

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN CAVE DIVING IS TODAY? WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT IT?

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The biggest problem I see is the "too far, too deep, too soon" syndrome.
[siehe dazu J. Bozanic "too far, too soon"!]

Too many divers are in too much of a rush to move to the next level without gaining sufficient experience first, or to buy the next new toy or to get to the back of the cave or the bottom of the pit.

My advice is to slow down and take your time.
There is no substitute for experience and time spent in the water diving.
When faced with a difficult situation that experience is really going to make all the difference to the outcome.

Also unfortunately I see a lot of impact in the caves here caused by divers who do not have the skills, experience or awareness to be diving safely where they are.

Get properly trained.
Search out an experienced, knowledgeable instructor who is actively doing the type of diving you wish to learn.
Taking training from a good Instructor will distill into a few days' years of experience and advance your diving accordingly.
However taking a course is just the first step in the learning process.

After the course you need to go out diving and practice what you have been taught and build up your own personal experience bit by bit.

The cave is not going anywhere and will be waiting for you when you are ready to dive it safely and in conservation minded fashion.

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