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**Wichita CPR Training**  
*Provided by Amber Waves Diving Company*



THANKS GO TO IDC INSTRUCTOR MICHAEL JERNIGAN AND DIVE MASTERS PATRICK MOORE AND JAMES PHILLIPS. THESE PADI INSTRUCTORS WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THIS GROUP SCUBA READY FOR THE LAKE AND FUTURE DIVE ADVENTURES.



PICTURED ABOVE IS OUR WEEKEND FIRST AID-CPR-AED AND OXYGEN PROVIDER STUDENTS. THEY ALL DID A GREAT JOB.

### TRAINING AT BEAVER LAKE ARKANSAS

Beaver Lake is a man-made reservoir in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas and is formed by a dam across the White River only a few hours drive from Wichita. Beaver Lake waters are deep, clean, and clear. Beaver Lake is optimal for scuba diving because the water is deep and visibility is great making for interesting sites. JOIN US TO FINISH YOUR CERTIFICATION!




COME JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN  
MAKE PLAN NOW

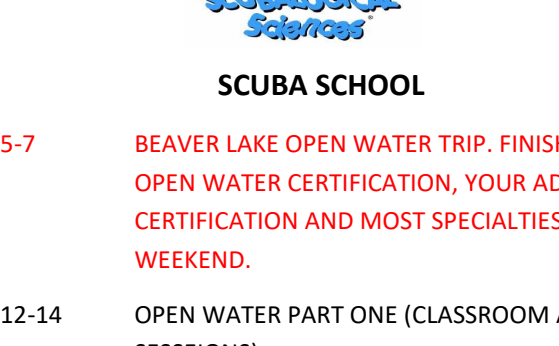





#### BEAVER LAKE SCHEDULE

SEPT 5-7	OPEN WATER PART TWO, ADVANCED, AND SPECIALTY SCUBA CLASSES
SEPT 19-21	OPEN WATER PART TWO, ADVANCED, AND SPECIALTY SCUBA CLASSES
OCT 3-5	OPEN WATER PART TWO, ADVANCED, AND SPECIALTY SCUBA CLASSES
OCT 17-19	OPEN WATER PART TWO, ADVANCED, AND SPECIALTY SCUBA CLASSES

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### GRADUATE

#### SCHOOL OF SCUBA DIVERS


#### SCUBA SCHOOL

SEPT 5-7	BEAVER LAKE OPEN WATER TRIP. FINISH YOUR OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION, YOUR ADVANCED CERTIFICATION AND MOST SPECIALTIES ON THIS WEEKEND.
SEPT 12-14	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSEIONS)
SEPT 13	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)
SEPT 14	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)
SEPT 19-21	BEAVER LAKE OPEN WATER TRIP. FINISH YOUR OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION, YOUR ADVANCED CERTIFICATION AND MOST SPECIALTIES ON THIS WEEKEND.
SEPT 26-28	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSEIONS)
SEPT 27	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)
SEPT 28	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)
OCT 3-5	BEAVER LAKE OPEN WATER TRIP. FINISH YOUR OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION, YOUR ADVANCED CERTIFICATION AND MOST SPECIALTIES ON THIS WEEKEND.
OCT 10-12	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSEIONS)
OCT 11	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)
OCT 12	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)
OCT 17-19	OPEN WATER PART ONE (CLASSROOM AND POOL SESSEIONS)
OCT 18	DISCOVER SCUBA-SCUBA REVIEWS-OR FUN DIVE (NOON-3PM)
OCT 19	OPEN POOL DIVE (2-4 PM)

**MAKE EVERY WEEKEND A DIVE WEEKEND**

## ADVANCED OPEN WATER COURSE

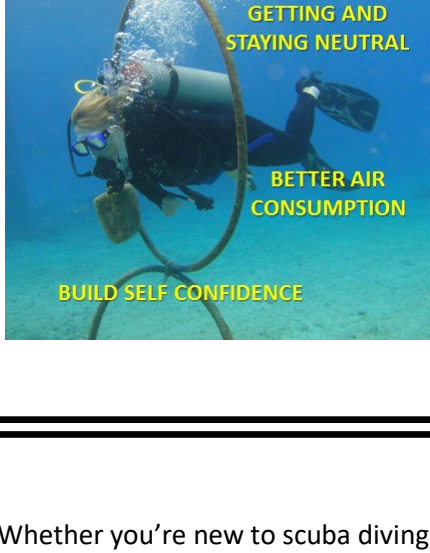
The Advanced Open Water Diver Course (AOW) is the next step in learning advanced skills directly applicable to scuba diving. Frequently, an AOW card is just the ticket to diving at a variety of more sites. For example, we know of several places in the Philippines, Malaysia, Australia, and some wreck sites in Florida who will not let you dive at certain, more advanced sites, unless you have the AOW or above certification. The reason is that the operators don't want to risk putting OW divers into certain advanced level dive conditions such as currents or deep, blue water, environments. They know that PADI AOW certified divers have the skills and experience necessary for such sites.



There are a total of 5 dives necessary to complete the course. The required 2 Core dives are Deep and Underwater Navigation. You can choose the remaining 3 Adventure Dives. This course is for newly certified divers as well as divers with more experience who wish to expand their knowledge and practical skills. Also, if you don't have enough time to complete the full AOW course, the Adventure Diver rating is awarded after completion after any 3 Adventure Dives.

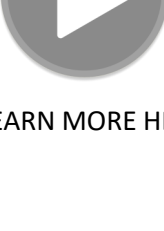
**Why should you take the Advanced Open Water Course?**

Open Water Divers have learned the basics, the "how" of diving. After a few dives, there is a need to expand that dive knowledge and learn practical skills which can increase your enjoyment of diving. Ever surface far away from the boat and have a long surface swim back? With the Navigation dive, you will learn how to prevent that situation, using compass as well as natural navigational aids to assist in your underwater journey. For deep diving, there are special concerns, and as an Open Water Diver, you are certified to dive 18 meters/60 feet. After completing the AOW course, that level is extended to 30 meters/100 feet.

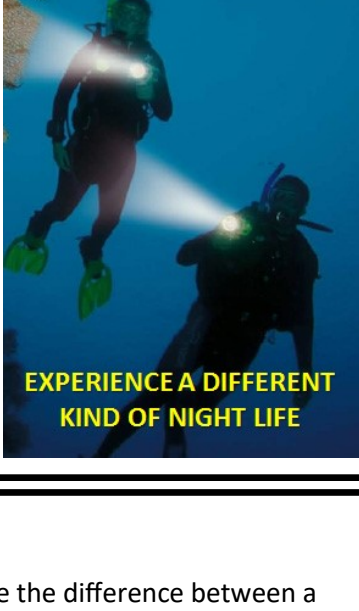


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BUILD SELF CONFIDENCE

If you really want to advance your skills and be more comfortable in the water, taking this course is the way to do it. We have openings for the Beaver lake trip. Give us a call and schedule your course today!



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EXPERIENCE A DIFFERENT KIND OF NIGHT LIFE

## AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES

Whether you're new to scuba diving or have already logged multiple dives, avoiding mistakes can make the difference between a good dive and a potentially dangerous one. Even experienced divers can fall into bad habits, which might not seem like a big deal until they lead to issues like gear failure or panic underwater.

- 1. Skipping Pre-Dive Equipment Checks**  
 Skipping the pre-dive equipment check is one of the most common mistakes divers make. It's easy to assume that your gear is fine if it worked during the last dive, but equipment issues can arise unexpectedly, leading to dangerous situations underwater.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Do a pre-dive buddy check:** Before each dive, go through the steps of the pre-dive safety check with your buddy. This includes checking your buoyancy control device (BCD), weights, releases, air, and a final check.
  - Check your air:** Make sure your air supply is turned on, check your BCD inflates and deflates properly, and check your weight system is secure.
  - Check your regulators:** Take a few deep breaths from your regulator (and alternate) while watching your pressure gauge to ensure they are functioning correctly.
- 2. Poor Buoyancy Control**  
 Many divers struggle with buoyancy control; it's a skill that takes time and practice to master. Poor buoyancy can result in fatigue, wasted air, and damage to marine life.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Master your weighting:** The first step to good buoyancy is being properly weighted. If you're too heavy, you'll need to inflate your BCD too much, which can cause you to constantly rise and sink. If you're too light, you'll have trouble staying down.
  - Use your breathing:** Breathing control is one of the most powerful tools you have for adjusting your buoyancy. A deep breath will make you float up slightly, while exhaling will help you sink. Practice using small adjustments in breathing to maintain your position in the water.
  - Practice hovering:** During your dives, practice hovering mid-water without finning. This will help you become more aware of your body position and learn to control your buoyancy with minimal effort.

If you really want to hone your buoyancy skills, join any Sunday after 1:30 pm to work on your buoyancy in our 18 ft. deep pool. It is one of the best ways to fine-tune your buoyancy on your own time.
- 3. Not Equalizing Properly**  
 Failing to equalize pressure in your ears during descent can lead to ear pain, or worse, an ear injury. Many divers forget to equalize or wait too long before attempting it, leading to discomfort or the need to end a dive.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Equalize early and often:** Start equalizing before you feel any pressure, ideally as soon as you begin your descent. Equalize by pinching your nose and gently blowing or by swallowing. Continue equalizing frequently as you descend.
  - Ascend if necessary:** If you're unable to equalize, ascend slightly until the pressure decreases, then try again before continuing your descent.
  - End your dive:** If you still can't equalize after ascending slightly and trying again, end your dive. It's better to miss a dive than to injure your ears.
- 4. Poor Buddy Communication**  
 Failing to communicate effectively with your dive buddy can lead to confusion or even dangerous situations. Poor communication increases the chances of becoming separated, running out of air, or missing critical dive signals.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Establish hand signals before the dive:** Review common hand signals with your buddy before entering the water and check you use the same signals. This ensures you both understand how to signal important messages like low air, needing to ascend, or pointing out marine life.
  - Stay close to your buddy:** You should be able to reach your buddy within 2 seconds throughout the dive, so stay close. If separated, look for them for no more than one minute before ascending safely.
- 5. Rapid Ascents**  
 A rapid ascent is one of the most dangerous mistakes a diver can make. Ascending too quickly can lead to decompression sickness (DCS) or lung over-expansion injuries, both of which can be life-threatening.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Monitor your ascent rate:** Always watch your dive computer or depth gauge during your ascent. A safe ascent rate is generally no faster than 18 meters (60 feet) per minute when ascending from more than 18 meters deep.
  - Practice controlled ascents:** Regularly practice your ascent skills, especially after deep dives. Make sure you incorporate a safety stop at 5 meters (15 feet) for 3-5 minutes to allow your body to off-gas any remaining nitrogen.
  - Use your BCD correctly:** Don't inflate your BCD while ascending. Instead, use gentle fin kicks to ascend and release air from your BCD during the ascent.
- 6. Neglecting Air Management**  
 Running low on air or not managing your air consumption properly is a critical mistake that can lead to panic or emergency ascents. This is particularly risky during deep dives or in currents.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Monitor your air supply frequently:** Check your pressure gauge regularly throughout the dive, especially at deeper depths or if exerting yourself. Get into the habit of signaling your air level to your buddy.
  - Always surface with air:** Plan your dive so that you surface with at least 500 psi (50 bar) of air left.
  - Work on your breathing:** Slow, controlled breathing will not only conserve air but also help you stay calm and improve your buoyancy control.
- 7. Overconfidence**  
 Many divers, especially those with a few successful dives under their belt, may push themselves into conditions that are beyond their skill level, such as strong currents, deep wrecks, or low-visibility environments. Overconfidence can quickly lead to stress, panic, or accidents.
 

**How to Avoid It:**

  - Know Your Limits:** Stay within your certification and experience levels, especially when dealing with unfamiliar environments. Don't dive in conditions that make you uncomfortable.
  - Seek professional guidance:** If you want to challenge yourself with new dive conditions or experiences, such as wreck diving or diving in strong currents, consider taking a specialty course to develop the necessary skills.

### BONAIRE FLAMINGO BEACH

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**Package Includes:**

- Round trip airfare from Wichita
- 7 nights' accommodation at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in deluxe room accommodation
- Full breakfast daily
- 3 themed dinners at the hotel
- Complimentary Wi-Fi per room
- Welcome cocktail, beach towels at pool and beach
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Day one = 1 shore dive orientation dive followed by one tank boat dive
- Day 2 – 6 = 5 days 2 tank boat diving (Total 11 boat dives)
- Unlimited tanks for shore diving (transportation not included)
- Diving includes tanks, weights and belt
- All service charges on hotel/dive package features.

**Package Excludes:**

- Marine Park tag \$40.00 USD (valid for 1 calendar year MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED ON LINE PRIOR TO TRAVEL)
- Government entry tax = \$75 to be paid on line before entry or upon entry
- Departure tax
- Beverages
- Nitrox
- Night dives
- Personal dive equipment
- Gratuities
- Trip Cancellation & Dive Insurance

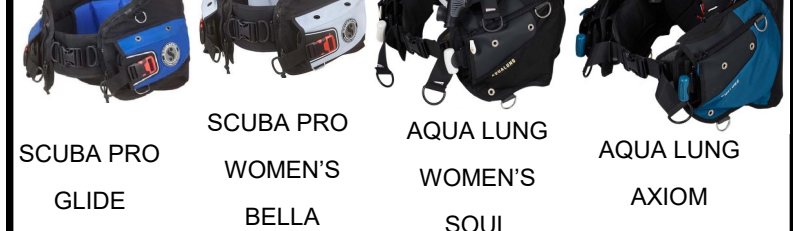
**OPTIONAL ADD ONS**

- Nitrox = \$110 per person
- 4 days 1 tank afternoon boat diving = \$110 per person (\$27.50 per dive), must be purchased in advance.

**Quoted as Cash Discounted Price**



**YES WE HAVE BCDs IN STOCK**



IT'S TIME TO OWN YOUR OWN BCD

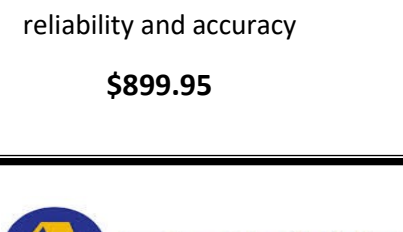


### Suunto Ocean Wrist Computer with Charging Cable

**Discover the unmatched versatility of the Suunto Ocean Dive**

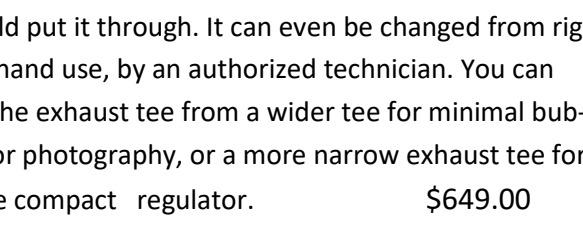
A perfect blend of a True Computer and a True Sports Watch. Engineered for resilience, this watch stands as your ultimate companion under any environmental conditions. Whether you're exploring the depths of the ocean or traversing rugged landscapes and assures reliability and accuracy

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### Apeks Aqua Lung

The Apeks GTX50 Regulator is what you're looking for in a top of the line regulator, at a reasonable price. The Apeks GTX50 is designed to handle every diving condition you could put it through. It can even be changed from right hand to left hand use, by an authorized technician. You can change out the exhaust tee from a wider tee for minimal bubbles, great for photography, or a more narrow exhaust tee for a smaller more compact regulator. \$649.00

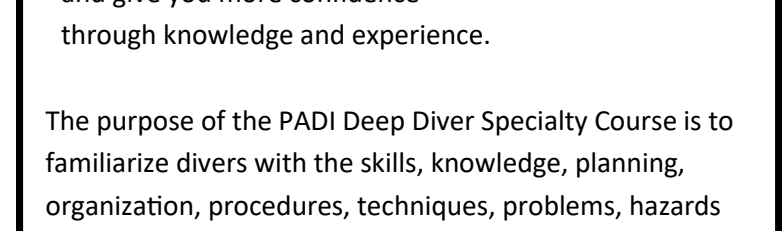
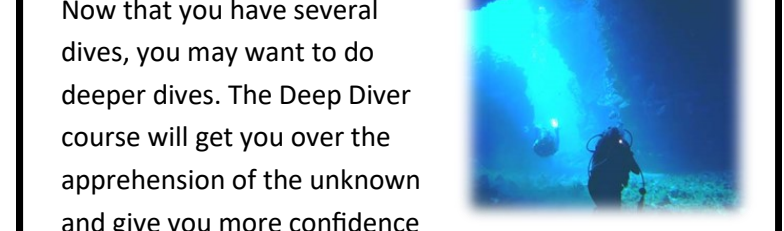


### Aqua Lung

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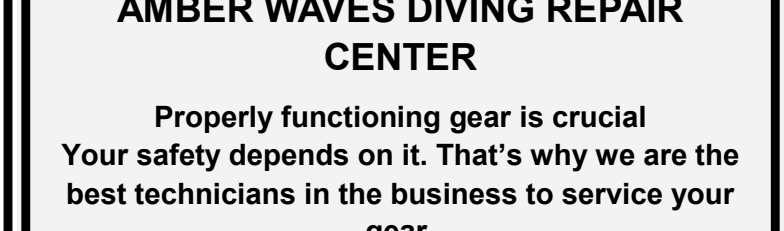
## PADI PEAK PERFORMANCE BUOYANCY SPECIALTY COURSE

You've all seen those divers. You know – the ones who seem to move through the water with the slightest effort. Those scuba divers are neutrally buoyant, which means they don't sink or float while diving. Achieving neutral buoyancy is no easy feat, which is why divers who have mastered the skill stand apart from the others. If you want to become neutrally buoyant and become a better scuba diver, take the PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy specialty course.

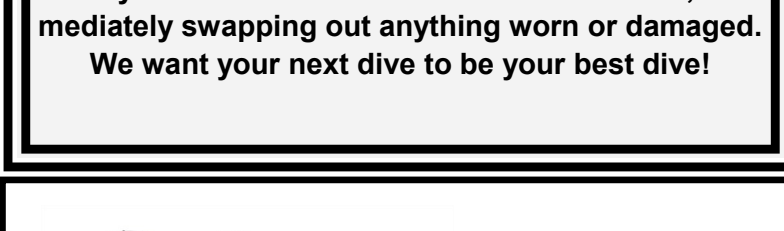


## PADI DEEP DIVER TRAINING

Now that you have several dives, that you may have to do deeper dives. The Deep Diver course will get you over the apprehension of the unknown and give you more confidence through knowledge and experience.



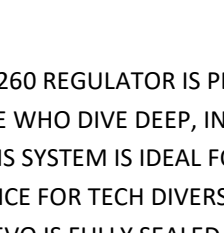
The purpose of the PADI Deep Diver Specialty Course is to familiarize divers with the skills, knowledge, planning, organization, procedures, techniques, problems, hazards and enjoyment of diving between the depths of 60 feet to 130 feet. The Deep Diver specialty course is intended to serve as a safe, supervised introduction to deeper diving within the limits of recreational scuba diving.




## AMBER WAVES DIVING REPAIR CENTER

**Properly functioning gear is crucial**  
**Your safety depends on it. That's why we are the best technicians in the business to service your gear.**

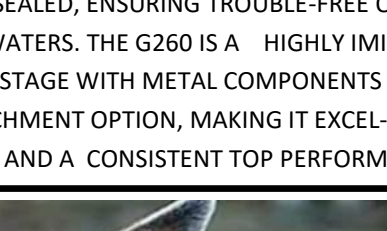
**What to expect**  
**We are certified technicians that always follow manufacturer guidelines. Conscientious and thorough, we examine every part of your gear. We're always on the lookout for wear and corrosion, immediately swapping out anything worn or damaged. We want your next dive to be your best dive!**



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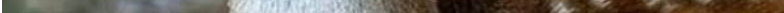
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**Now you see why a deer's eyes are on the side**