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Open Water Diver Class Fact Sheet

The Open Water Diver Class at Underwater Adventures is the entry-level certification program that is your introduction to scuba diving. The program is sanctioned by PADI, the largest and most recognized certifying agency in the world.



What you will learn

Through a combination of academic work and in-water skills sessions, you will learn how to become a safe, confident, and capable scuba diver. You will also learn how much fun it is to experience the wonder and beauty of the underwater world.

The Program

The program has two parts. Part 1 combines academics with pool sessions that are done either in five weekly sessions or can be completed during a single weekend from Friday to Sunday. Part 2 is the Open Water training dives where you demonstrate your skills in a real water environment.

We do our best to schedule classes that are convenient for you and help you get certified before a vacation you have planned. Check out the *Class Schedule* section of our website for the latest class offerings. Semi-private or private classes or groups can also be arranged to provide individual attention and customized scheduling.

Part 1 – Academics and Pool

Academics

We spend part of each session in the classroom discussing important diving concepts and relating real life examples that you will use when you are in the water. There is a short quiz after each section and a final exam on the last day. Much of the academic work is done at home prior to class by reading the Open Water Diver Manual and watching the DVD. This prework takes between 10-15 hours to complete. You will need to purchase the PADI Open Water Crewpak (\$89) to begin studying. As an alternative, the cost is \$189 to complete the academic portion online through the PADI eLearning program.

Pool Sessions

Here's where you experience what it's like to scuba dive! You'll learn how to use scuba equipment and perform diving skills in a safe and fun environment. We go at your pace and make it an experience that you'll never forget.



The tuition for the Academic/Pool portion of the program is \$399, which includes instruction, pool rental, major equipment for the pool sessions.

Part 2 – Open Water Training

To complete your certification, you will complete four dives over two days, putting your diving skills to use and having fun exploring what there is to see underwater. This training is completed at Dutch Springs, a scuba diving facility in Bethlehem, PA (approx. one hour away). This is a fun group event. The cost for this portion of the program is \$299 and includes instruction, equipment rental, and certification processing. The rental package includes all the equipment you'll need for the two days of diving (BC, regulator, tanks, dive computer, weights, weight belt, wetsuit, hood, and gloves, marker buoy). We don't require you to purchase weights, weight belts or other items that you may not use again. When you arrive at Dutch Springs you will need to pay the park entrance fee (\$54/day) and two air fill tickets (\$10 each).

Additional options for Open Water Training

Instead of completing your open water dives locally, you can finish your training in a warm water environment. This can be done on one of our trips or while you are on vacation through a referral to an instructor at your destination. Check our *Diving Travel* schedule for more info. on the trips we offer.

IMPORTANT - Prior to the class:

1. Each participant must come to the store to pick up their Crew Pak and personal scuba gear prior to their class. During this time you will get detailed information about logistics, requirements, equipment, pre-work, and to answer any questions you may have. This will take approximately 1 hour and can be done anytime during regular store hours.
2. When you come in prior to your class, you will be assisted with the purchase of your mask, fins, snorkel, and boots that you will use during class and anytime you dive after you are certified. This usually costs between \$200 - \$300 depending on the brands and styles you select.
3. Please note that the required eLearning and traditional academics pre-work takes between 10-15 hours to complete and must be done prior to the first class so please plan accordingly!

At the completion of the program, you will receive your PADI Open Water Diver Certification Card. This C-Card is the most recognized diving certification available and will allow you to dive anywhere in the world.

So come join the fun. Experience the magic of scuba diving. Check out our class schedule and begin your adventure. Pre-registration is required, and there is academic pre-work prior to

the first class. Call or stop in for details. Please review our missed class and cancellation policies and procedures in our [Class Policies](#) page before registering.



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