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**CHRISTOPHER M. RIGAUD**  
2016

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**EDUCATION**

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| <b>M.S. Biology</b> | Texas A&M University Corpus Christi; Corpus Christi, TX      | 2002 |
| <b>B.S. Biology</b> | Long Island University, Southampton College; Southampton, NY | 1997 |

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Diving Operations Manager/<br>Safety Specialist | The University of Maine;<br>Dept. Safety and Environmental Management | 2003-present |
| Adjunct Instructor                              | The University of Maine;<br>School of Marine Sciences                 | 2008-present |

**Responsibilities:**

**Diving Operations Manager/Diving Safety Officer-** Manage all aspects of UMaine diving programs in accordance with applicable regulations and community standards. Supervise and support all scientific, academic, and occupational diving conducted under UMaine auspices; design, manage, administer, and participate in campus-wide diver training and certification programs. Provide expertise and technical support in the planning and execution of scientific diving projects; participate in a variety of scientific diving research projects as a diver, diving safety supervisor, and/or research assistant. Manage University owned/operated diving facilities and equipment. Administer diving program budgets, grants, and charitable giving account. Supervise program assistants as necessary. Liaison with Diving Control Board (DCB) and scientific diving community (American Academy of Underwater Sciences, AAUS).

**Hazardous Waste Manager-** Manage all aspects of hazardous waste generation at the Darling Marine Center (DMC) in accordance with applicable regulations and University policy. Prepare, maintain, and implement required regulatory plans, documents, and forms as required by law. Perform Hazardous Waste collections, determinations, and maintain Hazardous Waste storage site. Conduct Hazardous Waste training; supervise assistants as necessary.

**Facility Emergency Coordinator (FEC)-** Serve as secondary FEC; assist DMC Facility Managers with planning, preparation, and response to emergencies. Provide support with preparation and implementation of facility emergency response plans/documents; participate in FEC/Safety Committee meetings/discussions. Respond to emergencies, coordinate resources, and liaison with emergency personnel as necessary.

**Safety Specialist-** Perform other SEM functions as assigned, including but not limited to safety audits, accident investigations, and specialized safety training.

**School of Marine Sciences Instructor-** Develop, implement, and manage credit-bearing academic curriculum for scientific diver training. Train and supervise scientific diving students; supervise and direct course assistants.

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**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

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| Diving Safety Officer                 | The University of Texas Marine Science Institute | 2002-2003 |
| Graduate Research Assistant           | Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi              | 2000-2003 |
| Program/Diving Assistant              | Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County  | 1997-1999 |
| Adjunct Professor                     | Long Island University, Southampton College      | 1998-1999 |
| Scuba and Sailing Instructor/ Skipper | Sail Caribbean Voyages, Inc                      | 1997-1998 |
| Deckhand/ Mate                        | Sayville Ferry Company                           | 1991-1996 |

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**REFERENCES** A list of professional and personal references and a complete project list can be provided upon request.

## DIVING EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

- 1600+ career dives; 20+ years in Northeastern US, 3 years in Gulf of Mexico
- 20+ yrs. as Scientific Diver/ Scientific Diving Supervisor (project list and/or AAUS Verification of Training available on request)
- 20+ yrs. as Scuba Instructor- Certified to teach diver levels Open Water Diver-Divemaster and various specialties (PADI, SDI, TDI)
- Experience with: drysuits, full-face masks, U/W communications, staged decompression; ship, offshore oil/gas platform, ice, and small boat diving; various U/W survey and collection techniques.

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## DIVING CERTIFICATIONS

| <i>Professional/Instructor Level</i>       | <i>Agency/Number</i> | <i>Date</i> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Scientific Diving Instructor               | AAUS-16441           | Oct-2013    |
| Instructor (Advanced Nitrox/Decompression) | TDI-16441            | Sept-2012   |
| Instructor                                 | SDI- 16441           | Aug-2011    |
| Instructor/ Master Scuba Diver Trainer     | PADI-95649           | Jul-1996    |
| Dive Master                                | PADI-95649           | Jul-1995    |

### *Diver Level*

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Advanced Nitrox/ Decompression Procedures     | TDI- 16441               | Sept-2012 |
| Technical Safe-Air/ Complete Safe-Air         | ANDI TSD-36594/CSU-36592 | Jul-2000  |
| Enriched Air Nitrox Diver, Technician/Blender | IANTD-48152              | Apr-2000  |
| Atlantis-I Rebreather                         | TDI-563                  | May-1997  |
| Enriched Air Nitrox                           | PADI-9706155057          | Mar-1997  |

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## EMERGENCY CARE CERTIFICATIONS

| <i>Instructor Level</i>            | <i>Agency/Number</i>        | <i>Date</i>  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Diving First Aid/Oxygen Instructor | Diver's Alert Network- 7193 | 1997-present |
| CPR/AED/ First Aid Instructor      | American Red Cross          | 2004-2012    |

### *Provider Level*

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Diving Medical Technician (DMT)                | NBDHMT/DAN-1800   | 2012-present |
| Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B)     | Maine EMS- 21673  | 2004-present |
| Public Safety Rescue Swimmer (USCG equivalent) | Ocean Rescue Sys. | Jun-2006     |

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## OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

- Firefighter II (State of Maine and National Certification); Captain, Firefighter/EMT (Jefferson Fire & Rescue; Jefferson, ME)
- Incident Command (NIMS ICS-300 Intermediate)
- Hazardous and Toxic Waste Management Technician (NRP# 021-4230)
- USCG Merchant Marine Officer, Master of Inland Steam or Motor Vessels ( $\leq 100$  tons). [expired 6/00]

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## ASSOCIATIONS/ COMMITTEES

- Treasurer, Executive Board Member, American Academy of Underwater Sciences; 2016-present
- Instructional Staff, National Park Service Dive Leader Training; 2014, 2016
- Board of Directors, American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS); 2006-2011, 2013-2015
- Diving Control Board, National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs US Antarctic Program; 2013-2017
- Symposium Committee/Host, 2011 AAUS Symposium
- State of Maine Public Safety Diving Ad-Hoc Committee; 2007-08
- Steering Committee-Maine SeaGrant Invasive Species Initiative; 2006
- AAUS Standards Committee; 2004-2005
- University of Maine Diving Control Board; 2003-present

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## AWARDS/GRANTS

- AAUS Service Award- Board of Directors, 2006-2011 (2012)
- UMaine Professional Employees Advisory Council (2012)- \$150 award for DMT training
- AAUS Service Award- Symposium Host (2011)
- Maine SeaGrant- \$2,000 funding for AAUS Symposium (2011)
- Foundation Grant- \$10,000 gift for student diving equipment (2010)
- UMaine Professional Employees Assoc.- Discretionary salary increase for exemplary performance (2008)

