



SDI Encourages Diving Community to Attend Special Screening of How to Kill a Mermaid in New Orleans in early November.

Powerful documentary highlights the importance of diver safety, professional responsibility, and accountability in scuba diving education.

Scuba Diving International (SDI) is encouraging diving professionals, instructors, dive center owners, and members of the broader diving community to attend a special screening of *How to Kill a Mermaid: The Linnea Mills Story*, a documentary examining the tragic death of an 18-year-old scuba diving student during a training dive in Montana.

The documentary will be screened at The Broad Theater in New Orleans on November 4 and 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. each day, providing an opportunity for members of the diving industry to reflect on the importance of safe training practices and the responsibilities entrusted to dive professionals.

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[The Linnea Mills Story](#)

Directed by filmmaker Damon Ristau, *How to Kill a Mermaid: The Linnea Mills Story* recounts the events surrounding the death of Linnea Mills during a cold-water scuba training dive in Glacier National Park in November 2020. Through previously unseen footage, personal accounts, and an examination of the events and investigation that followed, the film explores the devastating consequences of failures in diver safety and the continuing efforts of Linnea's family to seek answers and accountability.

For SDI, the documentary reinforces a fundamental principle of scuba diving education: **every student deserves training that prioritizes safety, preparation, sound judgment, and adherence to established instructional standards.**

Effective diver education involves far more than teaching underwater skills. It requires instructors to evaluate environmental conditions, understand equipment limitations, assess student readiness, and make responsible decisions throughout the training process. When these responsibilities are overlooked, the consequences can be irreversible.

The film presents an important opportunity for diving professionals to examine their own training practices, reinforce a culture of accountability, and consider how the industry can continue to improve diver education and safety.

Beyond the circumstances of the accident, *How to Kill a Mermaid* is also a deeply personal portrait of a young woman whose life was cut short and a family determined to ensure her story is heard.

Screening Information

Film: *How to Kill a Mermaid: The Linnea Mills Story*

Director: Damon Ristau

Wednesday, November 4, 2026: 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2026: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: The Broad Theater

636 N. Broad Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

SDI encourages members of the diving industry to make time for this important documentary. The screening provides an opportunity not only to honor Linnea's memory, but also to reflect on the shared responsibility of creating safer experiences for every student who places their trust in a dive professional.

About Scuba Diving International (SDI)

Scuba Diving International (SDI) is a leading recreational scuba diving training agency and part of International Training. SDI provides diver education programs designed to develop knowledgeable, confident, and safety-conscious divers through practical training, modern educational methods, and internationally recognized standards.

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