

## Return me to the Ocean

Ever since I was a little boy I've been a fish in the water. On family vacations to Hawaii I was the 8 year old kid that stayed in the water until I had 75 year old wrinkles. Now almost 23 years old I'm still drawn to it. I'm born and raised in Vancouver BC, now living as a struggling student halfway done his degree in kinesiology/fine arts but currently postponing my educational future, while contemplating my career choices, seeking one with a little more spice and exhilaration. I'm a long time cook whose devotedly been sweating in a kitchen for 4 years and quite eager to be refreshed from the hot kitchen by some soothing waters. My first diving experience was in South Africa and immediately I was hooked. Since then I've managed to get my open water certification, doing so in fashion as the only person in my class gutsy enough to wear a wetsuit in the chilly coastal BC waters. In retrospect, I shoulda paid the extra \$80 for a dry suit, but being financially strapped I "chose" to be cold. With 6 day work weeks and the lack of the almighty \$ I don't get to dive much at all, but after a much needed vacation to the Caribbean, I've decided that diving is what I NEED to do for the rest of my life. I am still fairly new to diving yet greatly intrigued by the many possibilities worldwide, so upon returning from my trip all I have done is researched scuba jobs. One regular old Friday afternoon I was sitting back having my coffee watching Wild Recon on Animal Planet(sharks of course), while surfing the net and fate occurred as I came across this contest. At that moment my heart raced as if I were drifting through some Indonesian waters and suddenly was faced with a great white shark. This is the opportunity I need to change MY LIFE and become a PADI instructor. It is my dream job!! When diving, I feel a sort of tranquility by the silent yet explosive energy that life gives off under water. I have such great passion for not only the preservation and balance of our waters but also an overwhelming fascination to the vast variations of life within them. I'm an open minded, fast learning, extremely motivated individual full of energy. You bring me to Bali, and I will brighten your lives. I've loved the ocean since as long as I can remember and due to the lack of money and time, this is the only way I can spend the rest of my life living among it. When stressed I often tell people I'm sick of life on land, I belong in the ocean. Please help me break free from my tedious life as a cook and the confines of life in the city. Help me live the life I was meant to live. This is my calling. The search is over you've found the perfect contestant.

Sincerely,

Kenzo Kiren





