

Subject: Cline's Diving Industry 1st Quarter 2017 Survey Results for Wm Cline GM

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Quick Facts:

- **On the whole, 49.7% of all the businesses responded that they expect their businesses to gross more in the 2nd quarter of this year vs the same period last year.**

- **57.5% of Dive Retailers Forecast Sales for the 2nd Quarter of 2017 will be above the same period in 2016.**

- **Showing less confidence, 40.0% of Dive Resorts and Sellers of Dive Travel are optimistic about the 2nd Quarter of 2017.**

- **Manufacturers are feeling confident about their 2nd Quarter of 2017 as 60% reported they anticipate gross revenues to be above last year for the same quarter.**

Cline Group, Creators of:

- » Scuba Diving Magazine
- » The Cline Diving Industry Studies
- » The Scuba Tour (now

Cline Diving Industry Survey Released

First Quarter 2017 Dive Business Survey

Cline's Quarterly Dive Industry Survey is in, a total of 175 dive business responded to the survey and indicated the following results:

1. Dive businesses saw, on average, a 9.6% increase in their gross revenues for the 1st Quarter of 2017 versus the same period in 2016.
2. New certifications were up 5.1% for Retailers and Independent Instructors.
3. Retailers posted a 9.1% increase in their gross revenues for the quarter.
4. Dive Travel Sales were up 7.5% for Retailers.
5. Dive Equipment sales were also up, as Retailers posted a 12.7% increase sales for the 1st quarter.
6. 85.0% of the retailer respondents were from the USA.
7. Dive travel companies posted a combined 1.6% increase in their gross revenues for the 1st quarter.
8. Dive manufacturers posted a robust 24.7% increase in their 1st quarter 2017 gross revenues (20 responses)
9. Dive liveaboards or charter boats posted a drop of -5.9%, however, only 8 responses were reported so the possible error rate is considerably high on this result.
10. 86.9% of all respondents were the facility owner or manager.
11. Companies from the USA and Canada, as a whole, posted 8.2% increase in their Gross Revenues in the 1st quarter. 52.3% of this same group was also optimistic that their 2nd quarter 2017 revenues will be higher than 2016.
12. All other Companies from everywhere else in the world, other than USA and Canada, posted a 14.0% increase in their 1st quarter gross sales. 41.3% of this same group was optimistic that their 2nd quarter 2017 revenues will be higher than 2016.

The following Businesses Responded to this survey:

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- Partial Past/Current Client List:
- » The Bahamas Tourism Board
 - » Bonaire's Tourism Board
 - » Barbados's Tourism Board
 - » Barbados' Tourism Board
 - » The Scuba Tour
 - » Grenada's Tourist Board
 - » Sand Dollar Resort, Bonaire
 - » Stuart Cove's Dive Bahamas
 - » SEABOB/Cayago USA

Business Classification	Total Respondents	% of Whole
Dive Retailers	80	45.7%
Independent Dive Instructors	20	11.4%
Dive Resort or Resort-Based Dive Operators, Wholesaler & Liveboards	25	14.3%
Dive Related Manufacturers	20	11.4%
Other Industry Professionals	22	12.6%
Dive Related Media	3	1.7%
Dive Training Agency	5	2.9%
<i>Total Respondents</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>100%</i>

» **Respondents were from these areas:**

- 68.8% USA**
- 5.1% Canada**
- 9.7% Mexico, Central America & Caribbean**
- 5.7% South Pacific/Indo Pacific**
- 4.0% Europe**
- 2.3% South America**
- 2.8% Non-Tropical Asia**
- 1.7% Other Region**

» **Dive Retailers and Independent Instructors reported their 1st Quarter 2017 as follows:**

Eastern Time Zones 42 reporting
Gross Certs Travel Equipment
9.4% 6.6% 9.2% 11.5%

Central & Mountain Time Zones 30 reporting
Gross Certs Travel Equipment
1.4% 6.2% -3.8% 7.6%

Pacific Time Zones 16 reporting
Gross Certs Travel Equipment
13.5% 9.3% 21.9% 12.9%

Dear Wm Cline GM,

Thank you for reading this quarterly report! This marks the 15th year this study has been executed, and I appreciate the thousands of surveys you, as an industry, have completed over the years!

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