

To: WOWSA

From : Dr. Angel Yanagihara, Associate Research Professor, University of Hawaii

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Re: Dr. Angel Yanagihara Statement

Role: Responsible diver and topside observer tasked with Jellyfish Risk Assessment, Sting Prevention, Sting Mitigation

Approach: Topside observation from the swimmer tender vessel, Voyager, and in water swimmer/free diver especially during dusk to dawn hours. Assess risk and provide sting-preventative lanolin-based cream as needed. Address break-through stings by providing sting-treatment cream.

- 1) I personally observed Diana Nyad swimming during all night (dusk to dawn) hours and more than half of the day time hours or approximately how many of the 42 of the 53 total. As a diver prepped and ready to drop in should a life-threatening sting occur, I directly and closely watched Diana swimming, donning and removing night lycra suit and feeding.
- 2) I never witnessed Diana Nyad holding onto any boat, either Voyager or the kayaks or any other boat.
- 3) I never saw Diana Nyad wear or use a pair of fins.
- 4) I never saw Diana Nyad being held up for flotation purposes, getting rest by being help up in someone's arms, nor being pushed forward. I never saw Diana Nyad receive buoyancy or forward motion help, either while treading water or while actually swimming.
- 5) I directly watched her enter the water in Havana and walk up onto the beach in Key West on her own power. I directly observed her swimming from my positions both on the vessel as well as in the water as a diver. I affirm that the statements above are completely accurate and reflect well articulated rules of the swim (no touching of the vessel, no buoyancy assistance or forward motion help) of which all team members were made aware.