

Todd Winn and Chris Quarre started North Shore Explorers (NSE) with a dream to show those select divers, both open and closed circuit, the primeval underwater wonders of the United States' last tropical paradises. They knew a critical part of that dream was having the right equipment. NSE was born out of a desire by its owners to do something different within the Maui dive industry. The end result has been to create a Maui dive charter that does just about everything differently.

Starting from scratch, they found a boat that could do the job. However, their first business purchase was a former military Deuce and a half, a 2 ton truck capable of towing ten thousand pounds. The only problem was the Deuce was in New Hampshire and the boat was in Iowa. In August 2006 they flew to New Hampshire, and in September drove it to Iowa to pick up the boat. Finally, on Thanksgiving Day they began the trek of towing the boat from Iowa to San Diego for shipping to Maui. Their 3500 mile journey was documented with daily logs, pictures and some video on the NSE website.

A former 30 foot Navy Seal RIB (rigid hull inflatable Zodiac style boat) with twin 300 HP turbo diesel jet engines, this boat was built to be dropped out of a plane at 1800 feet. The Pailolo, or crazy seas as it's known in Hawaiian, has been completely overhauled and modernized with the latest electronic and safety equipment. Safety is always the number one priority, and each diver is issued a reel, a surface marker and a Sea Shepard locator beacon - the only charter on the island to use these.

