

## DIGITAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Prerequisites:

- Minimum age 10 years (no minimum age for snorkelers)
- Certified as (Junior) Open Water Scuba Diver

### Performance Requirements:

Successfully complete the Knowledge Development module

Two dives demonstrating:

- Enter the water in a manner that protects the camera system from damage
- Immediately after entering the water remove bubbles from the lens, test the various controls for proper functioning, visually inspect the camera system for potential water entry, position the camera lens down and be ready to lift the camera system above water if water is entering, and take one submerged test shot
- While snorkeling, dive with a camera system demonstrating care for the environment
- White balance the camera system if system is capable
- Take horizontal and vertical photos of dive partners
- Take a variety of photos of as many subjects as possible
- Independently assemble camera equipment
- Dive with an underwater photo system demonstrating care for the environment
- Practice getting proper exposure, contrast and sharpness by controlling shutter, aperture, EV control, focus and flash
- Practice getting good colour by using filters, white balance, flash and wide angle lenses as appropriate
- Practice composition through choice of subject, subject positioning, negative space, etc.
- Demonstrate the PADI SEA method
- Exit the water in a manner that will protect the camera system
- Review the photos and discuss challenges and what was learned
- Review what was done well and what can be improved upon
- Post dive rinsing and care of photo equipment