

A look at those who helped define diving and continue to push it forward.

Influential Women in Scuba

Hillary Vidars

AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER AND AUTHOR, Hillary's has been deeply involved in many aspects of diving, including the environment and diver safety. Often sought-after for media interviews and background briefings, she has appeared on ABC News, been quoted in *USA Today* and *National Geographic*, and continues to use her expertise to further diving's awareness to the general public.



The first Director of Environmental Programs for NAUI and an Honorary Member of PADI's Project AWARE program, Hillary authored *Marine Conservation For The 21st Century* several years ago, and has seen many of her sugges-

tions and ideas adopted. The 1997 DAN/Rolux Diver of the Year and a 2001 NOGI recipient, she was also honored by then-President Bill Clinton with the prestigious Take Pride in America Award in 1999.

Hillary is frequently called upon for her knowledge of deep diving and rescue techniques. She has consulted with the U.S. State Department, Department of Commerce, U.S. Navy and New York State and local police. She lent her expertise to the recovery efforts for the tragic TWA Flight 800 crash. She continues to teach courses on hyperbaric medicine, search and rescue, deep diving and salvage.

Hillary also helped to start the Women's Scuba Diving Hall of Fame in March 2000. 🐟

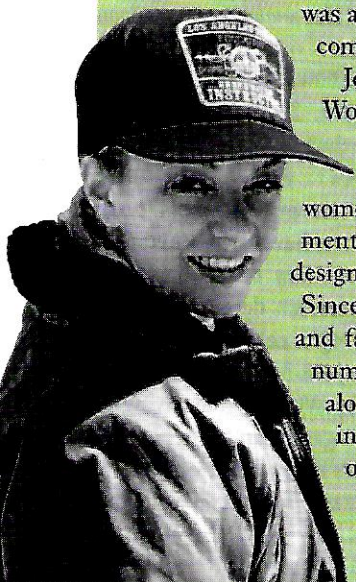
Jennifer King

AS A CERTIFIED DIVER FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, JENNIFER HAS BEEN AN active and key proponent of scuba diving and issues related to women in diving. An instructor certified through a number of training organizations, she has traveled and worked as a dive instructor throughout the U.S. and Caribbean.

From 1990 to 1992, Jennifer served as the first, and only, President of the Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors Association, and was active in promoting diving to the Southern California community through consumer dive shows.

Jennifer is best known for her development of the Women's Equipment Test Team (WETT) and the Women's Scuba Association. Together with Lorraine Sadler, she was at the forefront of women's diving issues, and helped numerous scuba equipment manufacturers in the creation of equipment designed with women in mind.

Since then, she has been a featured speaker on women's and family diving issues at the DEMA Trade Show and numerous consumer shows across the country. Working alongside Hillary Vidars and others, Jennifer helped to introduce the annual Women's Scuba Diving Hall of Fame event at the Beneath the Sea Show in New York. 🐟



Zale Parry

SHE'S BEEN NICKNAMED "THE FIRST lady of diving," and for good reason. Zale Parry was among the first and most prominent female divers in the early days of scuba diving, when millions saw diving in its black-and-white splendor through the TV series *Sea Hunt*. Zale appeared in many episodes of this series, and helped to show that women could dive just as effortlessly as the men.

In August 1954, Zale set a women's depth record on scuba at 209 feet. The publicity from the event help put her on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. As a result, when Hollywood needed a woman for any water-oriented project, they usually called upon Zale.



Her enthusiasm for diving and continued dedication to the sport has resulted in numerous honors and awards. After being named the first woman President of the Underwater Photographic Society in 1960, Zale has since been recognized with DEMA's "Reaching Out Award," the WSA "Diver of the Year" award, induction into the Women's Diving Hall of Fame as a inaugural member in 2000, and most recently, was inducted in the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame in the Cayman Islands.

Zale continues to be an active diver and gets in the water whenever possible. She and Al Tillman completed the first of three books on the history of scuba diving, *Scuba America*, last year. 🐟