Lisa Mongelia

Lisa Mongelia, Executive Director of Islamorada’s History of Diving Museum is a contemporary Renaissance woman. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Mongelia moved with her family to Tampa where she attended middle and high school. At age 18, after earning certification at the National Association of Scuba Diving Schools Instructors College in San Diego, California, she became the first female dive instructor at the renowned Miami dive shop, Underwater Unlimited.

Mongelia taught scuba for several years, married, raised two boys who are both divers, divorced and worked in law office management for over 30 years. Throughout the transitions of life, she continued teaching and started freelancing as a dive writer.

A writing assignment led her to the History of Diving Museum’s five-year anniversary event. The Florida Keys History of Diving Museum as a nonprofit educational institution that was founded in 2000. Mongelia volunteered at the museum before diving in to become its Executive Director in 2014. She’s also a member of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary’s Advisory Council.

Her goals for the museum include increasing educational outreach and, through diving, leading Keys environmental initiatives.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**HISTORY OF DIVING MUSEUM –** Islamorada, FL (2014 – Present)

**EXCEUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Through its interactive exhibits, the History of Diving Museum tells the 5,000-year-old story of man’s quest to explore beneath the sea. It holds one of the world’s largest collection of authentic diving artifacts and is home to a world-class research library. Open daily, 10am-5pm or visit our website anytime: www.divingmuseum.org.

**UNDERWATER UNLIMITED –** Miami, FL (1979 – Present)

**DIVE CONTROL SPECIALIST INSTRUCTOR**

Welcomes students and properly train divers in all aspects of recreational SCUBA diving including environmental awareness and appreciation. Plan and lead local diving adventures as well as international travel excursions.

**MORGAN LEWIS & BOCKIUS – (**1992-2014)

**TITLE RECORDS & INFORMATION SUPERVISOR**

Managed records, staff and all areas of the Records Department including file clerks, all on-site records activities, off-site storage, and implementation of document retention policy in Miami Office. Oversight of file release/transfers teams. Managed relationships with Information Management Services vendor. Trained new employees on policies and procedures.

**DIVENEWSWIRE NETWORKS –** (2009-2014)

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Producing content covering a variety of diving aspects, from community events and environmental issues to reviewing new dive products. With an enthusiastic love for the water, my goal is to expose divers to new experiences and increase their knowledge of the many diving opportunities available to them.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS, CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING:**

Scuba Schools International

Dive Control Specialist Instructor

DAN Emergency O2, CPR, First Aid and Life Support