

A diver is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the viewer and slightly to the right. They are wearing a full diving suit, a mask, and a large oxygen tank on their back. A very bright, powerful light beam emanates from a device on the diver's wrist, shining downwards and creating a large, bright cone of light that illuminates the dark, rocky cave floor. The cave walls are rugged and textured, with some areas appearing wet or mineral-rich. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and adventurous.

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A scuba diver is shown underwater, wearing a blue and black wetsuit, a black diving mask, and a black BCD. The diver is holding a large crayfish in their left hand. The background is a dark, murky blue-green water. The text "CONTENTS" is overlaid in the top right corner in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, a list of contents is displayed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The list includes "3...LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT", "4..STUDENT NUMBERS", "8...MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS", and "9...REVENUE AND EXPENSES".

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# A MESSAGE FROM JARROD

For GUE, 2024 was our twenty-sixth year, and an extraordinarily rewarding one, as it was filled with unique projects, notable accomplishments, and left us eager to anticipate a bright future ahead. For my own part, I was able to join an amazing project in Indonesia and officially became bi-polar by adding a fascinating Arctic trip to my great Antarctic experience. Both projects provided excellent diving and a great chance to commune with so many GUE divers. A range of other small projects furthered my community experience and made me even more grateful for the amazing global community we have been so pleased to build over the years.

We saw great progress within our NextGen scholar program, nominating a new scholar and seeing inspirational unity among past scholars. It is so rewarding to see these passionate young people all supporting one another and growing the success of the program. The generational transition to young, enthusiastic divers is also fully underway with GUE projects generally and Project Baseline specifically. This is where our awesome Global Project Coordinator Jennifer Thomson is leading the charge with worthy new scholars, exciting scientific programs, and rewarding conservation initiatives, including Project Baseline.



GUE Training programs also began accelerating with steady growth and development, as well as the launch of a new GUE CCR Fundamentals Program. This program offers rebreather-oriented divers a chance to begin their training earlier, thus experiencing a smooth transition into a rebreather. GUE open-circuit tech programs will continue as they are, with many divers finding these to be a better path for them while they decide whether rebreathers are their best fit.

The transition to online training is now accelerating, with classes beginning to be released on our unique, highly advanced, adaptive learning platform. We at GUE wanted to take our online training to new levels, and this unique platform provides the best way to

**JARROD JABLONSKI**

**PRESIDENT**

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adapt the learning process to an individual's needs, taking more time—or sometimes less—with topics that are based on responses provided. We are truly excited to see the programs in full swing during 2025. More projects, more and better training, and more fun ahead. Bring on 2025!

Jarrod Jablonski



A full-page background image showing two divers in a blue underwater environment. On the left, a large, branching yellowish-white coral structure is prominent. Two divers in black gear are visible; the one above is holding a flashlight that illuminates the scene. The overall tone is deep blue with the coral providing a bright contrast.

# **STUDENT NUMBERS**

**COMPARED TO 2023:**

**TECH 1 TRAINING WAS UP BY 17%**

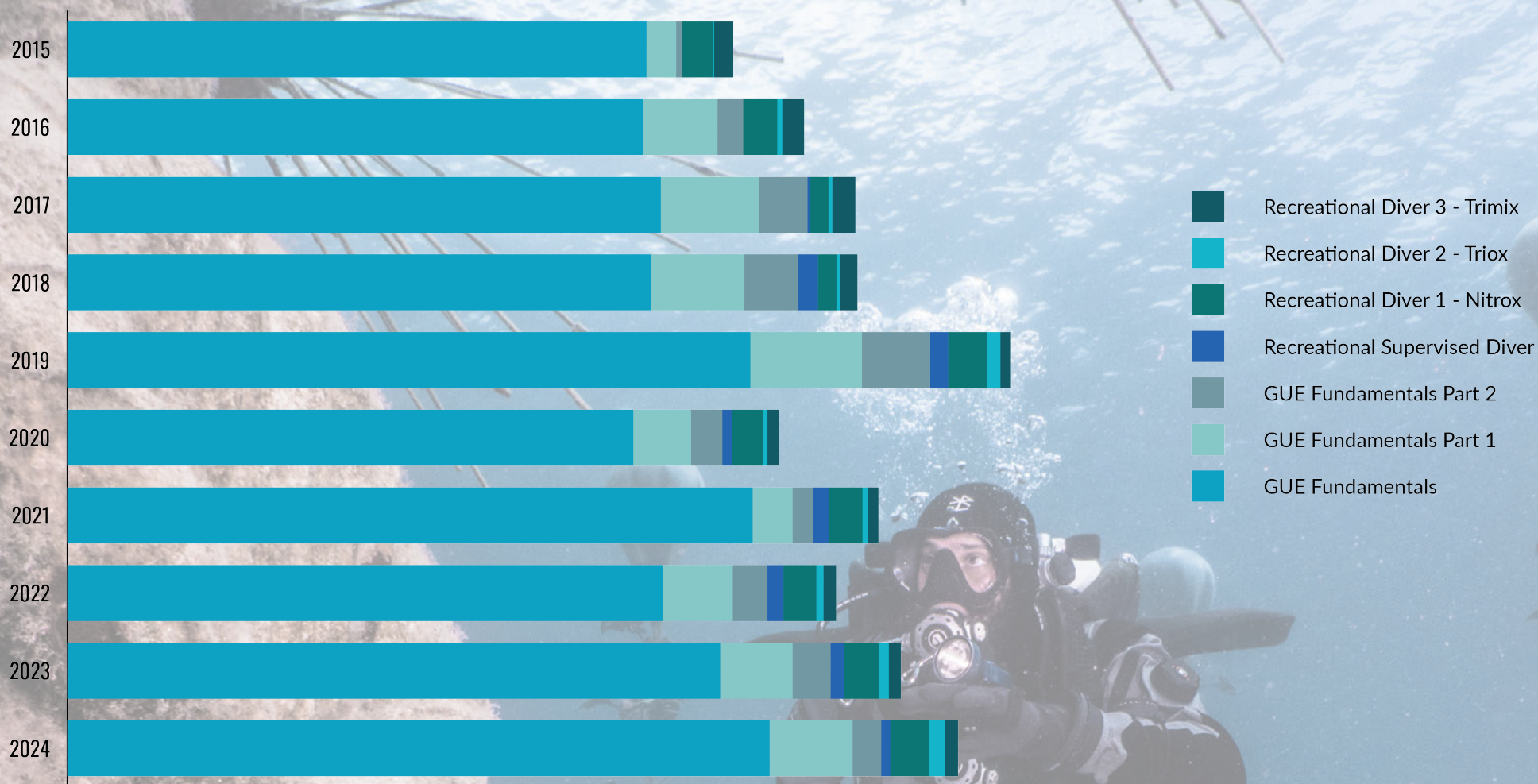
**DPV 1 TRAINING WAS UP BY 30%**

**CCR 1 TRAINING WAS UP BY 27%**

**TECH 2 TRAINING WAS UP BY 80%**

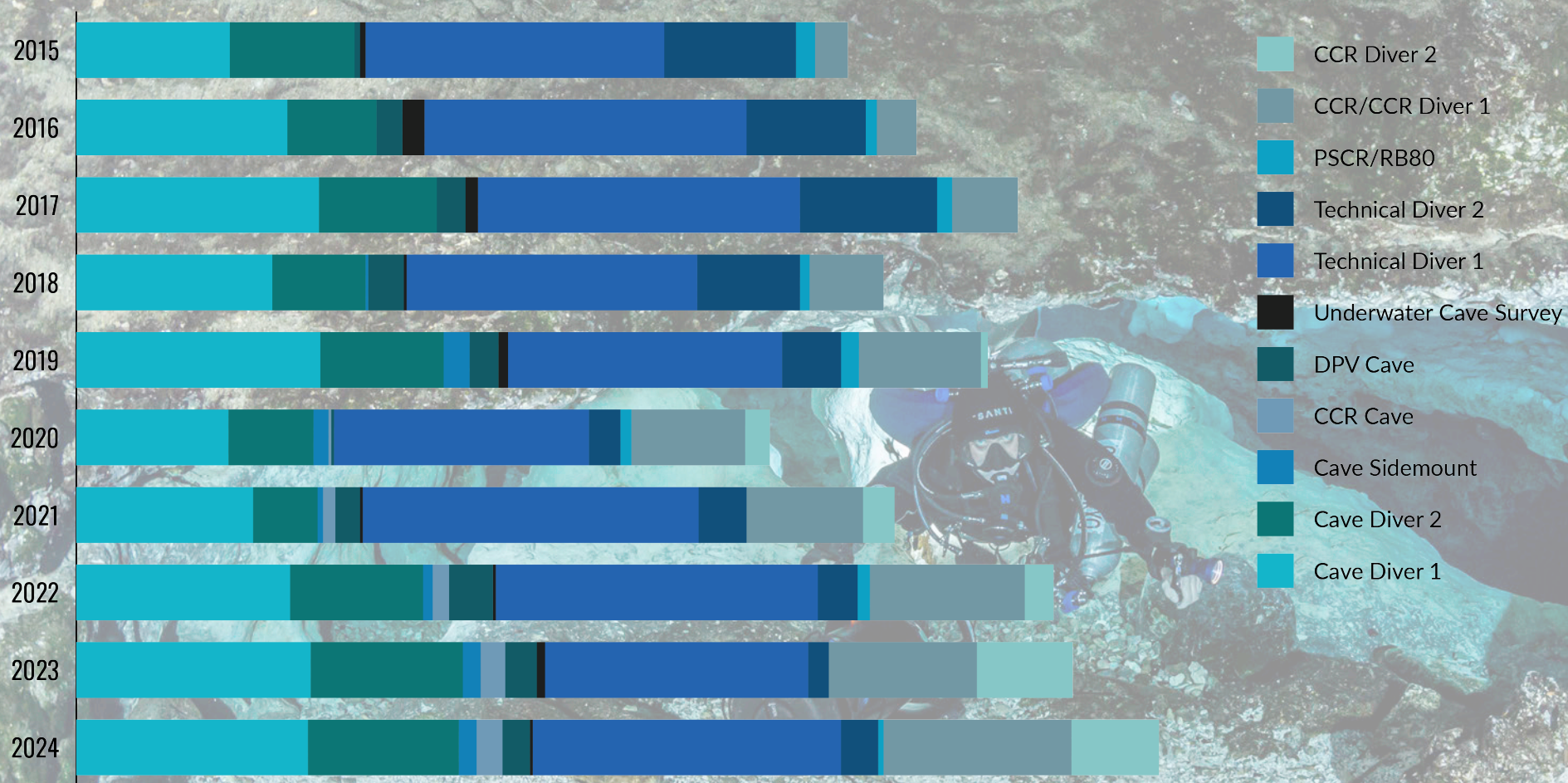


# RECREATIONAL AND FUNDAMENTALS COURSES



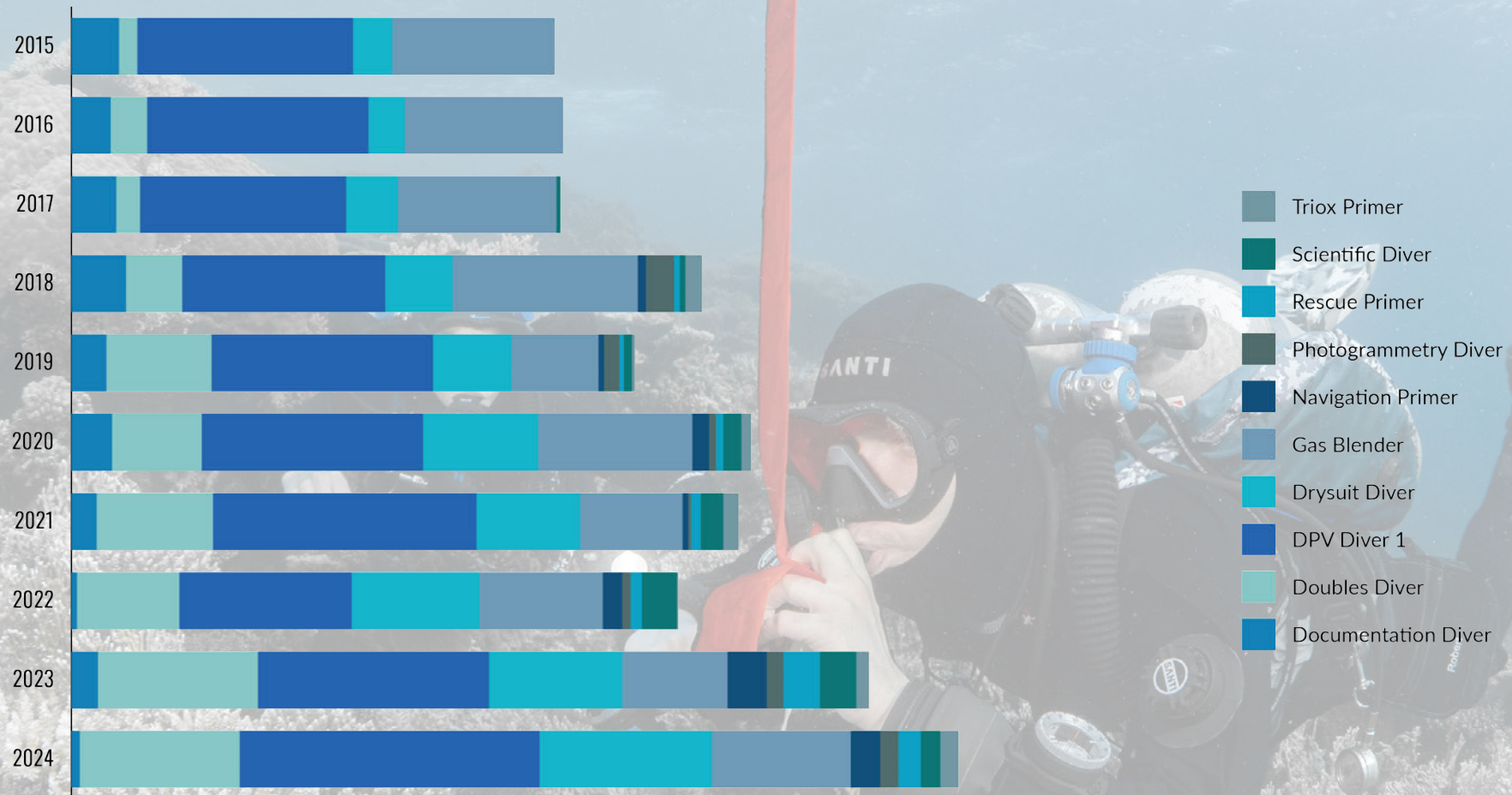


# CAVE AND TECHNICAL COURSES



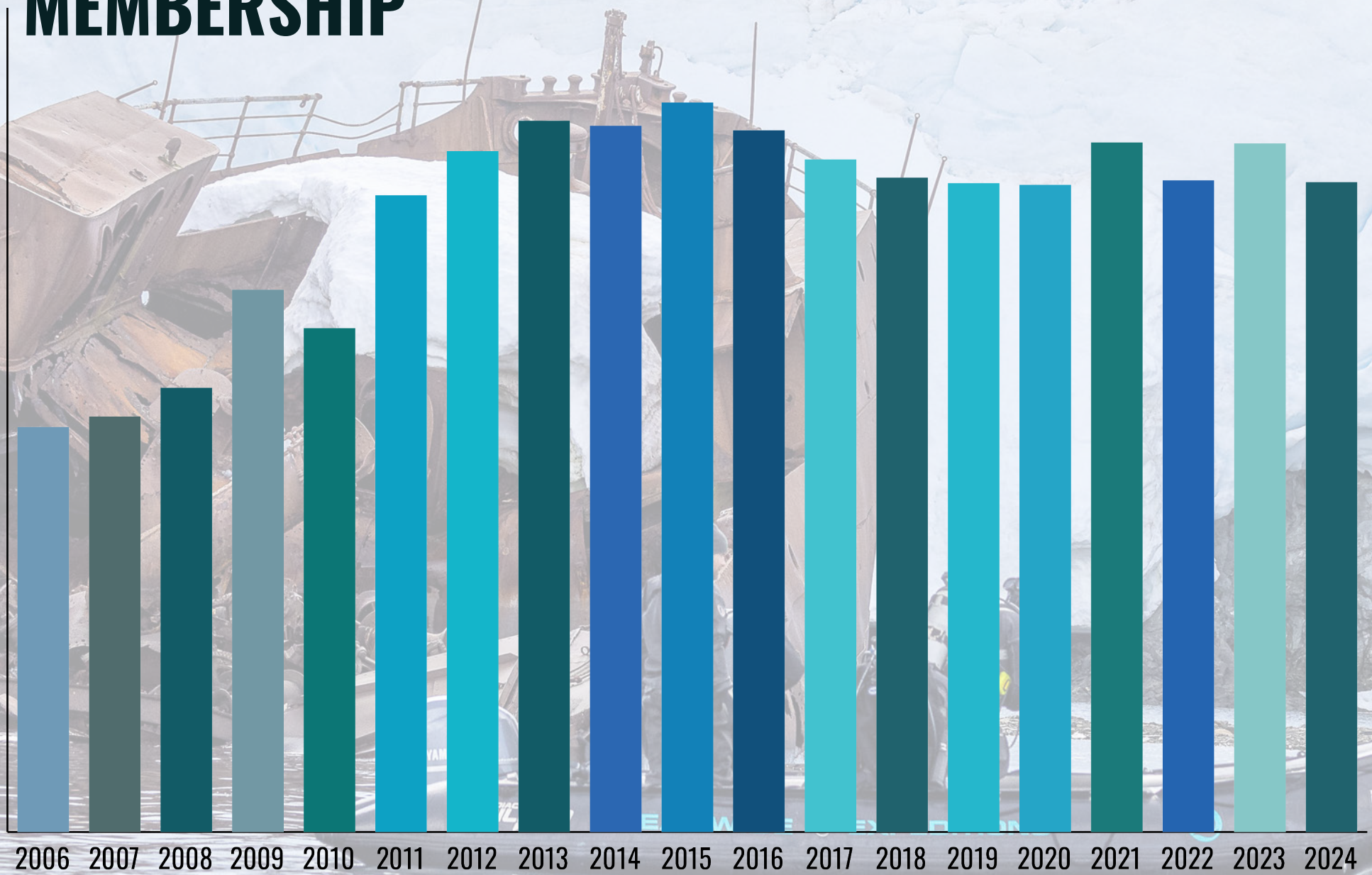


# FOUNDATIONAL COURSES



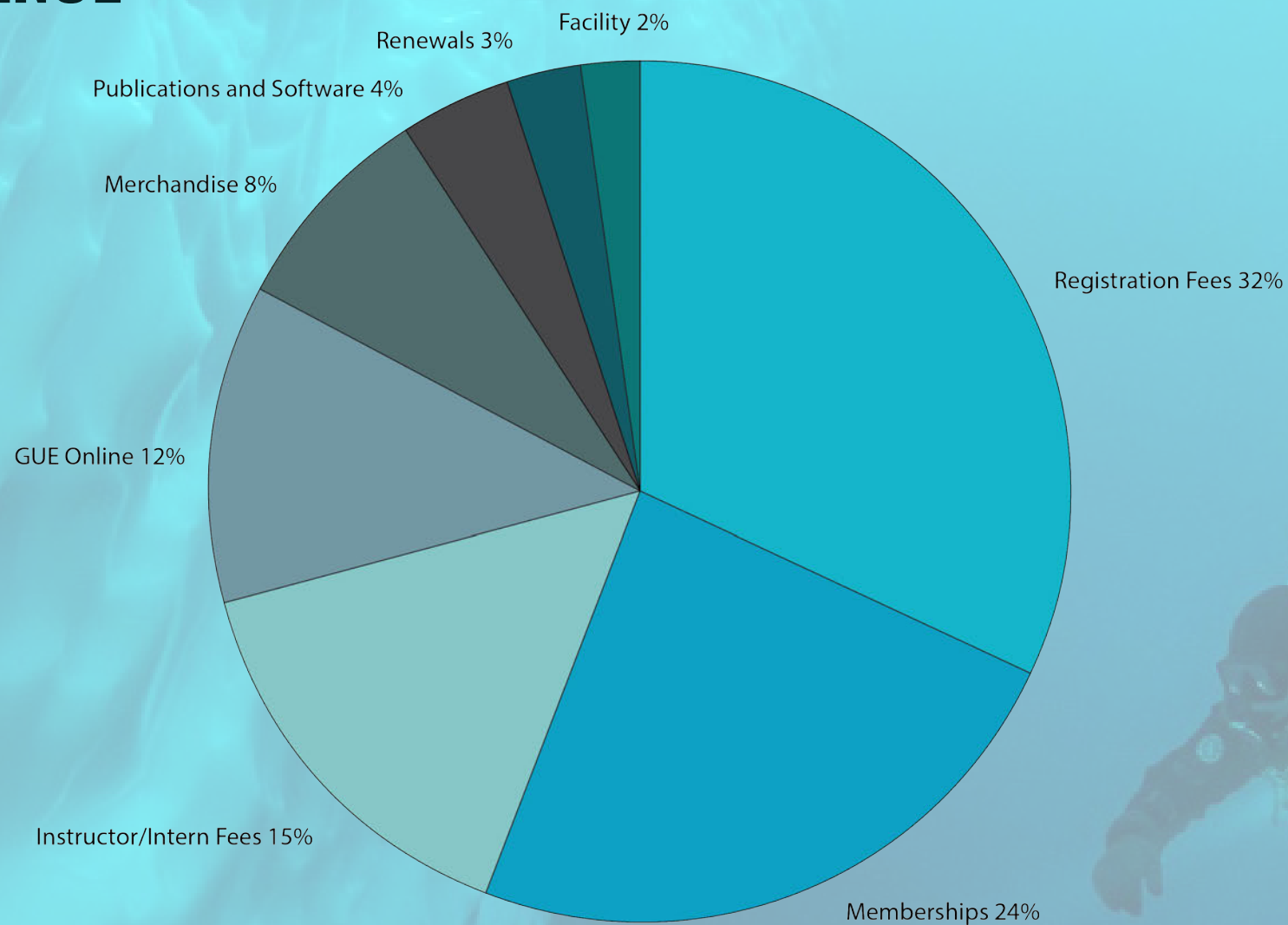


# MEMBERSHIP





# REVENUE





# EXPENSES

