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## Pioneer, Diver, Photographer & Entrepreneur

It would be difficult to imagine a man more deserving of the moniker “pioneer” than the legendary commercial diver and manufacturer Bev Morgan. In a professional career spanning nearly six decades, Morgan has managed to leave his mark on diving in so many ways that the accomplishments of others pale in comparison. From a modest beginning as a lifeguard, he’d go on to amass considerable wealth as the founder of Diving Systems International, the world’s largest manufacturer of commercial dive gear. Along the way he helped originate the first dive training

programs in the U.S., started the company that became the multi-million dollar grossing wetsuit conglomerate Body Glove, indulged himself in a variety of hedonistic (and sometimes scientific) voyages of discovery to the South Pacific and beyond, and ended up as soul mate and confidant to rock musician David Crosby. Honored by DEMA as one of its first inductees into diving’s Hall of Fame, Morgan remained an intensely private man who shunned the limelight in spite of considerable success.

— Bret Gilliam