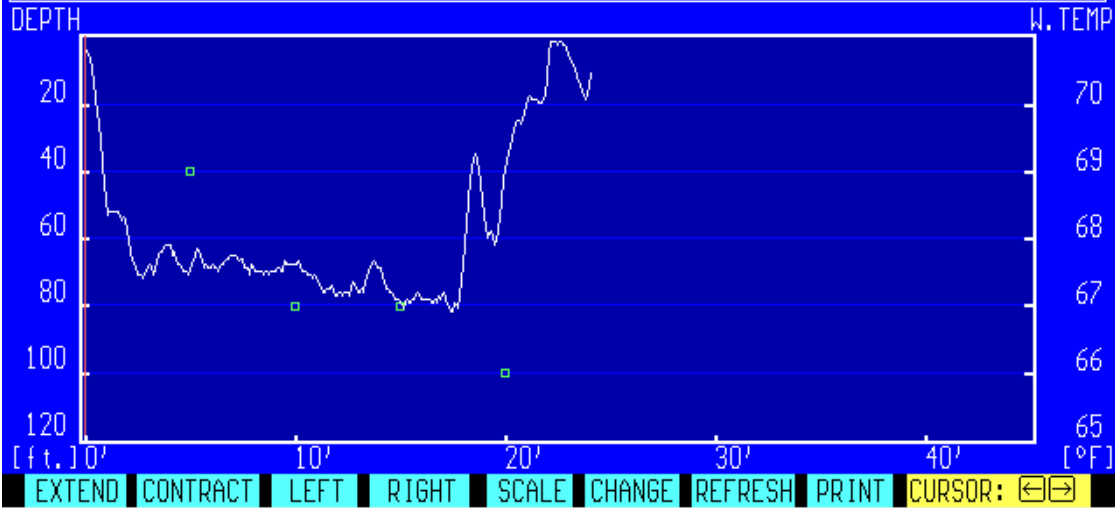


*** DIVING LOG ***

· DIVER Alec Ginsburg
· BUDDY
· START TIME 7:58:18
· FINISH TIME 8:22:28
· DIVE TIME 0:22'30"
· MAX. DEPTH 82 ft.
· AVE. DEPTH 59 ft.
· MEMO lobster dive

27 OCT.1996 (SUN) No.1

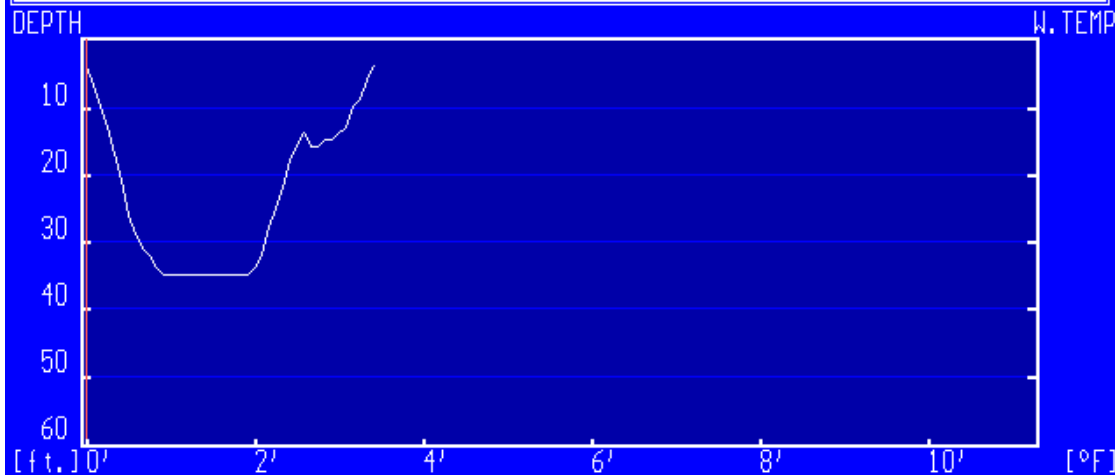
· LOCATION San Nicholas (Ch isl)
· WEATHER Good
· TEMP 75 °F
· SURFACE INT. [FIRST DIVING]
· MIN. WATER TEMP. 66 °F
· AVE. WATER TEMP. 67 °F
· CURSOR [0' 00" 4ft.]



Las Vegas PADI Certification Dives (Lake Mead) October 1996

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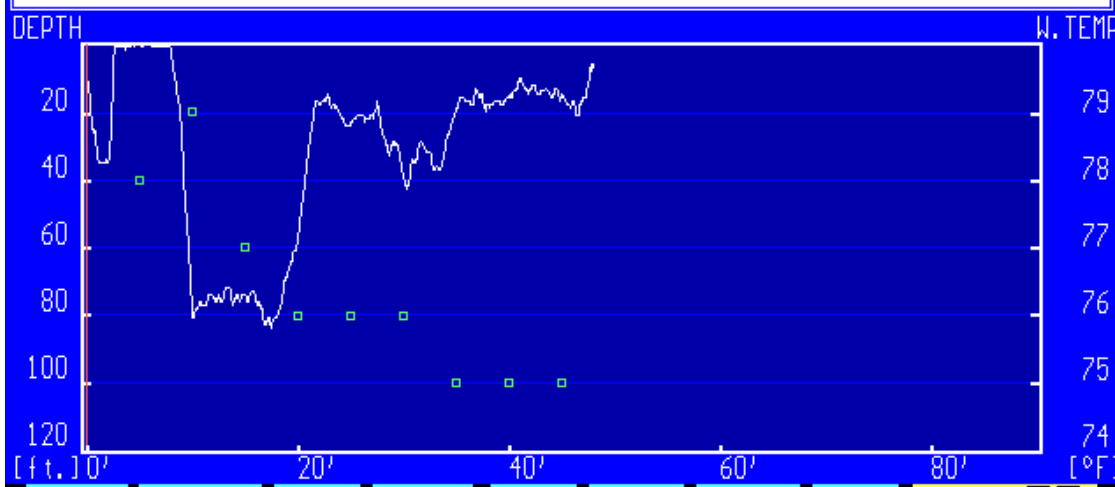
*** DIVING LOG ***
· DIVER      Alec Ginsburg
· BUDDY      Bob Verhagen
· START TIME 14:37:42
· FINISH TIME 14:41:09
· DIVE TIME  0:02'55"
· MAX. DEPTH 36 ft.
· AVE. DEPTH 23 ft.
· MEMO
20 OCT.1996 (SUN) No.2
· LOCATION  Lake Mead Dive Park
· WEATHER
· TEMP      °F
· SURFACE INT. 0:15'
· MIN. WATER TEMP. 72 °F
· AVE. WATER TEMP. --- °F
· CURSOR    [ 0' 00" 4ft. ]
    
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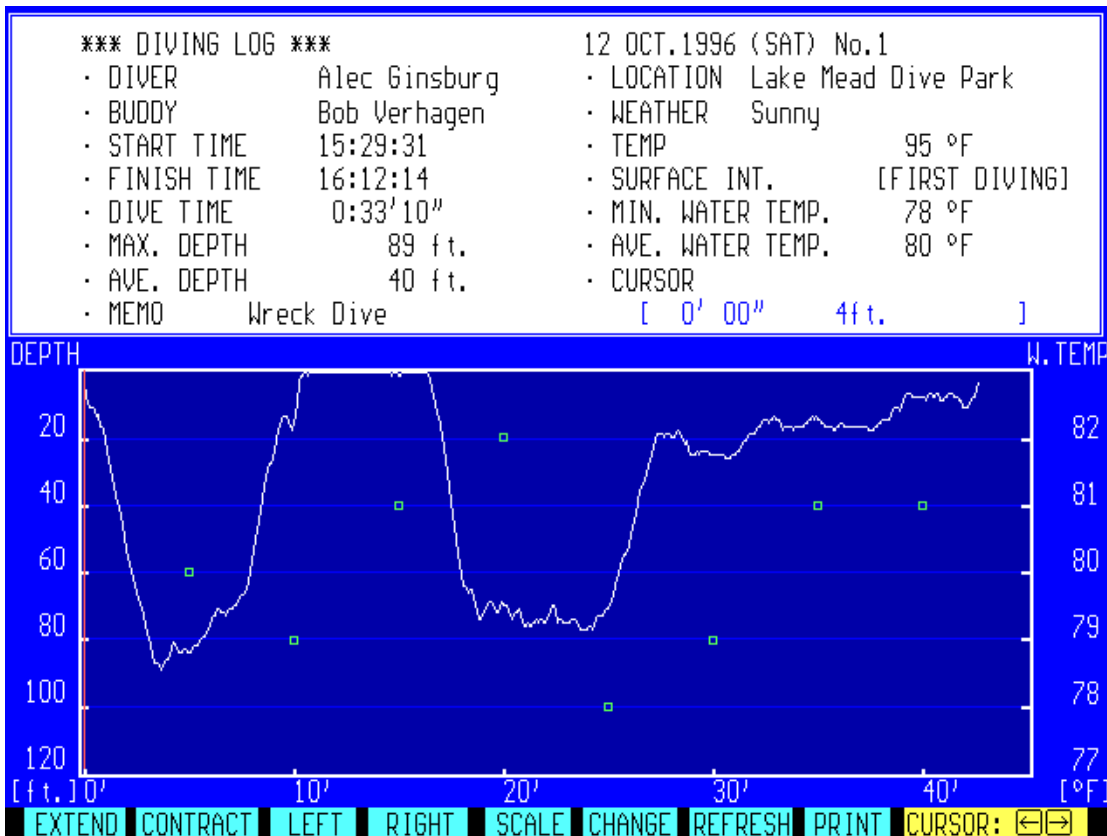
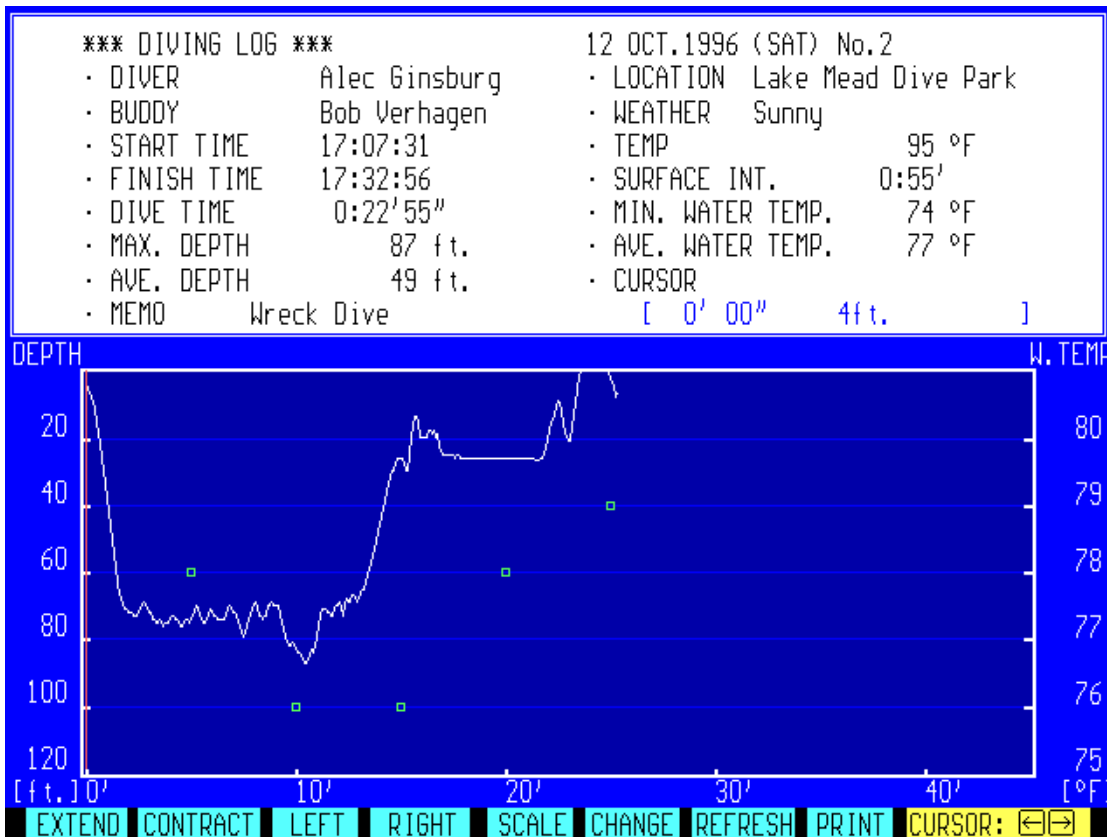
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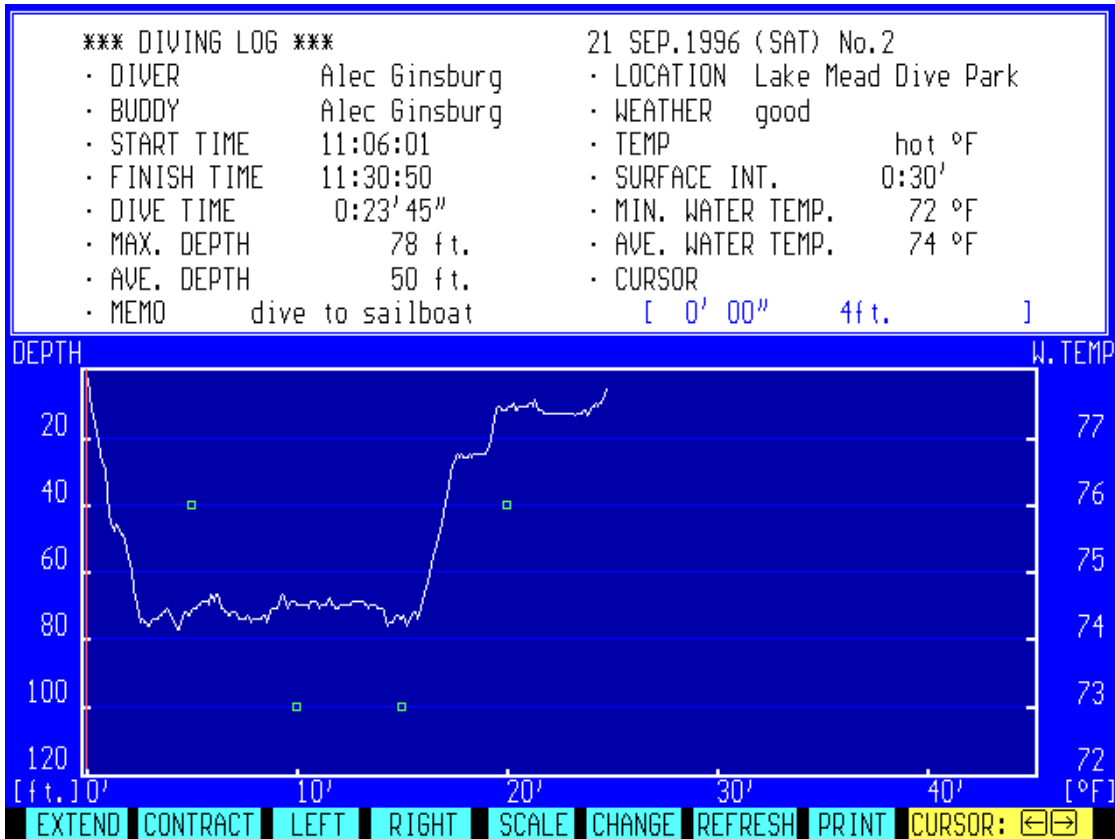
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*** DIVING LOG ***
· DIVER      Alec Ginsburg
· BUDDY      Bob Verhagen
· START TIME 13:33:44
· FINISH TIME 14:21:54
· DIVE TIME  0:42'00"
· MAX. DEPTH 84 ft.
· AVE. DEPTH 35 ft.
· MEMO
20 OCT.1996 (SUN) No.1
· LOCATION  Lake Mead Dive Park
· WEATHER
· TEMP      °F
· SURFACE INT. [FIRST DIVING]
· MIN. WATER TEMP. 75 °F
· AVE. WATER TEMP. 76 °F
· CURSOR    [ 0' 00" 4ft. ]
    
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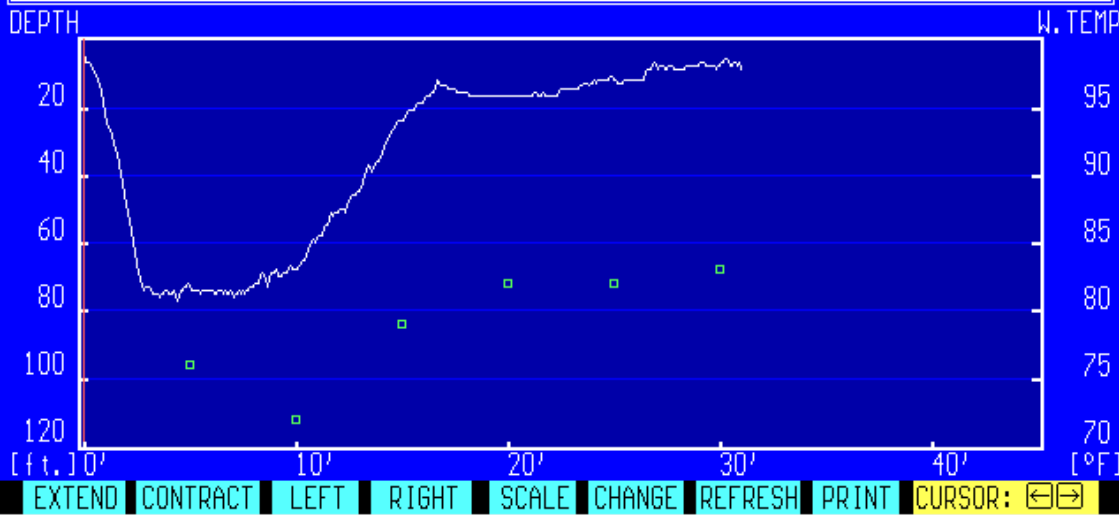


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*** DIVING LOG ***
· DIVER Alec Ginsburg
· BUDDY Bob Verhagen
· START TIME 11:43:11
· FINISH TIME 12:14:16
· DIVE TIME 0:26'20"
· MAX. DEPTH 77 ft.
· AVE. DEPTH 34 ft.
· MEMO deep dive to wreck

8 SEP.1996 (SUN) No.2
· LOCATION Lake Mead Dive Park
· WEATHER Hot
· TEMP 100 °F
· SURFACE INT. 1:19'
· MIN. WATER TEMP. 72 °F
· AVE. WATER TEMP. 79 °F
· CURSOR [ 0' 00" 4ft. ]

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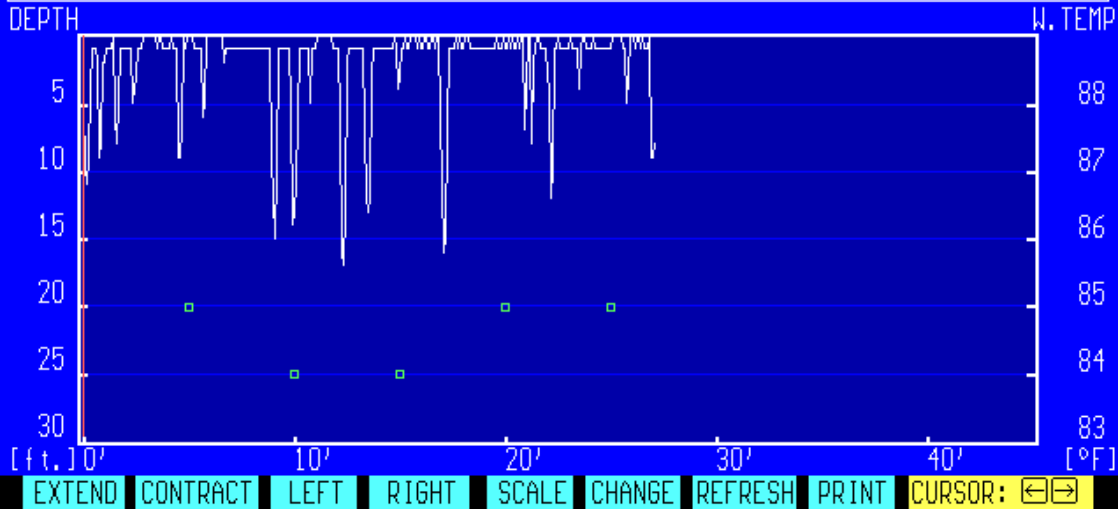


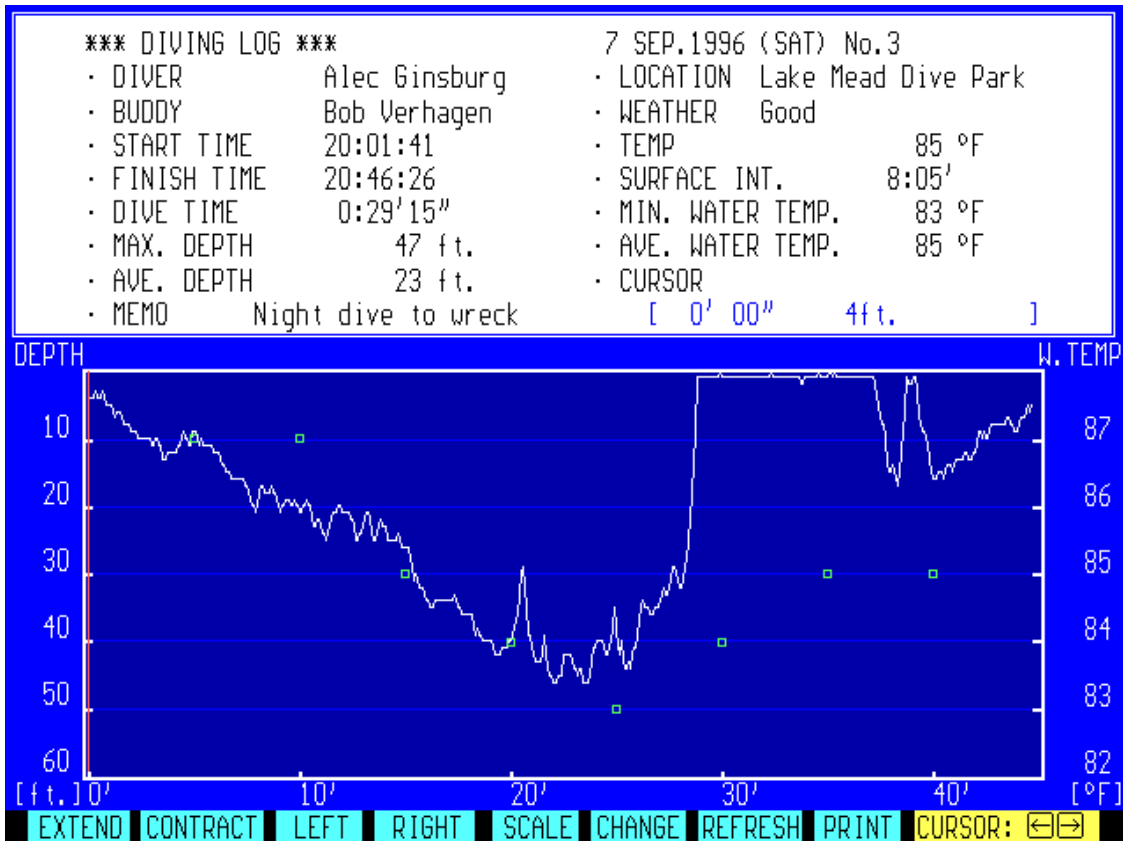
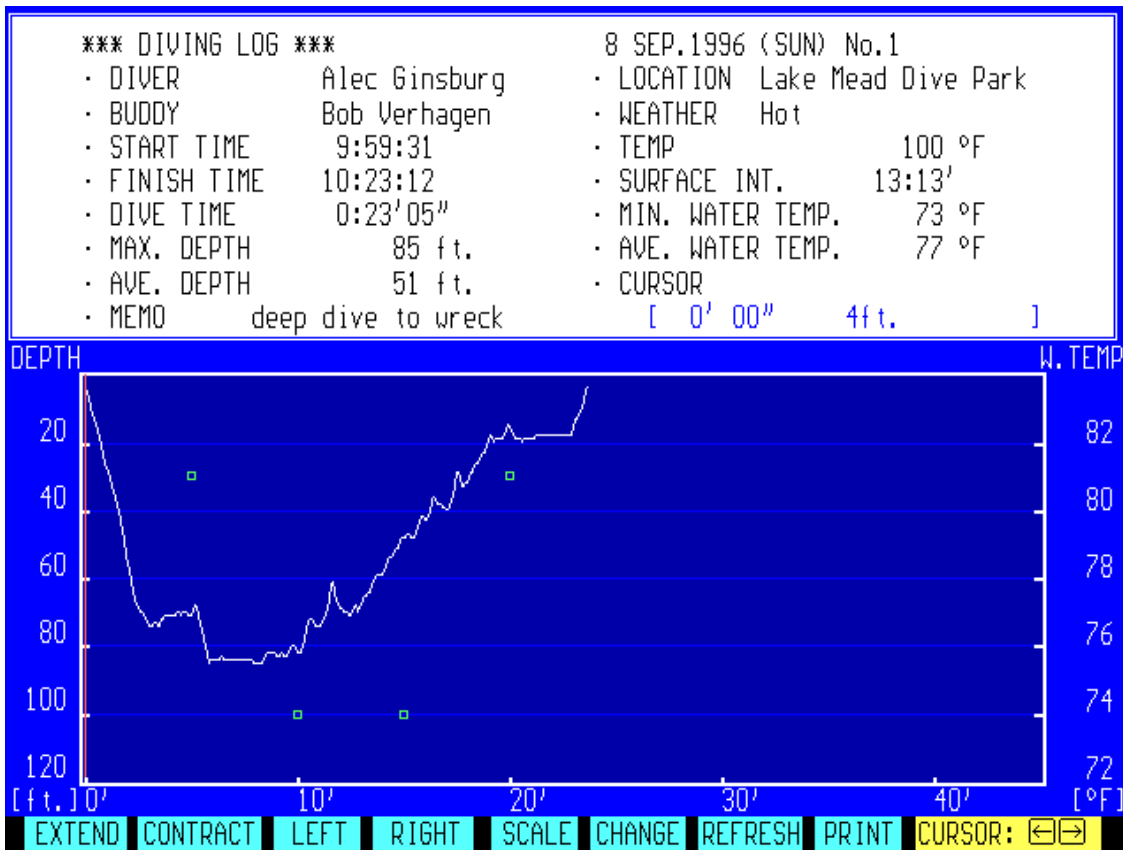
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*** DIVING LOG ***
· DIVER Alec Ginsburg
· BUDDY
· START TIME 11:00:11
· FINISH TIME 11:27:20
· DIVE TIME 0:03'20"
· MAX. DEPTH 17 ft.
· AVE. DEPTH 8 ft.
· MEMO snorkeling dives

8 SEP.1996 (SUN) No.-
· LOCATION Lake Mead Dive Park
· WEATHER Hot
· TEMP 100 °F
· SURFACE INT. 0:36'
· MIN. WATER TEMP. 84 °F
· AVE. WATER TEMP. 84 °F
· CURSOR [ 0' 00" 5ft. ]

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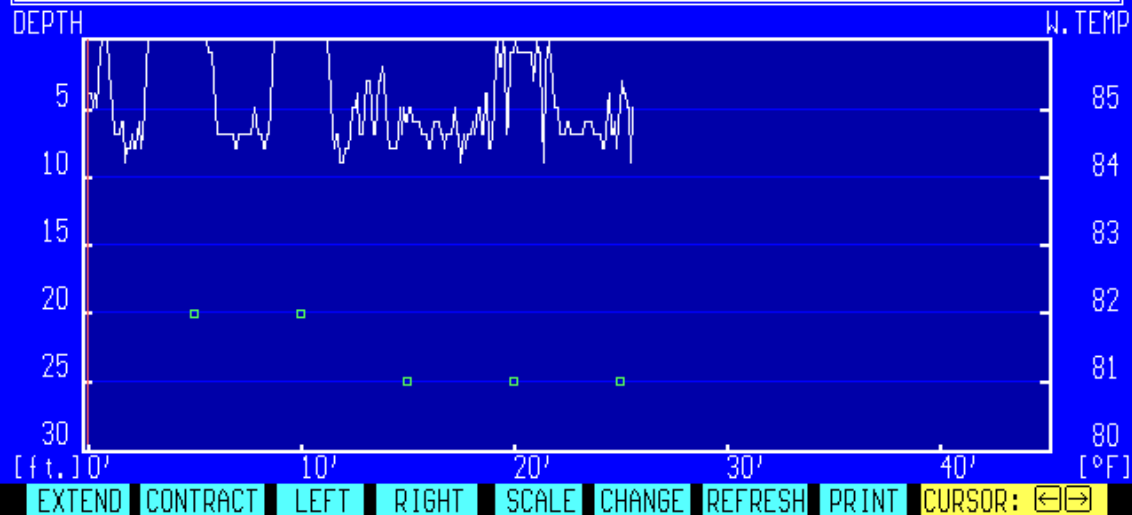




*** DIVING LOG ***

6 SEP.1996 (FRI) No.1

• DIVER	Alec Ginsburg	• LOCATION	Dive Store Pool
• BUDDY	Bob Verhagen	• WEATHER	Cloudy
• START TIME	21:35:09	• TEMP	88 °F
• FINISH TIME	22:00:46	• SURFACE INT.	[FIRST DIVING]
• DIVE TIME	0:02'05"	• MIN. WATER TEMP.	81 °F
• MAX. DEPTH	9 ft.	• AVE. WATER TEMP.	81 °F
• AVE. DEPTH	6 ft.	• CURSOR	[0' 00" 4ft.]
• MEMO	Eval dive for PADI		



The following dives were extracted from a now defunct DIVEMAST program for which I am missing DLL files to make it run. There are various numbers in each entry – I suspect they are depths, times and temperatures.

Oregon Dives 1995 March-December



Assisting Classes as Dive Master on Open Water Dives

I continued to assist as a dive master with both students and paying dive boat customers on our instructor's (Dan Bunch) boat every weekend until December 1995. This consisted of 2-4 open water dives off the Oregon coast every weekend for about 5 months (or between 40-80) additional dives for which I have no records as I stopped recording every dive as nobody ever looked at my dive log!

Channel Islands 1st time (Lobster Dive – Live Aboard)

I went for a week long Channel Island dive with a group of my dive buddies (I don't remember the exact dates) during this time. I'm guessing that I did about the same number of dives that I did on my second Channel Island trip (for which I do have logs.) We had a great time! Even the drive home we all took broke down on return trip from the dive and we were all stranded in California for days while it was repaired.

Open Water Dives

7/9/95 Newport - OSU M Hatfield center Mike Ireland 14:300020:1950 15 25
C705550300015002 2 Crab hunting in the bay. Unfortunately neither of us knew how to tell males from females so we had to leave all of the crabs we found! We later found out how to tell them apart from Will.

7/9/95 Newport - North Pinnacle Will Peterson 11:000019:2930 80 85
H6853433000700 20 20 We saw a 7-10' octopus on the boat anchor - he got mad and left when we reached the anchor! More fishing. We saw two whales on the boat ride back in about 30' from the boat.

7/9/95 Newport - north pinnacle reef Will Peterson 09:300018:5930 80 87
H6852433000800 20 20 Will was teaching me how to pole fish. I caught a sea bass and learned the technique. I caught Will's light as I followed him - he lost it on his boat exit procedure.

7/8/95 Newport - Marina none 15:340018:2921 10 19
A7550503000200010 10 First commercial dive. Dan asked me to remove crab trap rope from the propellers of a pleasure craft. Easy job and I made \$20!

6/30/95 Newport - Yaquina river upstream Will Peterson & Dottie/Patrick 15:300018:0822 18 18
A685247290021002 2 OW1 class for Dottie/Pat, we had to go up the river to find a spot with even this much visibility. Ran through all skills except buddy breathing today.

6/30/95 Newport - north reef Bruce ??? 12:300017:4618 60 66
E685243280016005 5 another "night dive" during the day. We did see some large anemone forests on the rocks.

6/30/95 Newport - south reef Barbara McKay & Bruce ??? 10:000017:2821 80 86
G685243300021005 5 Reef dive, although we dove during the day - we ended up with night dive conditions (no light) it was pitch black due to the plankton and algae on the surface. New sea sick pills really work! I didn't feel queasy all day.

6/29/95 Yellow Bottom pool/above green peter res Will Peterson, Mark Shultz, Barb McKay
11:300017:0747 25 25 C8547473000900 100100 freshwater dive in pool below a waterfall. It was fun sitting right below the falls and having the water pound down on top of you. We saw several medium size fish and cleaned up some garbage off the bottom. Will tried to take my BC and belt off and almost had them off before I realized that he was not trying to show me something, but was just screwing with me. We also saw some little black 6 legged things w/shells

6/25/95 Newport - ocean S of S jetty Mike Ireland 11:000016:2046 32 45
AH8545402800800 0 0 OW1 final certification dive. Water was filled with suspended algae making vis extremely bad - I had to have my three students hold on to my BC after we got separated the first time (one went to bottom, one got halfway down and had ear problems, and one could not get off the surface.) We even had a reporter on our boat writing a story for the local paper on diving!

6/24/95 Newport - crab pier near shop Mike Ireland 11:000015:0440 25 32
 AF804540300012005 5 Swam out among pilings on crab pier with students to get them used to deeper water. Saw a few crabs and several schools of small fish.

6/24/95 Newport - third finger/S jetty Mike Ireland 09:000014:5425 10 15
 AE8045452800180010 8 Divemaster work helping OW1 students complete their training. We had several problems with students - weight belts that would not fit (really large guys), not enough weight, anxiety, etc.

6/5/95 Newport - third finger S jetty Will Peterson & Steve Ford 13:000014:2930 15 21
 AE754543300014002 2 Fun dive. Vis was so bad though that we gave up after the first dive. I did get some good work on my compass training as I could not see very much.

5/9/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Anita Jackson & Steve Ford 20:450013:5945 8 13
 B 3000800 100100 Open water I training dive. Steve, Anita and I practiced our skills in the deep end while the class was doing their snorkel training.

4/23/95 North Pinnacle Reef - Newport OR Will Peterson 10:300013:1414 80 106
 F6545402900600 50 20 Will showed me some spear fishing and tagged a large green mouthed "cod"? and several smaller ones.

4/23/95 North Pinnacle Reef - Newport OR Will Peterson 09:300013:0019 60 85
 F6545402900700 50 20 We had about 10-15 feet of surge on the reef. It was a beautiful day, and I hurled my breakfast upon entering the boat!

4/22/95 Osborne Aquatic Center multiple 19:000012:4160 5 13 B
 Helped out in a "scuba experience" for a local fraternity and sorority. we took about 30 kids around the shallows and showed them how much fun scuba can be.

4/20/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Mark Schultz 21:000011:4148 13 13 B
 OW1 training - worked on skills.

4/18/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Mark Shultz 21:000010:5346 13 13 B
 OW1 training refresher - worked on skills.

4/13/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Mark Shultz 20:300010:0745 8 13 B
 100100 OW1 training class. Worked on skills with others.

Cozumel Dives 1995 March



3/23/95 Cozumel - Yucab reef Fred Seimers 20:300009:2230 53 53 F8590
2900600 20 20 Night dive. Boy did we get caught in a current here - it was taking us along at about 4 knots! No casual stopping and looking here. I did get to see a large lobster and a morey eel swimming out of it's hole.

3/23/95 Cozumel - Plane wreck none 14:300008:5247 35 35 E9080
2800100080 100Went to see plane wreck off the coast of La Ceiba hotel. Lots of marine life in and under the plane. I was even being chased and bit by a 3" fish that must have been defending it's nest!

3/21/95 Cozumel - Chankanaab reef Lee Borden 16:300008:0534 46 46
F9080 3000700 80 100Reef/drift dive. See picture album. I saw two large crabs under the coral shelf and two morey eels (one of which I almost bumped into while trying to take his picture.)

3/21/95 Cozumel - Palacar reef horseshoe Lee Borden 14:300007:3131 85 85
9080 3000490 80 100Reef/drift dive. See picture album.

3/20/95 Cozumel - Paradise Reef Lee Borden 16:040007:0042 38 38
F9080 2900600 80 100Reef/drift dive. See picture album.

3/20/95 Cozumel - Palacar reef caves Lee Borden 14:230006:1829 94 94
9080 2900600 80 100Reef/drift dive. see picture album. We actually went to the edge of the shelf and got to look down 3000 feet into the abyss. I missed my bottom and passed the 80' mark.

3/19/95 Cozumel - Paradise Reef Lee Borden 17:110005:4944 41 41
G9080 2900600 80 100Reef/drift dive. see picture album.

3/19/95 Cozumel, Santa Rosa reef Lee Borden 15:380005:0533 81 81
9080 2800450 80 100Reef/drift dive. Awesome - see photo album!

Oregon Dives (Prepare for Cozumel) 1995 March

3/16/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Will Peterson 20:300004:3245 13 13 B
3000 100100 Test out underwater camera before trip to Cozumel. Got some good pictures and it was easier than I thought. Camera is only good to 4-5 feet though.

3/14/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Will Peterson 20:300003:4750 13 13 B
3100 100100 OW1 refresher - worked on skills

Oregon Dives (Open Water I & II) 1995 March

3/12/95 Edmunds Ferry, WA Chad Hosack 0002:5710 1 1 A
Dock dive Aborted. I tried but was too tired from the dives of yesterday and did not want to risk getting hurt in the choppy waters. Still having problems surface swimming.

3/11/95 Edmunds Ferry, WA Chad Hosack 0002:4724 32 32 C
10 10 Night Dive. We dove to the wreck and looked around. there were lots of big fish checking us out and swimming through our lights. On the way back I almost swam into the ferry's propellers due to poor compass work on my part - definitely need work on this skill!

3/11/95 Edmunds Ferry, WA Chad Hosack 0002:2321 24 24 B
3000800 10 20 Still having trouble swimming on the surface. It took me so long to swim (surface) to the dive point that the rest of the group had already left. Chad and I could not find them, so we spent our time looking for them instead of diving the wreck.

3/11/95 Edmunds Ferry, WA Chad Hosack 0002:0230 36 36 D
2900700 10 20 Open water 2 dive. I had a lot of trouble swimming on the surface through even light chop. It was later pointed out to me that I was bending my legs while kicking and that if I would keep them straight it would be much easier. I also had my BC strap too high and tight which was compressing my diaphragm and cutting off my air - which is why I was always short of breath on the surface.

3/9/95 Osborne Aquatic Center Will Peterson 0001:3249 13 13 B
28001000100100 Refresher in pool for divemaster program with OW1 class

3/5/95 Newport OR, channel dive Anita Jackson + Will Peterson 0000:4324 39 39
C 3000 10 10 Saw a seal at close range - it started to come after Will! The seal appeared to be 2-3x as big as me. I lost my weight belt off the end of the pier while trying to get back into the boat.

3/4/95 Newport OR, 1st finger jetty Anita Jackson 0000:066 19 19 A
3000 10 10 Open water I training dive

B1 1000000 3/4/95 Newport OR, 2nd finger Anita Jackson 0000:1913
23 23 BD 3000 5 5 Open water I training dive