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Carol Rose has been immersed (pun intended) in diving since 1963 when, while attending college for dental hygiene, she married a diver. By 1975, she was extremely active in the local dive council, CenCal, and, subsequently, the national dive organization, Underwater Society of America (USOA), and the world federation, CMAS.

CenCal and Carol became deeply (again pun intended) involved in 1978 in underwater hockey (UWH) which has become her passion. When USOA hosted the 2nd ever World Championships in UWH in 1984, Carol was the one and only timer scorer.

Carol has served as World UWH commission secretary for 17 years beginning in 1990, and although she has no children, a player once said “she has 258 UWH players!”

Carol was president of her dive club, CenCal president, USOA secretary and is the current president. In 1996, she became a world UWH referee, and has worked eight World Championships and eight International Championships all over the world. She taught the UWH Level 1 Referee course in the US and Canada and is Rules Secretary of the World UWH Commission.

Carol is a proud founder of the Women Divers Hall of Fame. She is a member of the California Fish & Wildlife Abalone Advisory Committee and was active in the development of the California Coastal Commission.

Diminutive in height but large in stature, Carol Rose is so highly regarded for her contributions to the scuba industry that she received the 1985 Crossed Sticks Award, became the 1988 Beneath the Sea Diver of the Year, was given the CMAS Honor & Glory Award in 2017, and received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 for World Underwater Hockey.