



We Bring Diving To You!

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Open Water Diver

Your new adventure as a certified scuba diver begins with this course. Earning this certification enables you to dive and receive diving services all over the world. The Open Water Diver course is truly your ticket to a new and thrilling adventure. This course is made up of three phases:

Classroom

As the first phase of your training, your classroom session is designed to provide you with the basic tenets and information about diving. Covering every facet from equipment to the effects of depth and pressure to the principles of gliding effortlessly through the water, the classroom is where you learn the “whys” of diving.

Study prior to class is critical to this phase of training. Be sure to study your text book thoroughly before coming to class.

Confined Water (Pool) Training

After leaving the “why’s” we move on to the “how-to’s.”

The way you learn to dive is to dive, so while we apply the principals of diving you learned in the classroom, we move into the controlled environment of a swimming pool to practice hands -on use of equipment while we learn the basic and advanced skills.

Here you’ll be taught the physical skills essential to diving and master these prior to leaving this controlled environment.

Open Water Certification Dives

Now the best fun begins as we move to the open water. At least four scuba dives are required for certification. These are done in a safe, controlled manner in the open-water environment of either a rock quarry or the ocean.

You’ll perform many of the same skills you learned in the swimming pool, always under the direct supervision of your instructor. Normally these dives are completed in two consecutive days.

Equipment Required

Scuba diving is an equipment intensive sport. Your personal equipment of mask, snorkel, fins, boots and weight belt are exactly that... personal to you. As it’s essential that this equipment fit you precisely, each student must purchase these items prior to your first pool session. Your life support equipment consists of a bouyancy control device, regulator with gauge console/ computer, wetsuit, weights and any specialty equipment required. These items are furnished at no additional cost.

Scheduling Your Course

Richmond Dive and Travel offers many scheduling and location options for your course. Please consult our training calendar either in the shop or on our web site for dates and locations that meet your needs.

Course Pricing

Regularly Scheduled Courses: \$375 per person, Private classes are available.

We offer PADI, NAUI, SDI and TDI certifications, our instructors are certified to teach CPR, AED useage, First Aid, O2 Administration and are accredited Rescue Divers.