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Open Water Diver / Junior Open Water Diver

Learn to SCUBA dive and then explore the wonderful and beautiful underwater world! Visit exotic locations, show your new Scuba Schools International (SSI) certification card, and then experience amazing colourful fish, corals, and marine animals. Your SSI certification is for life and recognised around the world!

When you SCUBA dive you will seem to be free from gravity. Supported by the surrounding water, you will be able to float weightlessly whenever you want. Almost like an astronaut in space or like dreams of being able to fly. You will learn to hover almost motionless as you watch the activity around you.

You don't need to be a competitive swimmer to participate in sport diving, but you do need to feel comfortable in the water and learn to let the diving equipment do the work for you.

In the SSI Open Water Diver or Junior Open Water Diver course you will learn to dive comfortably and confidently with the careful attention of our professional Instructors. You will learn diving theory in academic presentations, refine diving skills during 6 training sessions in a pool/confined water environment, and then demonstrate the skills you have mastered in 6 open water training dives.

What the Course Includes

- Internationally recognised certification card upon successful completion of the course
- Certification to 30 meters (100 feet)
- SSI dive planning tables
- SSI Open Water Diver manual
- SSI Open Water Diver DVD

- SSI Total DiveLog
- 6 academic sessions
- Minimum of 6 pool/confined water sessions
- Minimum of 6 open water training dives
- Professional Dive Instructor and Assistant Instructor fees
- Use of the pool and facilities during training
- Use of all required diving equipment including air fills
- Transportation to the dive sites
- Membership to Club Aquarius upon graduation - FREE!
- Pool session #6: bring a friend - FREE!

** it is highly recommended students have their own personal equipment: mask, snorkel, booties, fins, equipment bag, knife, and time piece.*

Course Requirements

- Minimum age: 10 years old for Junior Open Water Diver, 15 years or older for Open Water Diver. Junior Open Water Divers ages 10 & 11 must dive with a certified dive leader or a certified parent or guardian. Divers 12 years old up to but not including 15 years old must dive with a certified adult.
- Students are to demonstrate watermanship and comfort in the water to include a 200 meter surface swim or a 300 meter surface swim using a mask, snorkel, and fins. Students must also demonstrate a 10-minute survival swim / float without the use of a mask, snorkel, or fins or other swimming aids.
- Students are required to be in generally good health and complete a medical questionnaire. Students may be referred to a medical professional for clearance to dive.
- Each student must complete study guide questions at the end of each chapter of the Open Water Diver man-

ual and then submit them prior to attending the applicable academic lecture as well as complete an end-of-course exam with a passing score of 80% or higher.

Course Scheduling

Regularly scheduled - Each month a one-week course is scheduled to begin on a Monday at 0900 and go through 1600 daily for 5 days, ending on a Friday.

Private course - Students may enroll in evening courses, split-week courses, weekend courses, or otherwise create their own schedule. Contact the Dive Operations Centre to schedule a private course.

Home study - The SSI training system is simplified so it can be easily understood, yet presents all of the necessary information required to learn to be a comfortable and proficient Diver. It is a complete system allowing students to accomplish all of the studies at home, and then meet with their instructor to verify the student's knowledge and complete the academic requirements, thereby reducing classroom lecture time. After, the students then continue with scheduled training in the pool and open water.

Graduates receive their first year of membership to Club Aquarius - FREE!