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Complete Course In Marine Biology

Twenty-three local enthusiasts have completed a course offered by the Island Resources Foundation entitled "Marine Biology and Reef Ecology for Divers". The course was designed to give both divers and snorkelers alike a better understanding of the marine environment that surrounds our islands.

Students studied not only reef formations and coral identification but also learned techniques of tropical fish identification and the impact of pollution upon the marine environment.

In response to requests from many divers the foundation will offer the course again starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19 in

their headquarters at Johnny Harms' Lagoon Marina, Red Hook.

The Foundation also plans to offer a course entitled "Introduction To Marine Archaeology", in the near future. This course is designed to expand the undersea horizons of the diver into the mysteries of maritime and colonial history. By approaching shipwrecks and their associated artifacts as a marine resource and by learning both the technique of diving and the procedures of marine archaeology any diver, novice or advanced, can make the critical transition from predatory souvenir hunter to conservationist.