ABSTRACT

The Analysis of Nonverbal Communication among Divers
(The Study of Anemon Diving Club of Biology Major of Mathematics and Science Faculty of Lampung University)

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Diving is a high risk sport both for health and safety of the divers. However this sport could be safe as the divers obey the rules and procedures of diving. One of the procedures should be understood and mastered by the divers is the communication of diving. The divers use their hands as communication tool when they are diving replacing the verbal communication. Since the communication process under the water is only limited in form of nonverbal communication, the divers is obligated to master nonverbal communication in form of internationally admitted hands movement symbol and hands movement symbol determined locally by the Anemon Diving Club. The matter explored in this research is: How is the nonverbal communication in term of hands movement used by Anemon Diving Club? The aim of this research is to analyze the nonverbal communication used by Anemon Diving Club of Biology Major of Mathematics and Science Faculty of Lampung University.

The theory supporting this research is the Theory of Symbolic Interaction. The type and method used in this research is the Descriptive and Qualitative Method of research. This research applies the technique of key person. The Informants of this research include 3 formal informants, namely 2 staffs of Technical Advisor who have had diving experience for more than 10 years and 1 informant as the Head of Anemon Diving Club who have had diving experience for more than 5 years and 2 informal informants who are the members of Anemon Diving Club who are active in every activity related to diving. The data analysis technique used in this research is the technique of data reduction, display, and verification.
The result of this research shows that hands movement symbol is the effective nonverbal communication used by the divers, it influences positively towards the success of the diving process. There are 30 hands movement symbols used by Anemon Diving Club from 37 internationally admitted hands movement symbols and Anemon Diving Club creates 8 more hands movement symbols itself related to the need of scientific diving. The symbol created by Anemon Diving Club is related to the need of communication process during the diving. It could be concluded that the nonverbal communication in form of hands movement symbols influence significantly towards successful process of diving.