

# 2018 REEF FISH ID



Feb 1<sup>st</sup> | Apr 19<sup>th</sup> | Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

Must be a PADI Open Water Diver or Junior Open Water (*or have a qualifying certification from another training organization*). However, you can take the course as a snorkeler and receive a non-diving certificate. Better yet, take the Open Water Diving course too!

The PADI Reef Fish Identification certification credits as a Specialty toward the Master Scuba Diver rating.

This is one of PADI's most adaptable specialty courses, and can even be started during the last dive of your PADI Open Water Diver course (if there are fish!).

The PADI Project AWARE Fish Identification Specialty course provides you with the fish identification basics so that next time, you know the answer.

You'll find you enjoy your dives even more when you recognize the creatures that you see. The fun part about this course is you can use the skills you learn on every scuba diving vacation because once you learn the main fish families and characteristics it will help you decipher the species you see all over the world.

For example, a butterfly fish in the Caribbean has a similar shape to a butterfly fish in Southeast Asia, but their colors and markings maybe wildly different. If you know what fish family it belongs to, it becomes much easier to look up the local name or at least be able to intelligently ask the local scuba instructor what you saw. That works better than asking about a "yellow thingy with a funny tail fin."

During two dives you gain hands-on (okay, eyes-on) experience in looking for and identifying the fascinating fish you see underwater. You'll learn :

- How to identify characteristics of local fish families and species
- Fish survey techniques and strategies
- How to practice fish identification dive planning, organization and procedures

### **Schedule:**

Session #1 : Class @ 6:00pm - Classroom at Float N' Flag Dive Centre

Dives: TBC

Class is at 6:00pm and the cost is \$125 including certification (\$100 for snorkelers). No materials to buy, but the Reef Fish ID book is highly recommended.