

Dive Review of Pirates Point Resort in Cayman Islands/Little Cayman

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"Still As Good As Ever"

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Dive Experience	501-1000 dives		
Where else diving	Raja Ampat, Fiji, Great Barrier Reef, Bora Bora, Lembeh, Caribbean, Bali, Wakatobi		
Closest Airport	Little Cayman	Getting There	through Grand Cayman; the coffee shop outside the ticket counters was great

Dive Conditions

Weather	sunny, dry	Seas	calm
Water Temp	83 to ° Fahrenheit	Wetsuit Thickness	3
Water Visibility	40 to 60 Feet		

Dive Policy

Dive own profile?	yes		
Enforced diving restrictions	Safety stop at 700 PSI and back to the boat with 500 PSI. 100 foot Cayman depth limit. No limit on dive time.		
Liveaboard?	no	Nitrox Available?	yes

What I saw

Sharks	None	Mantas	None
Dolphins	None	Whale Sharks	None
Turtles	> 2	Whales	None

Ratings 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Corals	★★★★★	Tropical Fish	★★★
Small Critters	★★★★★	Large Fish	★★★
Large Pelagics	N/A		

Underwater Photography 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Subject Matter	★★★★★	Boat Facilities	★★★
Overall rating for UWP's	★★★	Shore Facilities	★★

Comments	On the boat there is a rinse box and a dry table. At the resort there is a fresh water sink. With more than one rig, things would be tight.		
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Ratings and Overall Comments 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Accommodations	★★★★★	Food	★★★★★★
Service and Attitude	★★★★★★	Environmental Sensitivity	★★★★★★
Dive Operation	★★★★★★	Shore Diving	N/A
Snorkeling	N/A		

Overall Rating

Value for \$\$	★★★★★
Beginners	★★★★★
Advanced	★★★★★

Comments	<p>Despite the change in management (Gladys Howard's daughter Susan has taken over following Gladys' untimely passing), things continue to role along with the same combination of relaxation, good eating and quality diving. This is a very good thing.</p> <p>Unfortunately my dive buddy/spouse was suffering a sinus infection and could only dive the last day. We had purchased the all inclusive dive package. Gay and Michelle each pointed out that she could move to the relaxation package, pay only for the dives she did, and we'd save some money. "At least that way you aren't being hit twice." Kudos!</p> <p>Our group had two fairly new divers and Gay spent time with them on buoyancy and weighting. By the end of the week they'd each dropped pounds and were much more comfortable in the water. Again, kudos.</p>
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One of the Yellow Rose's engines kept overheating and was not fixed despite valiant effort. However, it did not impact dive site location, just travel times. Still more kudos.

Brandon is a new chef and keeps to the same high standards. When there were fewer guests, he preferred to plate the meals (with style) rather than the typical buffet. New dive master Tiago keeps up the high level of dive guide performance.

We did switch from an un-air conditioned beach front room to an air conditioned "beach front" room and were more comfortable.

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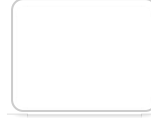
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