

OCD Divers Open Water Course Learning Agreement

Welcome to your PADI Open Water Diver course. We are confident that you will find your dive training both fun and rewarding. To learn and practice important concepts and skills for using life-support equipment underwater, you must invest the time needed to do it. This learning agreement is between you (the student diver) and our instructional staff regarding our mutual responsibilities in this program.

Student Diver Responsibilities

I _____ (student diver) agree to study independently as specified by the instructor. In general, this means that before each practical session, I will complete the assigned knowledge development portion of the course, including:

- **Book Version:** Watch the assigned PADI Open Water Videos, read the entire PADI Open Water Diver Manual, complete the Quick Quiz questions, complete the Knowledge Reviews at the end of each chapter, and complete the four quizzes and final exam. I understand to advance to corresponding confined water dives, I must achieve a passing score on quizzes and the final exam, or, after additional instruction and self-study, pass them on another attempt.
- **eLearning version:** I will complete the dive computer version of PADI eLearning assigned by OCD Divers. I will not register for the course directly with PADI because I understand OCD Divers' pricing is based on OCD Divers purchasing and enrolling me into the eLearning program for this class. I will be prepared to pass an in-person quick-review before beginning confined water dives.

In addition, I agree:

- I must successfully complete all confined water (pool) training dive skills before beginning open water (lake) dives.
- Class fees are not refundable, and the program must be completed within one year of starting.
- To read, consent to, and sign all standard releases and to obtain medical provider sign-off if needed, based on my answers to the Diver Medical Participant Questionnaire, before any confined or open water activities.
- To follow all course procedures as set forth by my instructor.
- To ask questions about anything not understood.
- To be on time and be prepared for each practical session.
- I will provide my own personal mask, snorkel, booties and fins throughout the Open Water Diver course
- I will provide my own tanks and weights or rent them for lake dives

If I do not follow the points above, I understand that I may need to reschedule practical sessions, and that I am responsible for any additional costs of \$100 for each related block of time up to three hours. In scheduling and determining additional costs, OCD Divers agrees to give every reasonable consideration to unforeseen events, such as family emergencies.

During my Open Water Diver (OWD) course, I will be enrolled in Divers Alert Network's (DAN's) Student Medical Expense Coverage program providing up to \$25,000 coverage for medical expenses occurring during entry-level training. Coverage ends upon Open Water Diver certification or 180 days after registration, whichever comes first. To continue coverage after certification, I understand I may purchase a DAN membership and insurance at any time during or after the course here: <https://apps.dan.org/scuba-dive-insurance/>

I grant OCD Divers and Instructors associated with my program permission to use videos and photos taken of me, or, if a minor, my child, during my SCUBA certification class for any legal use, including but not limited to: sharing to the class, publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content. I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Instructor/Staff Responsibilities

The course instructor and staff agree to:

- Start the class as scheduled, provide a positive learning environment, answer your questions to the best of our ability, and assist you through any course challenges.
- Provide opportunities for as many knowledge development sessions, confined water dives and open water dives as necessary for you to comfortably master course-performance objectives. The course fee is based on an average, and includes all knowledge development assessments, five confined water dives conducted in two three-hour sessions, and four open water dives conducted across two days. Because people learn skills at different rates, the course is student-centered and performance-based, not time-based. Additional sessions may be needed for you to comfortably meet course objectives for certification. If you need additional sessions beyond scheduled times, the fee is \$100 for each block of time up to three hours.

Student Diver Signature _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

If Under 18, Parent or Guardian signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____