



PADI

Open water diver program

The PADI open water diver course is an entry level SCUBA certification program that covers the basic skills theory and equipment needed to dive safely in water up to a maximum depth of sixty feet. The class consists of three different training segments; Theory, Pool Diving, and Open Water Diving.

1. Theory - This is a home study program you will be able to complete at your own pace. The program is streamlined and efficient cutting out the fat and sales pitches often inserted by "Legend in their own mind" scuba instructors who like to tell long, harrowing tales of their scuba exploits which often have no relevance to the open water course. This program is administered by PADI on their eLearning platform. You will also have access to a PADI instructor during weekdays by appointment and for up to 1.5 hours before any of your pool training dates. This will give you plenty of opportunities to ask questions as you go over the course materials.

2. Pool Diving - Pool diving consists of two three-hour sessions in our indoor, heated, salt water pool. These sessions are scheduled several times per month on weekday evenings. Classes are kept small with a maximum of four students in the water. This ensures each student gets plenty of practice time and help with skills that might present a challenge. Keeping the class small ensures that you will always be an active participant. Additional pool training or practice time is available to all students at no extra charge.

3. Open Water Training - Open water training takes place in the Long Island Sound and is conducted between the months of June and October. To become certified you will have to complete four open water dives. These dives are also conducted in small groups of no more than four students. You will do more than just follow a guideline from the shore to an instructor waiting for you at the other end. You will swim out off the beach with your instructor and really get the feel for what it's like to go diving. During the dives you will be asked to perform many of the skills you learned during your pool training.

Equipment. We will supply each student with the necessary equipment to complete the entire course. This consists of: mask, fins, snorkel, boots, gloves, cylinder, BCD, regulator, gauges, alternate air source and full wetsuit. If you have your own equipment you are welcome to use it as long as it fits and is in good working order. If you would like to purchase (any) equipment during the course we offer all of our students a 10% - 15% discount during the class and for up to a year after completing their certification.

Testing and Performance: Before diving in the open water each student must pass a 25 question written review test with a minimum score of 85%. Each student must also be able to swim 300 yards (wearing a mask, fins and snorkel) and tread water for 10 minutes. In the open water students must perform to the instructors satisfaction the skills learned in the swimming pool. Upon meeting all requirements you will have earned your Open Water Diver certification which is the first step to enjoying the sport of SCUBA diving!

Cost - Theory \$150 includes eLearning access and eLearning crew pack.

Pool Training \$150. Due when you sign up for your first pool session

Open Water Training \$150. Due when scheduling your open water dives

There are no additional fees for certification processing

