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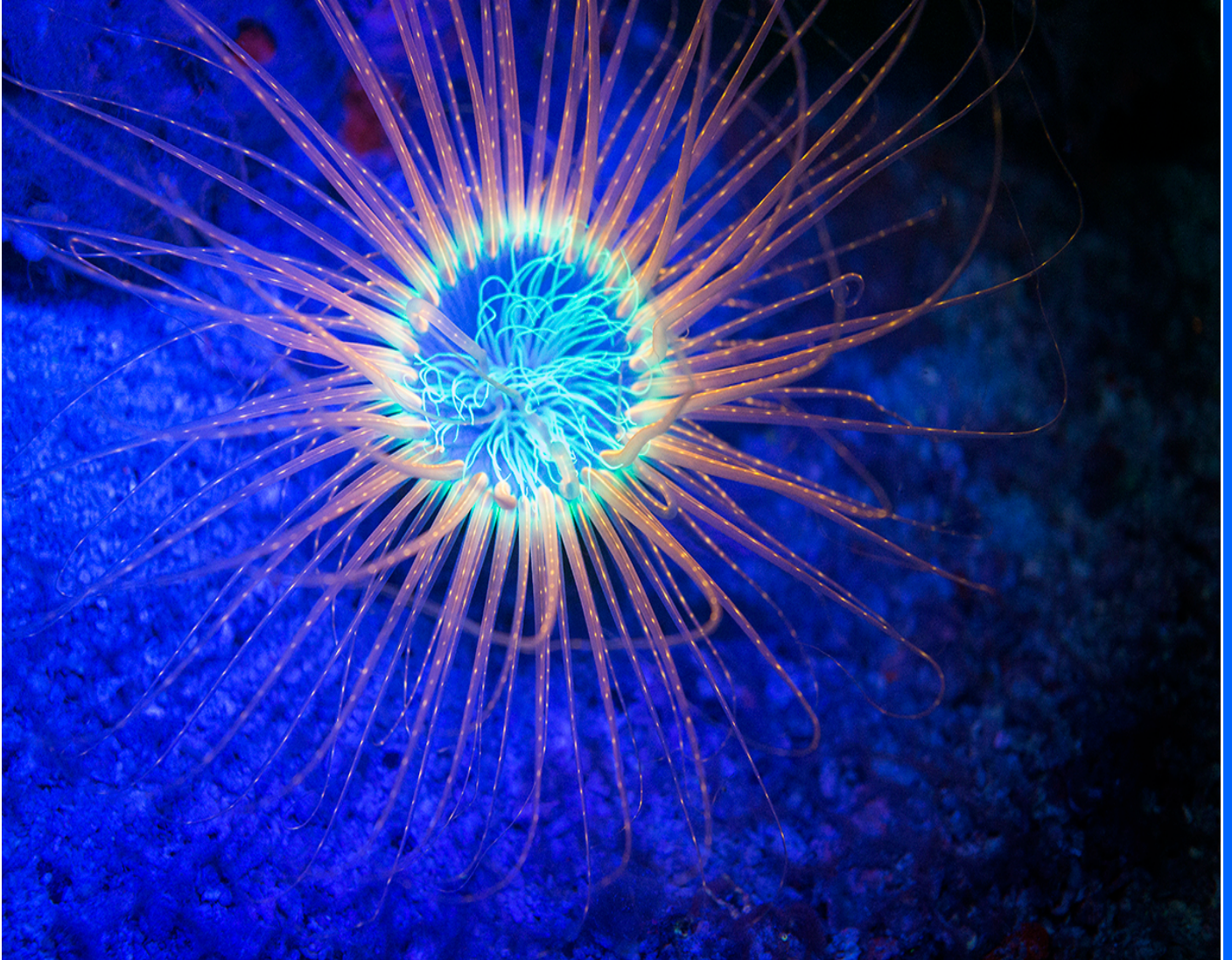


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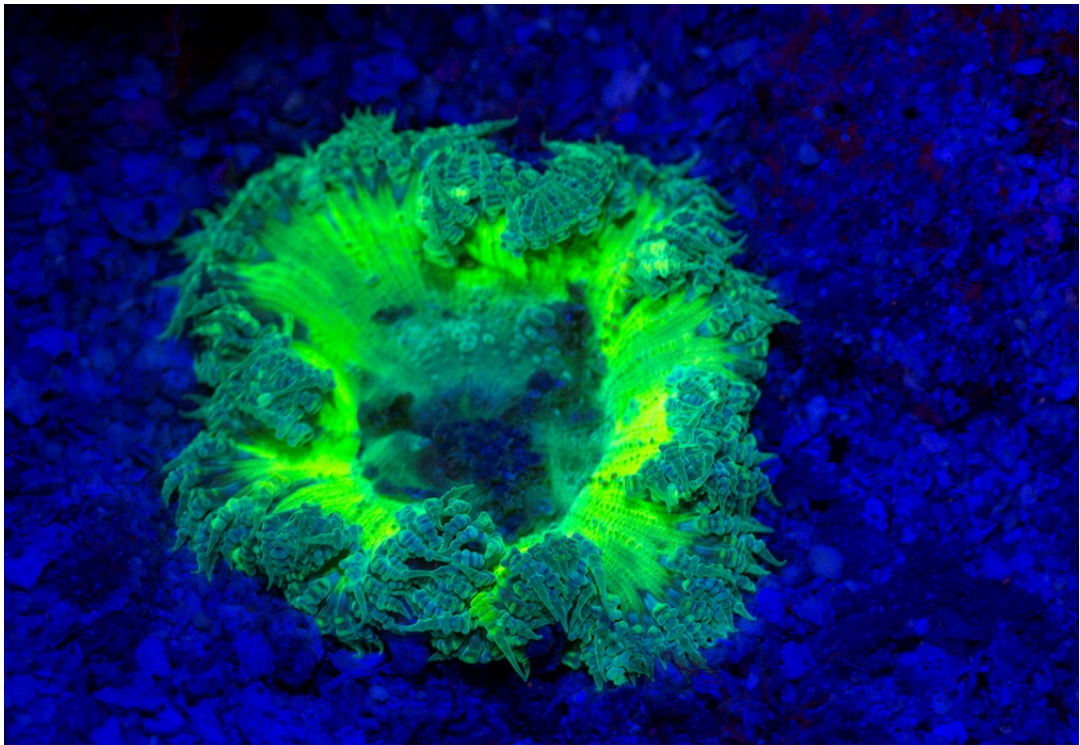


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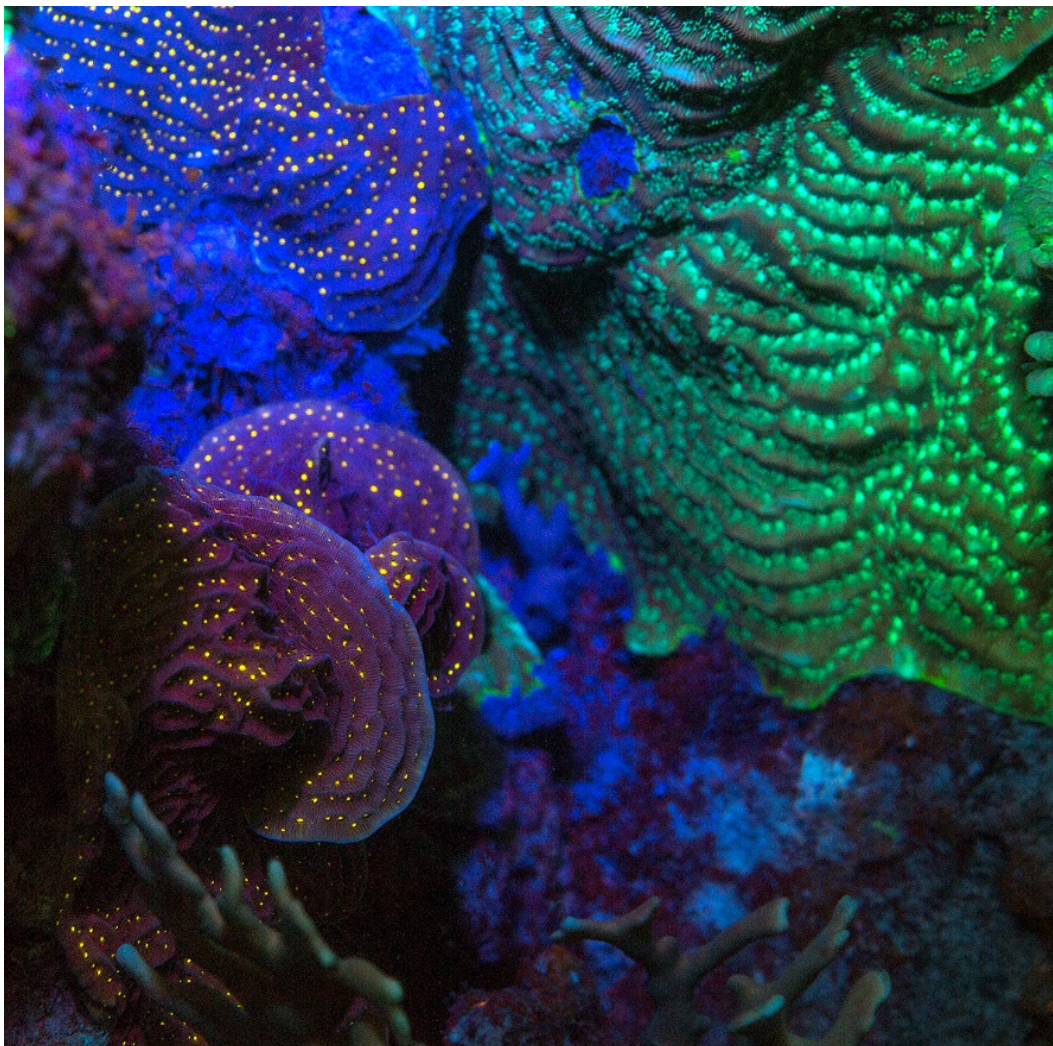


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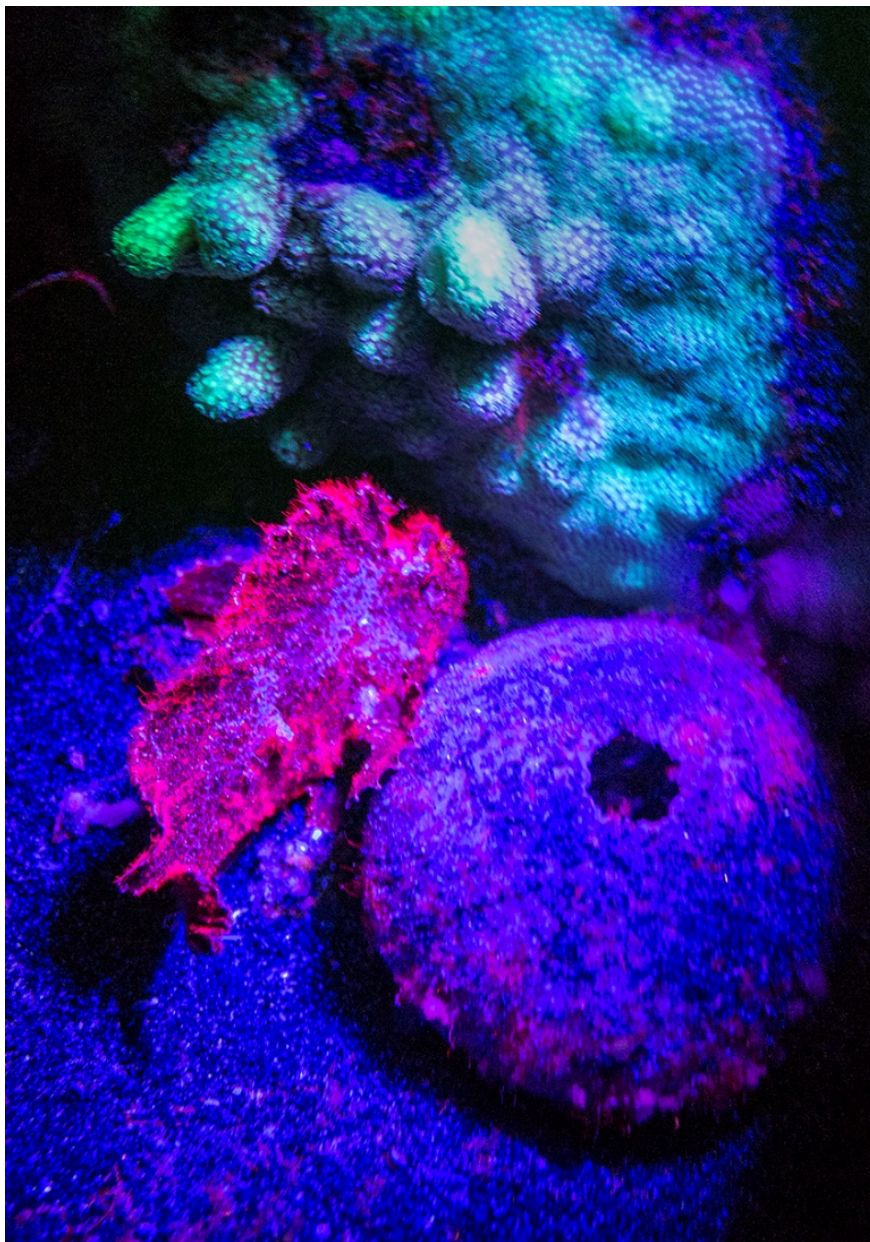


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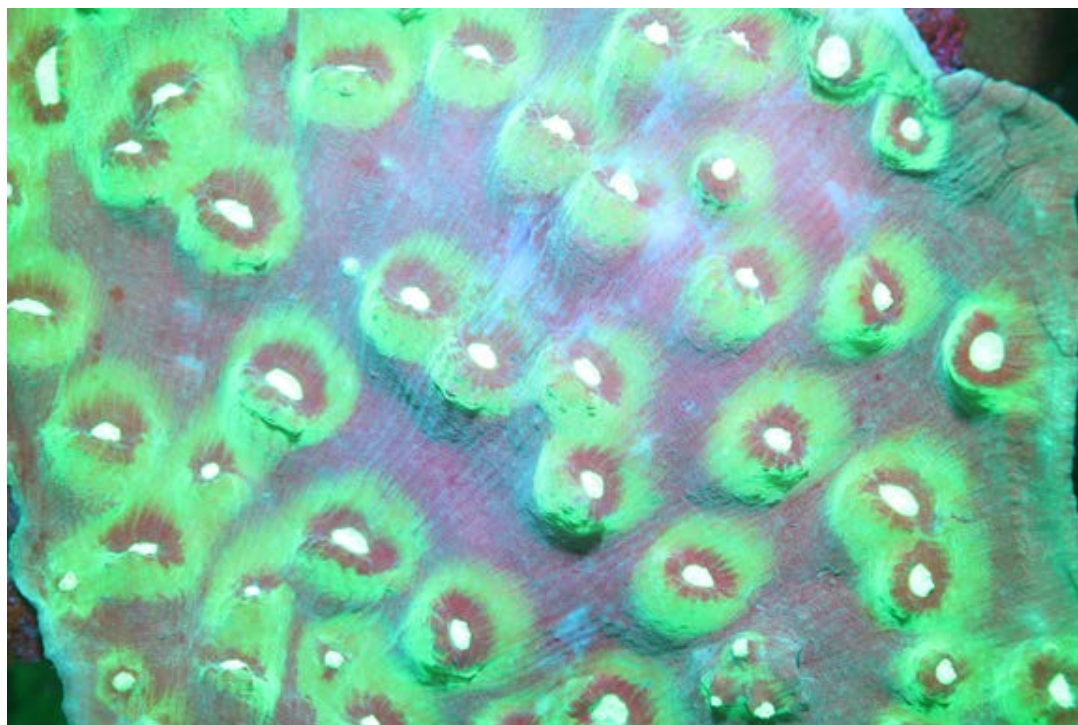


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The AWARE Diver's Creed

Take nothing but pictures

Keep only memories

Leave nothing but bubbles

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INTRODUCTION

Course Philosophy and Goals

This specialty is an introduction to Fluorescence (Fluo) Diving, to familiarize divers with the skills, knowledge, planning, organization, procedures, techniques, problems, hazards and enjoyment of Fluo diving. It's intended to serve as a safe and supervised introduction to Fluo diving. This training will emphasize safety and fun. Fluo diving is and has been a night activity where it usually reveals the most spectacular experience but it can also be done in the daytime under the right conditions. We will make clear when we are referring to night fluo diving or day fluo diving.

As an open water diver you have already experienced the excitement of the diving sport. Perhaps you have already had a night dive or two. Was it natural curiosity? Was it getting a new look at the familiar? Could it be the vibrant changing colors of aquatic life at night? Or, is it just because you can, that fluo diving has become so popular? Whatever the motivation to dive at night – you've found the environment is quite different than during the daytime.

This course is going to put an entirely new texture to your diving experience. You will see creatures in an entirely different way. You will even see creatures that without the techniques and equipment you will learn about in this course are virtually invisible under regular white light conditions be it daytime or nighttime.

The purpose of the PADI Fluorescence Diver Distinctive Specialty Course is to provide a safe introduction under professional supervision into diving with blue light torches (flashlights) and mask barrier filters to experience the effect of fluorescence in marine life.



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We will emphasize correct procedures of buoyancy control, navigation and communication skills and usage of underwater lights (with blue light source / LED). We will re-emphasize use of the Buddy-System as well as procedures to follow in case of losing orientation and emergency procedures.

You'll gain knowledge of marine species excited by blue light and the causes / implications of this excitation, the relationship between recreational diving, reef health and protection and introduce you – the student - to the PADI Project AWARE program.

Certification

Upon completion of the program you will be certified with a PADI Fluorescence Diver Distinctive Specialty. Additionally, this course can count toward the prestigious Master Diver Certification.

Course Prerequisites

By the start of the course, you must be:

1. Certified as a PADI Open Water Diver or have a qualifying certification from another training organization.
2. Have a minimum of 2 logged night dives (recommended).
3. Be at least 12 years old.



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