

PERSONAL DATA

Name: DAMJAN
Surname PEKLAR
Date of birth (d.m.y.): 29. 12. 1968
Place of residence: Nova vas 87, 2281 Markovci, Slovenia
Citizenship: Slovenian
Formal education: Degree in Economics
Marital status: In relationship, father of a daughter
Driving license A+B
Level of SCI Injury: Below 9th thoracic vertebra (Th 9 – paraplegia)
IAHD Adriatic No.: SLO-03-0011-H



DIVING QUALIFICATIONS

Introduction	<p>During Reha CARE Düsseldorf in 1999 he saw demonstration of diving for disabled. The same year he made his first dive in his friend's back yard swimming pool.</p> <p>In 2000 he starts PADI diving course, but he quit because of the operation.</p>
CMAS P*	<p>In 2003 he started CMAS adapted diving course as a member of second group of divers with SCI. Course was organized by Plavalni klub Slovenske Konjice, member of Slovenian Diving Federation - SPZ. Course was experimental project approved by SPZ and lead by Branko RAVNAK under supervision of Andrej Brodaric CMAS M**** (HRV/CRO/M4/0027).</p> <p>C-card Issued by: Slovenian Diving Federation - SPZ CMAS No.: SLOF00P104000235 Date of issuance: September 9th 2004 Trained by: Branko Ravnak (SLOF00M103000005)</p>
CMAS P**	<p>In May 2007 he finished P**, but SPZ canceled the issuance of C-card. The card was subsequently issued by IAHD Adriatic in 2008 when IAHD Adriatic became member of CMAS TC.</p> <p>C-card Issued by: IAHD Adriatic Card No.: 0002 CMAS No.: SLOF01P208000005 Date of issuance: May 10th 2008 Trained by: Branko Ravnak (SLOF00M103000005)</p>
CMAS P***	<p>In 2009 he finished P*** course as a first among divers with SCI in Adriatic region. Since 2007 he was instructor assistant in all courses for divers with SCI.</p> <p>C-card Issued by: IAHD Adriatic Card No.: 0006 CMAS No.: SLOF01P309000002 Date of issuance: July 1st 2009 Trained by: Branko Ravnak (SLOF01M209000001)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CMAS M*</p>	<p>The Instructor course M* started in 2010 and it was lead by Ivica Cukusic (CRO) and Branko Ravnak (SLO) both instructors of IAHD Adriatic. Course was finished in April 2011 and certification should be performed during CMAS GA in Rome, by president of technical committee Mr. Kevin O'Shaughnessy.</p> <p><i>C-card Issued by:</i> IAHD Adriatic <i>Card No.:</i> 0004 <i>CMAS No.:</i> SLOF01M111000003 <i>Date of issuance:</i> 20. 5. 2011 <i>Trained by:</i> Ivica Cukusic (SLOF01M308000002) and Branko Ravnak (SLOF01M209000001)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Diving locations</p>	<p>Slovenia: Piran, Fiesa, Bled ...</p> <p>Croatia: Murter, Jezera, Kornati, Kaprije, Zirje, Rijeka, Kostrena, Rovinj, Biograd n.m., Sibenik, Silo, City of Krk, Cres, Klimno, Dubrovnik, Mlini pri Dubrovniku, Cavtat ...</p> <p>Italy: Isola del Giglio, Porto Santo Stefano, Monte Argentario</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best wrecks (max. depths are for wrecks not for dives)</p>	<p>Peltastis: Klimno, Croatia, max. depth 33 m Taranto: Dubrovnik, Croatia, max. depth 60 m Elhawi star: Rijeka, Croatia, max. depth 42 m Sigrid: Rijeka, Croatia, max. depth 25 m Lina: Island Cres, Croatia, max. depth 55 m</p>

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

<p>Boat leader's license of competence for sea and inland navigation</p>	<p><i>Issued:</i> Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of transport, The Slovenian Maritime Directorate <i>Date of issuance:</i> April 25th 2002 <i>Card No.:</i> 02/13-01436-0/02, VC-8078/02</p>
<p>License of Competence for VHM GMDSS Station</p>	<p><i>Issued:</i> Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of transport, The Slovenian Maritime Directorate <i>Date of issuance:</i> February 2nd 2006 <i>Card No.:</i> 3736-2-0001/06 <i>Serial No.:</i> 0488</p>

From 2003 until today Damjan made 229 dives in sea and in fresh water (swimming pool not included).

In that time he was leading or participating in next important events:

- He was the first SCI diver from the Adriatic region that made dive to the maximum dept of 33 m on Peltastis wreck,
- he was the first SCI diver who dived to 40 m (inside safety curve),
- he was a member of international diving team that made scientific study in 2007 which was published in Spinal Cord in 2008,
- he is one of the formers of International event "Day without wheelchair" which was held for the last 7 years in a row,
- he is organizing 3rd international event "If I Can Dive, I Can Drive",
- he was one of the lecturers during 8th International Symposium Diving AST 2010.