

2023 OPEN WATER DIVER e-learning



CLASS & POOL WEEKENDS

Jan 20th - 22nd

Feb 17th - 19th

Mar 17th - 19th

Apr 14th - 16th

May 26th - 28th

Jun 16th - 18th

CHECKOUT DIVE WEEKENDS

TBC as season approaches, but offered most weekends between June 1 and Sept 30

Q. What is the purpose of the Open Water Diver course? A. The purpose of the Open Water Diver course is to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and confidently dive in open water. This includes understanding the principles of buoyancy, pressure, and gas laws, as well as the proper use of scuba equipment and the ability to perform basic rescue techniques.

Y. How long does the course take? A. The course is completed over a period of 4-5 days. The first two days are spent in the classroom learning theory and completing e-learning modules. The final two days are spent in the pool and open water practicing skills and completing the final exam.

1. Knowledge Development – This develops your familiarity with basic principles and procedures. You learn things like how pressure affects your body, how to choose the best gear and what to consider when planning dives. This is done via an interactive e-Learning module.

2. Pool Skills – This is where you will learn and practice the basic skills of scuba diving. This includes how to enter and exit the water safely, how to breathe from your regulator, how to descend and ascend, and how to perform a controlled emergency swimming ascent (CESA).

3. Open Water Dives – This is where you will demonstrate your skills in the open water. You will complete four dives, each with a specific purpose. For some, you'll do these in warmer waters down south). Either way, this is your chance to demonstrate your new skills in the open water!

Additional Requirements: You will need a logbook and training record. You will also need to purchase your own mask, snorkel, fins, and boots in advance of the course. Please visit the store to speak with the staff about selecting approved equipment for your needs. Other Rental Equipment provided for your use during the course includes: Scuba Tanks, Regulator, Buoyancy Compensator Device (BCD), Navigation Gauge pack including Depth and Pressure Gauges, Weight Belt and Weights plus all Air Fills.

Prerequisites: You must be at least 15 years old and have completed a basic scuba diving course (PADI Discover Scuba Diving or equivalent) or have a minimum of 10 dives. If you want to complete or review the course registration paperwork, it can be found on our website under the FAQ tab in the COURSE SIGN-UP FORMS section, Form#1.

Class and Pool Schedule:

Session 1 @ 6:00pm - 8:30pm - Equipment Review (Float N' Flag classroom)

Session 2 @ 7:50am - 12:30pm (Wayne Gretzky Pool)

Session 3 @ 7:50am - 12:30pm (Wayne Gretzky Pool)

Session 4 @ 2:00pm - 3:30pm - Quiz & Paperwork completion (Float N' Flag Classroom)

Checkout Dive Weekend Schedule:

Saturday @ 9:30am - 2:00pm (Gullivers Lake Park)

Sunday @ 9:30am - 2:00pm (Gullivers Lake Park), then 2:30-3:30 @ FNF to complete certification paperwork

Note: Open Water Checkout dives (4 of them) are the final portion of your certification. You may complete these with us locally from May-October or you can request referral forms and head south for them. Most southern places will be more expensive than doing it with us locally. The cost for this weekend of diving with us locally is \$275. This includes your Instructor, PADI Certification Fee and all of the Rental Equipment required for the open water dives (all Scuba Tanks/Fills, Regulator, Buoyancy Compensator Device (BCD), Navigation Gauge pack including Depth and Pressure Gauges, 7mm Wetsuit, Hood, Gloves, Weight Belt, Weights and all Air Fills. Please make sure you sign up specifically for this weekend. Completing the class/pool does not automatically sign you up for this weekend.