

Checked into Holiday Inn with Sta
Gavin & Gabe at approximately 00:30.
Gabe & I shared a room & I thought
it best that I spend the night with
him.

Gabe was doing as well as could be
expected. He was calm & we chatted for
some time. I gave as much moral support
as possible. He was obviously very upset but
did not appear over-traumatized.

I asked Gabe how he felt & if he wanted
to talk about the days events or anything
else he could. I suggested he had a
cup of tea & something to eat but he preferred
to drink water only.

Gabe moved on to say he felt guilty. I
asked why, he said that Tina had no hobby &
Gabe talked her into diving because it was
something they could both do & that said
learned especially for this holiday. I told Gabe
that he can't hold himself responsible. It was
an accident & no ones fault.

Gabe went on to describe what happened.
Their first dive was aborted with computer
problems. On their second dive Gabe said
they went down the line to the wreck. They
started out along the wreck at approximately

60-soft. After swimming a short way along the top of the wreck Tina made out she wasn't or did not appear to be comfortable. They turned around & started making their way back to the 'anchor rope' (ascote, doesn't lie). Gabe held Tina's hand but felt she was below him & maybe a little heavy. He grabbed hold of his inflator & demonstrated to Tina to put air in her BCD. She did so though Gabe could not hear or see if she had.

They continued swimming toward the lie upwards at a 45° angle he said. I asked if Tina was still negative or sinking. He said no, they were swimming up toward the lie & they could both see it.

He then felt that she wasn't really swimming & was finding it difficult to pull her along. He turned around & then Tina reached out knocking his mask off & regulator out. At this point he let go of her. Gabe closed his mask & put his alternate air source in his mouth. He looked down & saw Tina falling backwards & facing up with her eyes wide open and ~~arms~~ arms extended upwards.

Tina went or did not appear to be moving. He went sure if there were bubbles or not.

Gabe immediately started swimming down toward Tina then stated to feel pressure on his ears & that he couldn't clear. Gabe then went on to say that he started to think on what was the best thing to do. He was concerned that if he did manage to get to the bottom then what if I couldn't get her back up & had to go get help. So he then decided the best thing to do was go straight to the surface & get help. He said that maybe I'd just stay on the bottom & couldn't move & someone could just help her up off the bottom.

I asked Gabe again if she appeared to be struggling. He said no & that's the picture I can't get out of my head. She was just falling back with her arms up & eyes wide open. I think there was bubbles but I'm not sure.

We left it at that. I went on to reassure him that it was an accident & accidents just happen & he should not hold himself responsible.

Gabe seemed very worried that his mother-in-law would blame him & hold him responsible. I told him not to accept the blame or say you feel guilty, it was an accident.

Gabe was very tired by this stage, we chatted a while longer & I told Gabe to wake me up if he wanted to talk or was upset. We slept through till around 07:30.