

PADI OPEN WATER COURSE HOW WE RUN OUR OPEN WATER COURSE

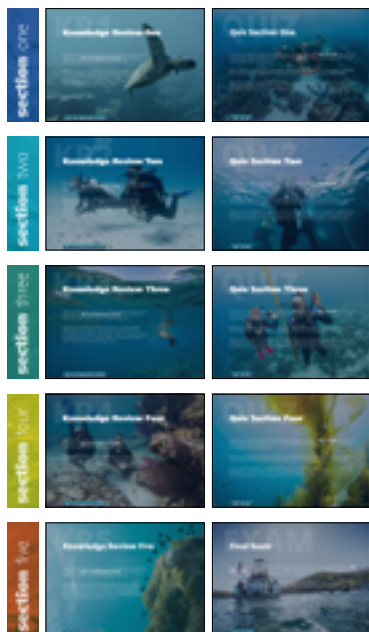


THE OPEN WATER COURSE COMPRISES OF THREE MAIN SECTIONS KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT | CONFINED WATER DIVES | OPEN WATER DIVES

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

HOME STUDY

Use the instructions pdf on how to access your learning materials, you will only need to have internet access to initially sign up and download the software, then to submit your test results, other than these few times, you can work offline. Read through the Introduction, this gives you a grounding in what you are learning, what to expect from the eLearning materials and from the course in general.



Make your way through the five sections at your own pace, keep scrolling down through the sections for all of the information, complete the quick quizzes as you go (these are the ones with answers), and watch the videos that pop-up as you go.

At the end of each 5 sections there is a **Knowledge Review**, these are multiple choice tests to ensure you are learning as you go, there may be more than one answer for the knowledge review questions, submit the results, once you have done this you will receive an email to confirm.

Take **The Quiz** at the end of each of the **first four sections**, these are multiple choice, there is only one answer for these questions, submit the results of the quizzes as you complete them.

The fifth section of your eLearning has a **FINAL EXAM**, again submit the results of the exam to receive your confirmation email.

Complete all of these before you come to us and print out your summary result page. Please remember we are here at the end of the phone, on email, or in the shop to answer questions and to help.

CLASSROOM

During the morning of your first day with us, we will go over some of the training material, please write down any questions you have about the eLearning if you are unsure of anything. We will take you through a short Quick Quiz with us in the classroom to make sure everything is clear.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

WHAT WE PROVIDE

All of the equipment you need for the course apart from the items below.

WHAT YOU PROVIDE

You will need to buy a **Mask and Snorkel**. The mask because correct fit and comfort are very important. If you have a leaky mask, it is very distracting, making it difficult for you to enjoy your course. Make sure it is a diving grade mask, which means having Tempered Glass lenses.

CONFINED WATER DIVES



POOL

During the afternoon of the first day we get you in the pool to introduce you to some basic diving skills, the confined water dive sessions are split into five sections, however we run these together over the weekend.

There is a basic water fitness assessment, consisting of a 200 metre swim and a ten minute treading water exercise. If you feel you may have difficulties with this section please speak to us before the course begins.

During day two in the pool we build on the basic skills you have already learnt, gradually introducing more complex skills as we go, allowing you to master the in water skills you need as a diver.

Having our own indoor pool heated to 32° allows you to learn these skills in comfort, and in a friendly environment. We run these pool days from 9am-5pm, however if we need to stay over a little at the end of each day, we will do this to ensure that you are comfortable, safe and ready to proceed to the next stage.

OPEN WATER DIVES



OVERVIEW

You will make four dives with an instructor where you will apply and demonstrate the skills you have learned in the class and pool.

In the UK these will usually be done at a lake in Surrey. We start each day at 9am on-site, and finish when all of the students have completed the required skills.

It will be a fresh water diver training site, ensuring that you will be able to complete your certification dives in total safety, and within the agreed schedule. We use an inland site as the UK coastal weather can sometimes be against us.

TRANSPORTATION

You are responsible for getting yourself to the dive site, we cannot offer transportation to anyone. We will provide details of the site, with map links and directions from Sussex.

EQUIPMENT

We like to encourage divers to be responsible for their own equipment, therefore we will hand over all the dive kit you will need for your qualifying dives with us. At this point, you are now responsible for this equipment, as you would be if you bought your own dive kit, or rented it. We will arrange with you to pick this up a day or two before the weekend at the dive site.

REFERRAL COURSE

By taking the referral course option, you will complete all of the pool and classroom sessions with us, before completing your open water dives abroad, either with us or at a destination arranged by yourself. We have regular trips to the Red Sea, Maldives, and other tropical destinations. Please ask for details.