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## Where's the COVID Risk High for Traveling Divers?

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**Where's the COVID Risk High for Traveling Divers?** While the emerging Omicron variant of the Coronavirus may be a gamechanger, in late November, the U.S. CDC listed many dive destinations popular with *Undercurrent* members as having the highest risk for COVID-19 infections: French Polynesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Costa Rica, Aruba, Curaçao, Cuba, U.S. Virgin Islands, Dominica, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent (and the Grenadines). Divers should consider Puerto Rico, where we have reported on some good diving. And Florida and Hawaii, as well. Foreign destinations to consider include: Indonesia, Micronesia, St. Eustatius, St. Barts, Saba, and Palau, but some remain closed to travelers, and many countries see travelers from the U.S. as high risk, thanks to people who refuse to wear masks and the unvaccinated. A complete list may be found [here](#).

**Oops?** In our last email, we wrote about a liveaboard being struck by a freighter while making passage in the Bahamas. The ship was the *MV Bahamas Master* and not the vessel mentioned. We apologize for getting it wrong.

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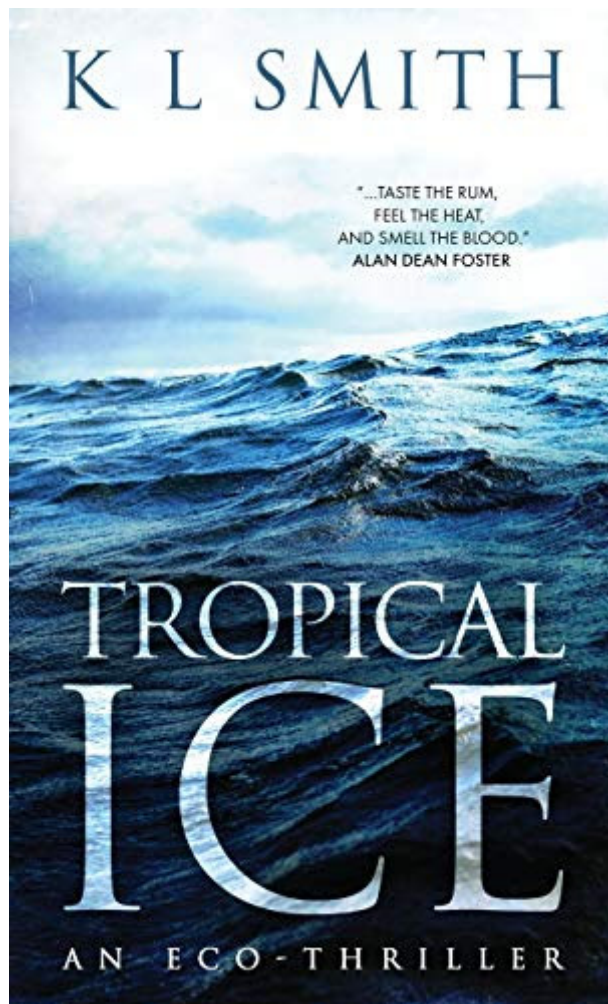


**Tulamben Dive Porters in Dire Straits.** Have you dived Bali's *Liberty* wreck? If so, no doubt your tank was carried to the water's edge by one of those little ladies who, in their flip-flops, skip across the bowling-ball-like volcanic boulders on the beach with up to three tanks on their heads while you stumble along behind. Their income has dried up since the pandemic, and there's precious little alternative work for them. It's just another harsh side-effect of COVID-19.

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