

*Dewey Livingston:* Had you heard of Cordell Bank? Did you know anything about it?

*Dave Walls:* I had no idea. I thought you saved money there maybe.

*Dewey Livingston:* Anybody else have comments on that?

*Dave Cassotta:* I remember we were working in the dive shop, and John and I were working in – I guess it was probably in September, [10:00] maybe '79 or '80. And Jerry Seawell came in, and he was telling us about this expedition to Cordell Bank. Well, neither one of us had ever heard of Cordell Bank, and so Jerry showed us on a map, and we were kinda concerned 'cause Jerry wanted to go. And we thought it was in the Red Triangle, and that's a place that we don't normally dive.

And so we were teasing him about being great white shark bait, and we actually created a file in the dive shop called the Great White Shark Bait Expedition, and that's where we put all of our documents regarding the Cordell Bank dives. And we said, "Well, if you survive this dive, come back and show us the pictures."

So he did survive and came back with the pictures, and we had a classroom there at the shop, and he was showing us the slides. And I remember John and I looked at each other; it's like, "We have to go there. We have to become part of this."

And then Dave just had heard about it. Dave Walls had heard about it from his wife, and he got some information, so we all got together and filled out the forms and hoped that we'd be good enough for Schmieder to include us.