

Tödlicher Rebreather-Unfall (SCR Habanero) in Kroatien: Busse für Team und Landesverweis für Leiter der tschechischen Tauchergruppe nach tödlichem Unfall. 20 tote tschechische Taucher in Kroatien alleine in dieser Saison!

Website of the group:

<http://www.finnsb.cz/garibaldi/eng/expedition.php>

Fatality:

The message about the diving accident

On **10.9.2008** during the deep dive near Cavtat close to Dubrovnik the fatal accident of the diver Jan Otýs happened. The cause was probably the sudden health incident during the descent.

In the depth 90,3 m he signaled his problems to the second diver from the couple and both divers start ascending immediately. The controlled ascent was until 50 m but then Jan stopped communicating so the ascent was speed up and continued still by the right controlled manner. During all time of the dive the divers had enough air.

In 6 m Jan failed to blackout. The second diver transported him to the surface. On the surface the secure divers from the accompanying boat take him and the second diver came back to make a decompression. Jan was undressed and took to the fast accompanying small boat. Here the resuscitation and the massage cardiac massage was made till the arrival to the port. After 20 min from his takeover by the doctors on pier in Cavtat his death was announced.

Both divers used **SCR Habanero**, the dive was planned to the depth 115 m. 4 mixtures were prepared for the dive. The check of Jan's equipment confirmed the fully working SCR Habanero and 3 from 4 tanks with the rest pressure 150 bar. **The fourth tank was for unknown reasons empty.**

We are writing this message 4 hours after our friend's death. Until now we passed the examination by police and captain's and even some media appeared. Media are looking for sensation and the police is looking for the pretence to conviction of the Croatia law breaking.

But we didn't dive in any forbidden zone by Croatians and we didn't break any Croatian or our's diving rule or standard. The preparation and the dive was in according with the plan so we could just speculate about the exact reason until the medical examine.

Jan's aim today was to moor the rope to the side of the wreck. Our thanks will forever belong to Jan and the other diver who risked his own life by the rescue of his friend from the depth 90 m. Owing him we hoped for the save of Jan's life till the last moment.

<CMCarvalho@...> wrote:

> http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/news/index_view.php?id=332830

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> **Czech diver dies in Croatia, divers' team fined, its head expelled**

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Zagreb/Prague - A Croatian court today fined members of a Czech scuba diving expedition

in Croatia for breaching the local scuba diving law, a decision that has nothing to do with the death of the team's photographer earlier this week, Czech diplomatic sources have told CTK unofficially.

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According to the server iDnes.cz, **the expedition has been fined the equivalent to 107'000 crowns** (\$1=17.630 crowns) .

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Later today, Nova TV said the team had to pay the fine otherwise the team leader would be threatened with imprisonment.

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The leader, Zdenek Partyngl, **has been expelled** from Croatia, Nova TV said.

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The court proceedings reportedly were not linked to the death of the diver who did not survive his ascent from the 90-metre depth in the Cavtat area, becoming the 20th Czech who died in Croatia in this season alone.

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Members of the Czech expedition, which monitors the wreckage of the World War One Italian cruiser Garibaldi, which sank along the Croatian coast in 1915, have been accused of transgressing **the depth scuba divers are allowed to sink to**.

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However, the expedition says on its website that the Croatian law only applies to sport scuba diving with compressed air and reaching the **maximal depth of 40 metres**, but not to technical diving.

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The Czech divers have also been accused of breaching the law on archaeology, as underwater monitoring of protected historical objects requires a special permit from the local Culture Ministry.

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The cruiser Garibaldi, however, has not been declared a protected piece of historical heritage yet as it was discovered by the Czech expedition only recently, this April.

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The court today banned the Czechs from further exploring the wreckage.
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