

ANOTHRE FUN WEEKEND OF SCUBA TRAINING.



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PADI DISCOVER SCUBA SCUBA REVIEW—OR JUST COME AND PLAY AMBER WAVES DIVING AQUATIC CENTER POOL SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2023

Why PADI Scuba Review?

Are you a certified diver, but haven't been in the water lately? Are you looking to refresh your dive skills and knowledge? Are you a PADI Scuba Diver and want to earn your PADI Open Water Diver certification? If you answered yes to any of these questions then PADI Scuba Review is for you.

What do I need to start?

Hold a scuba certification Minimum age: 10 years old

What will I do?

First, you'll review the safety information you learned during your initial training. Then, you head to the pool to practice some of the fundamental scuba skills

How long will it take? A couple of hours

What will I need?

If you don't have your own gear you will need to rent gear.

I don't want a review, but I want to play?

No problem, Just sign up and come play in the pool for a couple of hours....we want you diving!

- \$100.00 for a Refresher (includes instructor fee, gear rental and pool fee)
- Just want to play but you don't have gear \$25.00 pool fee

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SCUBA SCHOOL		
FEB 23	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
FEB 28-MAR 2	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSIONS)	
MAR 1	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
MAR 2	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
MAR 8-10 POOL	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND SESSIONS)	
MAR 9	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
MAR 10	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
MAR 11-12	COLLEGIATE SCHOOL DISCOVER SCUBA	
MAR 14-16	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSIONS).	
MAR 15	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
MAR 16	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
MAR 21-23	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSIONS).	
MAR 22	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
MAR 23	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
MAR 28-30	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSIONS).	
MAR 29	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
MAR 30	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
APR 4-6	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL	

and Full gear rental 50% off. Total \$50 plus tax

Have all your gear but just want to play? \$25.00

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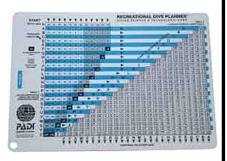
MAKE EVERY WEEKEND A DIVE WEEKEND		
APR 6	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)	
APR 5	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)	
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IN DEFENSE OF THE RECREATIONAL DIVE PLANNER

With inexpensive dive computers on every wrist these days, do we even need dive tables anymore? Yes, in fact, we do.

There was a time when dive tables were the norm. Dive computers were for the few, the most dedicated or simply the flushest with cash. The sheer cost of a dive computer meant that most divers went without one. Most of us relied instead on a waterproof watch and an analog depth gauge. These were the days of dive planning and dive tables. Before a dive, divers would plan the maximum depth of the dive. This was not to be exceeded, and divers calculated a maximum time for the dive based on dive table data. When the dive was over, divers calculated the dive's



nitrogen load using the table. And based on this, they could plan the timing, depth, and duration of the next dive.

But as Moore's Law came into effect (any new technology will double its processing power and halve its price roughly every 18 months), dive computers have become accessible for every diver who wants one. Small, inexpensive and all very capable of giving you dive time, depth, remaining dive time and surface time between dives, computers have become for many divers a key piece of gear. I use one myself. Several organizations either have or are considering switching completely to the point where instructors teach dive computers exclusively during dive classes and leave dive tables out completely.

The reasons given in support of this policy are quite good: dive computers are everywhere and inexpensive enough that any diver can afford one, they allow for longer dives due to their on-going calculations of nitrogen loads (rather than calculating the diver as having spent the entire dive at the maximum logged depth, as the tables do), they're reliable, safe and much easier to learn how to use for a new diver than the dive table and its principles are. So, from one perspective, safety would be enhanced by using computers instead of tables.

But we should be cautious about throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Having access to dive computers is great, and it's a great safety asset for divers, but that shouldn't mean we completely discard dive tables. Why? There are a number of reasons:

Dive computers are just automated dive tables

Before I get into much of this, I just read a response to this article from someone who say's they are a PADI Course Director and have been teaching diving for 25 years and it's time to get rid of tables. First of all, my response is "la-de-da." Anytime someone starts an argument with, "Let me tell you what an expert I am," I get suspicious. I have a little experience with this teaching thing to, and I own a dive shop. First of all, we sell a lot of computers and it's been my experience that most customers (probably at least 90%) never download the manual for their new computer and read it. Other than using it to get air pressure, time their safety stop, and access their log book they don't really understand any of the other features. That's okay with me, because we teach our students how to "use tables" and if they know how to use tables, they know how their computer is calculating things for them. They know that if they make a 60-foot dive for 50 minutes that they are approaching the limits of their dive and will plan accordingly for their second dive. They understand that a high-pressure group means to be careful in regard to planning surface intervals and subsequent dives. Of course, their dive computer will calculate all of that for them, but now they intuitively know that because they've been trained to understand that their dive computer is a convenient extension to their dive tables. Heck, I use a dive computer and still put pressure groups in my log book and/or note that it was a multi-level computer dive for safety purposes. In my opinion, the diver that has taken the time to understand dive tables is probably a safer more aware diver.

Life-Support Equipment

Regulators

The good news: Among major-label regulators--the kind sold in dive stores--there is no junk. Regulators have been perfected to the point that even budget regulators can offer high performance. However, you must do your homework before buying this vital piece of gear. We can help. Come in and talk with us because we only stock regulators that are rated as above average to excellent. If we don't have it in stock, we can order you almost any major brand. We carry Scubapro, Aqua Lung, Apeks, Atomic, Sherwood, Genesis, and Tusa. These are all major brands and they all have excellent regulators to choose from.

What It Does - Converts the high-pressure air in your tank to ambient pressure so you can breathe from it. A regulator must also deliver air to other places, such as your BC inflator and alternate second stage.

What to Look For - High performance. The best regulators can deliver a high volume of air at depth, under heavy exertion even at low tank pressures. Some regulators also have diver-controlled knobs and switches to aid this process, so it's important to understand the controls and how they work.

Comfort: Look for a comfortable mouthpiece.

Cost - From \$450 to \$1,600.

Our Advice - Talk to dive store personnel and experienced divers.

Computers

Nobody enjoys working the dive tables, but they're an invaluable tool for safe diving. Dive computers are an even better tool for the same reason a laptop is better than a slide rule.

What They Do - By constantly monitoring depth and bottom time, dive computers automatically recalculate your no-decompression status, giving you longer dive times while still keeping you within a safe envelope of no-decompression time. Computers can also monitor your ascent rate and tank pressure, tell you when it's safe to fly, log your dives and much more. That's why dive computers are almost as common as depth gauges these days.

What to Look For - User-friendliness. The most feature-packed dive computer does you no good if you can't easily and quickly access the basic

information you need during a dive: depth, time, and decompression status and tank pressure. Some models have both numeric and graphic displays for at-a-glance information. Mounting options are an important feature to consider and let you position computers on your wrist, gauge console, hoses or attach them to BCs. Some computers are conservative in their calculations, automatically building in safety margins; others take you to the edge of decompression and trust you to build in your own safety margins. Only RSD publishes a chart ranking the relative conservatism of dive computers on the market today.

Before you buy, ask to see the owner's manual and check it out. Complete and easy-to-understand instructions are important, especially on feature-packed machines.

Cost - \$400 to \$1,700.

BCs

The BC is the most complex piece of dive equipment you'll own and one of the most important. So choose carefully based on the style of diving you'll be doing most.

What It Does - What doesn't it do? It holds your gear in place, lets you carry a tank with minimal effort, floats you at the surface and allows you to achieve neutral buoyancy at any depth.

What to Look For - Correct size and fit. Before you try on BCs, slip into the exposure suit you'll wear most often. Look for a BC that fits snugly but doesn't squeeze you when inflated. The acid test: inflate the BC until the overflow valve vents. The BC should not restrict your breathing. While you've got the BC on, test all valves for accessibility and ease of use, then make sure the adjustments, straps and pockets are easy to reach and use.

Pay particular attention to the inflator hose. Is it easy to reach and extend over your head? Make sure there's a clear distinction between the inflate and deflate buttons and that you can operate them easily with one hand.

Cost - \$450 to \$1,100.

Our Advice - This is an important piece of equipment that you can expect to use for many years. Don't skimp; go for quality.

Where Should You Buy Gear?

Scuba equipment can be purchased in dive stores, at other retail outlets, by mail order or as used equipment from private parties. There are distinct advantages and disadvantages to each.

Private party. Buying used gear from a private party may be the cheapest possible way to go, but provides absolutely no guarantees. Unless you are extremely knowledgeable or an equipment technician, you will not know if a regulator, for example, can even be serviced. You will also not have any performance data. The seller's statement that the regulator "breathes fine" and your breathing on it out of the water are both meaningless. We recommend not buying used life-support equipment from private parties.

Non-dive store retail outlets. Sporting goods and discount stores may have scuba gear for sale. Some of these stores actually have scuba departments and should be considered dive stores. However, most are simply retail outlets and cannot provide the service, support and expertise that a dive store can. There is no reason to buy at these non-dive store outlets. Please come in and see us, even if it's for good advice.



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