



## WEEKEND OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION COURSE

The cost of our weekend PADI OPEN WATER Course is **\$575.00**. The course fee includes the cost of your books and other classroom materials, instructor time, pool fees, air fills and rental gear. **It does not include the cost of your 4 required checkout dives, or your required personal scuba gear** (see below).

*Do I need to know how to swim?*

It is a requirement for each student to perform a 400 meter swim and 10 minute water tread or float.

When you sign up for the class, a \$200.00 **non-refundable deposit** is required to obtain your Open Water Crew Packet, with the remaining balance of \$375.00 plus tax to be paid **one week before the first classroom period** of the course.

### COURSE MATERIALS

**Your Open Water Crew Packet includes:**

- PADI Dive tables & Skills slate
- Open Water Diver Manual and DVD
- Log book
- Recreational Dive Planner
- Orange safety sausage (SMB) & Whistle
- Student folder
- Whistle

Please read **at least the first three chapters** of your Open Water Diver Manual before the first day of class, and have the knowledge reviews for those sections completed.

### GEAR

While Charleston Scuba will supply you with most of your rental gear for the course (buoyancy control device, regulator, wetsuit, tanks, weights and DAN insurance), **there are certain items you are required to purchase on your own before the first day of class**. These include:

- Mask**
- Snorkel**
- Scuba Fins** (Not full-foot snorkeling fins)
- Dive Boots**

*(If you do not plan to purchase your own mask, snorkel, fins & dive boots you may rent them for \$20 per day.)*

- Gear bag** *(Your bag MUST be large enough to fit all rental gear, including wetsuits & BCD. If you do not wish to purchase a bag, you may rent one for \$5 per day)*
- Dive Watch or Dive Computer** *(You may rent computers for \$20 per day. Dive computer pricing is not included in the estimate below. Prices vary considerably for dive computer. You cannot rent a watch.)*
- Finally, you will also need a **Cutting Tool or Dive Knife** before your Open Water dives.

This gear, including your watch and knife, is likely to cost you \$325-\$425, depending on the quality of the items you choose to purchase. **Please plan to bring this gear with you to the first day of class to be evaluated by your instructor.**

## CLASS SCHEDULE

- Wednesday night (class) 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
- Thursday night (pool) 5:30 pm-10:00 pm
- Saturday (class + pool) 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday (pool + exam) 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

If you miss a class or pool session, make-ups are available for the following fees:

- Classroom makeup \$45.00,
- Pool make-up \$75.00, per person per rescheduled time period.

## CERTIFICATION DIVES

- Open Water dives are normally scheduled within one to two weeks after the last pool session and are a total of \$210.00 during charter season (May through September)
  - Dives 1 and 2 in Trophy Lakes: \$65
  - Dives 3 and 4 offshore: \$145
- In the winter months, you can complete your certification dives on one of our Florida Springs Trips, which run once per month November through March. Total cost for the trips are \$460.00, assuming double occupancy in the hotel. Cost includes 4 dives over 2 days.
- Rental gear is included in the cost of all certification dives if they are completed with Charleston Scuba.
- Non-referral Open Water dives must be completed with us within 1 year of the last pool session. Students completing Open Water dives after 1 year will need to attend a refresher class at a cost of \$75.00.
- We will be glad to assist referral students with scheduling their Open Water dives elsewhere.

Weekend Open Water Courses are scheduled every other week. We also offer Flex and Private OW classes if our schedule does not work for you.

**\*Please note that the course schedule outlined above is on an accelerated timetable and may not be appropriate for all students. Should we feel the need to do so, we may move you to another class with additional pool or classroom time to improve your skill level.**

You may be eligible to receive college credit for PADI courses. The American Council on Education recommends 2 semester credit hours for Open Water Diver. Contact your college or university to find out if they will accept credit.

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