

Open Water Certification

How do I begin?

Call or stop by our center and talk with our staff about signing up for a class. If you have a group of 5 or more you qualify for a group discount. When you have friends and family join, you will have a life long activity to enjoy together.

Do you need your own buddy to start & continue diving?



KEEP DIVING

No way! We have a great group of individuals that love to go recreational diving, whether from the shore, or a boat. Join us for Group Gone Diving events! We have enough going on to keep you diving and keep your skills finely tuned.

Just got certified and need to go with a group? That is perfect! We invite anyone to join us for a fun filled day of diving. We all help each other out. Nobody gets left behind, in fact you will be happy to know there are divers just like you out there still "learning" to dive even after their 50+ dive. The more you dive the better you become.

I would like to continue my education.

Once you have taken the first step of getting your Open Water certification you may continue your diving education. Enroll in the Advanced, Rescue or Enriched Air classes. You may also choose to make a career out of diving and get your Dive Master or Instruction certification. How cool is that? Really cool.

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The Way the World Learns to Dive™



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What is required?

How much does it cost?

How do I get started?

Let the FUN begin!

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Invest in scuba diving lessons and learn something you'll enjoy the rest of your life. From the first day, diving starts transforming your life with new experiences you share with friends. You can do it almost anywhere there is water. **70% of the earth is water, how much have you explored?**

Tuition

Classes are \$300 which includes: instruction, DVD and textbook, use of exposure suit, regulators, gauges, buoyancy compensator (the backpack that holds your tank), cylinders, hood and a whole lot of fun!

Required equipment

You will need your own mask, fins, snorkel, boots and gloves, as these have a personal fit. We will help you choose the fit and features best suited to you. Being a student of Gone Diving will get you an extra 10% off your open water equipment needed for the class.

Recommended equipment

It's recommended that you invest in your equipment when you start your course because:

- you're more comfortable using gear fitted for you
- you'll be more confident continuing diving using gear that you learned in
- divers who own their own gear dive more often
- having your own gear is part of the fun of diving

Class / Pool sessions

It's possible to complete your confined and open water dives in as few as three or four days (provided you take care of reading the manual and watching the DVD ahead of time). In an Open Water class you have 8 hours of classroom and 8 hours confined water training. We can do your training over the course of two weekends.

Private : Semi-Private instruction

If you would like to reap the most benefits and get specialized one on one training, give us a call to set up an appointment to help you meet your goals. Not everybody is able to learn diving in a group environment and would rather enjoy private training. We make it possible for you to be able to travel anywhere in the world and dive with confidence.

Learn to dive online



Busy, traveling a lot, just do not have the time for classroom? Learn the knowledge development portion you need online. Finish developing the remaining skills of your water training with us. Ask us for more information.

If you have an appetite for excitement and adventure, odds are you can become an avid PADI Diver.

Minimum Age

10 years when accompanied in the course by a parent or legal guardian. Individuals older than 12 may take the course without their parent or legal guardian, but consent is required. Students younger than 15 who successfully complete the course qualify for the PADI Junior Open Water Diver certification, which they may upgrade to PADI Open Water Diver certification upon reaching 15.

Do you have to be physically fit?

For safety, all students complete a brief questionnaire that asks about medical conditions that could be a problem while diving. If none of these apply, you sign the form and you're ready to start. If any of these apply to you, as a safety precaution your physician must assess the condition as it relates to diving and sign a medical form that confirms you're fit to dive.

Do you have to be a strong swimmer?

Before completing the PADI Open Water Diver course, your instructor will have you demonstrate basic waterskill comfort by having you swim 300 metres/yards in mask, fins and snorkel. There is no time limit for this, and you may use any swimming strokes you want. You will also float and tread water for 10 minutes, again using any methods that you want.

Do you have physical challenges?

Any individual who can meet the performance requirements of the course qualifies for certification. There are many adaptive techniques that allow individuals with physical challenges to meet these requirements. Individuals with paraplegia, amputations and other challenges commonly earn the PADI Open Water Diver certification. Even individuals with more significant physical challenges participate in diving.

Burrrr... It has to be to cold to dive here?

Yes, it is colder to dive here than the Caribbean. *No worries, upgrade the Open Water class to include your Drysuit certification for only \$75.* It is cold up on the mountain, but you just dress warm. Same thing with diving!

Learning to dive in the Pacific NW will give you a passport to dive anywhere in the world comfortably.

