

# The Claudius Obermaier Fund

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The charity fund was created in 2004 by DAN Europe, to take care of those divers and their families who find themselves in difficult situations.

# Getting the right help, at the right time

The Claudius Obermaier Fund bears the name of a young German diver who died during a technical dive. When needed, the fund steps in to help those who have been affected, directly or indirectly, by a diving-related incident. Over the years, the Fund has financed:

- Special medical care
- Medical evacuation following serious accidents
- Prosthesis
- Special means of transport for tetraplegic
- School grants for orphans of deceased divers



**29256**  
members who donated

**29**  
cases handled

# Touching stories



## AN INSTRUCTOR GETS INJURED IN CAMBODIA

While on a diving holiday in Cambodia, Belgian diving instructor Adriana K. got involved in a terrible bus accident. She was badly injured, while some other passengers died. She was left laying on the ground for two hours, and was finally transported by car to the Bangkok Hospital. As a result of the accident, she had her back broken in three different places, and had to stop teaching diving. She was left without any personal income. The COF stepped in to help, providing her with a special orthopaedic bed and kinesitherapy treatments.



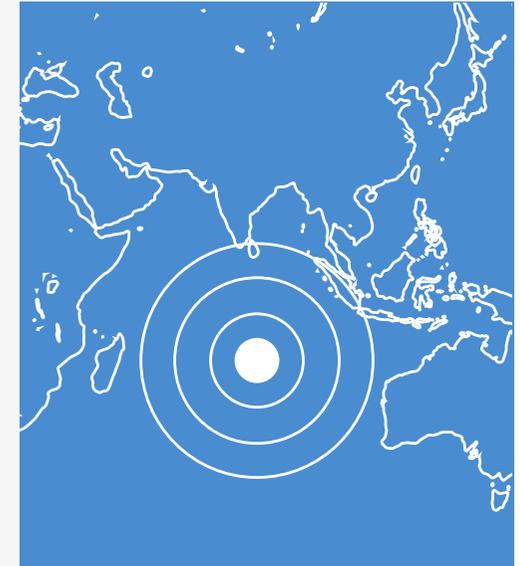
## OUR SUPPORT TO JORGE'S FAMILY

In 2013, Portuguese diver Jorge B. died during a dive, leaving a wife and two daughters. The Fund supported Jorge's family by donating € 5.000, to be used for the education costs of the younger daughter. The donation took place during a public event, in September 2014 in Lisbon.



## A DIVE BOAT SINKS

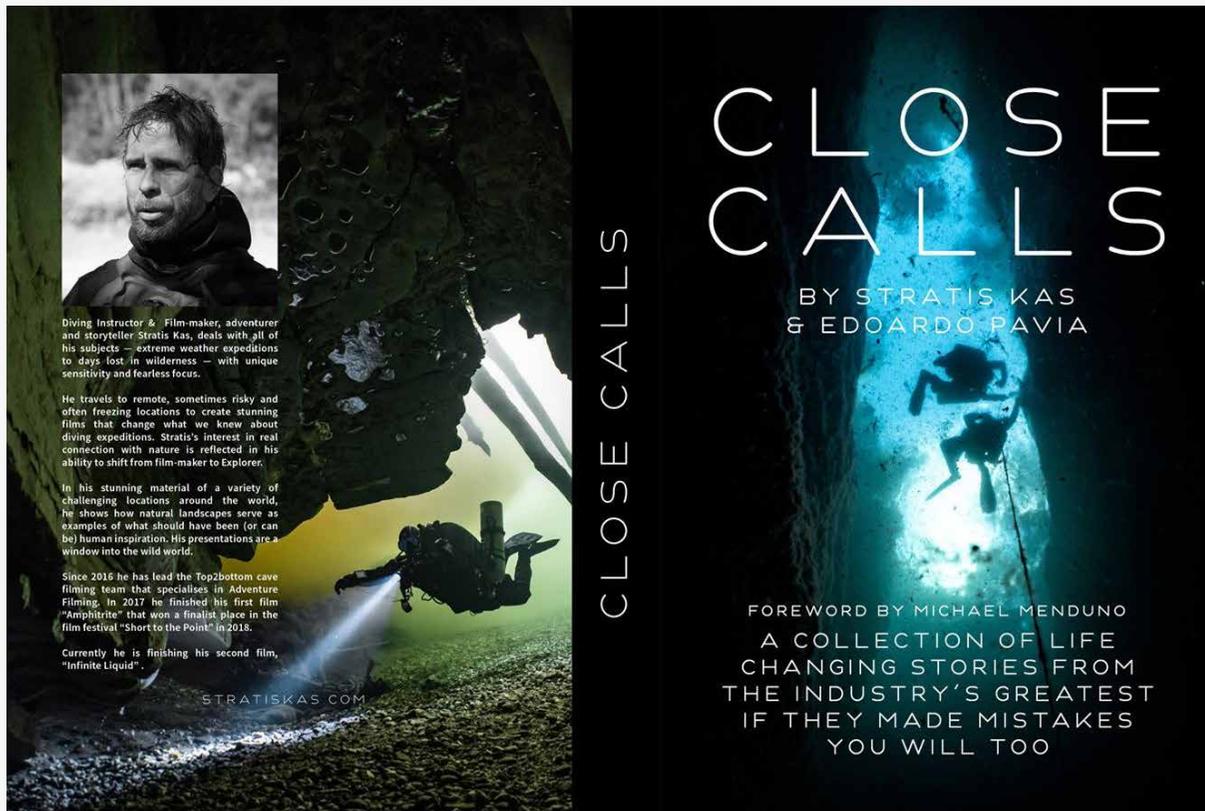
On April 16th, 2013 in Koh Tachai, Thailand, when a storm suddenly hit the area, the dive boat Little Princess started to sink. Some of the divers present chose not to abandon the ship until the others were saved, crew included. The Fund profoundly recognized the heroes for their exemplary courage and altruism, and to show its appreciation financed the purchase of new equipment after it was lost saving the lives of others.



## OUR HELP IN THE 2004 TSUNAMI

On Dec. 26th 2004, a destructive tsunami hits the Indian Ocean, leaving death and destruction behind. In the first months of 2005, one task force, lead by the Department of legal medicine of the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, directs a mission financed by The Claudius Obermaier Fund. During two different searches, 180 buried bodies are identified in 92 different islands, with utmost respect for the local customs, which are particularly strict regarding the exhumation of bodies.

# The Fund is supported by the Close Calls book project



A collection of life changing stories from the diving industry's greatest. If they made mistakes, you will too...

Proceeds from the book will be donated to the Claudius Obermaier Fund. A significant contribution to help divers and their families who find themselves in need.

# Winner of the 2015 TAUCHEN Awards as charitable project of the year



The TAUCHEN Awards are considered the “Academy Awards” of the diving industry. In 2015 the Claudius Obermaier Fund was recognised as one of the most deserving charity projects, effectively helping divers in need, and providing relief at the right time.

# Need support? Get in touch

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