



Open Water Scuba Course Student Guide

Congratulations on making the decision to become a certified Scuba Diver. Scuba Diving is a fantastic and rewarding sport that opens the door to a lifetime of discovery and adventure. We're excited about the opportunity to train you and want to ensure that your course is rewarding and enjoyable. Please take a few minutes to review the following information about the course. Upon successful completion of this course, you will be certified as a PADI Open Water Scuba Diver. Here at Sin City Scuba we offer a wide variety of PADI training courses beginning with your first Open Water course and continuing all the way through Instructor. Congratulations on taking the first steps towards unlimited possibilities including new friends, knowledge and experiences, exotic dive travel, and even a future career. THE FUN STARTS HERE!

Prerequisites:

1. **Good Health:** You need to fill out a Medical Questionnaire form. The purpose of this Medical Questionnaire is to find out if you should be examined by a Medical Doctor before participating in recreational Scuba Diver training. A positive response to a question does not necessarily disqualify you from diving. A positive response means that there is a pre-existing condition that may affect your safety while diving and you must seek the advice of a Medical Doctor prior to engaging in dive activities. Please answer the questions on your past or present medical history with a YES or NO. If you are not sure, answer YES. If any of these items apply to you, we must request that you consult with a Medical Doctor prior to participating in Scuba Diving training.
2. You should be comfortable and enjoy being in the water and possess average to good swimming abilities. To demonstrate this, you will be asked to:
 - a. Swim 200 yards non-stop
 - b. Float or Tread water for ten minutes
3. Have a positive attitude about learning and demonstrate a willingness to study and participate in every session.
4. A parental consent form is required for any student under the age of 18 years of age. See your instructor for details. **Please note that a parent or legal guardian is required to attend all class, pool and open water sessions if the student is a minor** (under 18 years of age) and does not have a valid driver's license.
5. Provide photo showing the student's head and shoulders (no dark glasses or hats). Email to cs@sincityscuba.com

Text and Student Materials

All students are required to have their own set of student materials. For your convenience, we have provided the required student materials and Open Water eLearning Pack with your course fee. You may not share student materials.

Complete the PADI Open Water Diver eLearning System. As part of the course registration process, you will be given access to PADI online training. This fulfills the academic component of your certification.

1. Check your email for a message from PADI. You will find links in this email to set up your account for online training.
2. Follow PADI's instructions for accessing your eLearning course. If you have questions call PADI 1-800-SAY-PADI
3. Complete all PADI Open Water Diver eLearning knowledge reviews, quizzes, and exams. Most students require 10 to 15 hours to complete the eLearning program.
4. When you complete the eLearning course, print off the eRecord of the scores that you received after completing the program.
5. A Quick Review quiz will be administered during your first class to confirm your understanding of the material from the eLearning course. Please complete the entire eLearning program before you arrive on your first class session.

Required Equipment

You are required to have your own scuba quality personal gear. This includes: Mask, fins, snorkel, boots & clips. The most important thing about your personal gear is that it fits YOU. We encourage you to stop by before your class start date so we can assist you in finding the proper gear for you. **Snorkel gear will not work for this course.**

Recommended Equipment

To enhance your experience we highly recommend the following equipment: Gloves, Dive light, Dive Knife, Mask Defog, Slate, and Spare Part Kit.

Rental Equipment

You will need to rent or purchase the following equipment: Wet Suit, Cylinder, Weights, Buoyancy Compensator Device and Regulator System with a Dive Computer and Compass. Your Instructor will cover the rental equipment procedures. The rental equipment must be returned no later than two days after the completion of your course. A \$100 refundable deposit is required to rent the equipment (cash or credit card). The rental package fee is \$60, and is good for the duration of the scheduled course. A late fee will be assessed on past due returns based on our daily rental rates.

Equipment must be rinsed with fresh water after each use. Your Instructor will show you proper cleaning techniques. A cleaning charge will be assessed for any item returned dirty or sandy. You will be charged for any lost equipment at the retail price.

Lake Fees

The Open Water Dive sites are inside Lake Mead National Recreational Area. There is a fee to get into the lake. If you have a lake pass, or an All Parks pass, that will cover your entrance fee. Please make sure to bring that with you to the lake.

Refunds

If you withdraw from the course prior to completing the course, you may be entitled to a partial refund on the tuition. Materials or eLearning packs are not refundable. No refunds are made for withdraws after completing half the course.

Transfers

If you wish to withdraw from the course, but wish to continue at a later date, you may transfer your class fees one time only, to another Sin City Scuba Open Water Scuba class within the next six months. Make-up fees may apply.

Rescheduling

We are happy to help you reschedule a missed class in the following ways:

If you must transfer to another course more than 30 days prior to the beginning of your assigned course there is no transfer fee. If you must transfer to another course more than 10 days prior to the beginning of your assigned course, the fee is \$50. If you must cancel or transfer out of a course less than 10 days of the first class session the fee is \$100. Missed classes, pools, and open water dates may necessitate transferring to another course dependent on the sections missed.

Makeup sessions w/ a class: \$25 per session, or per dive. Please note that if you miss a class session it can be VERY difficult to make up that session in time to get caught up with your course. In addition, different courses progress at different levels, and it may not be possible to complete the appropriate sections with another class depending on where they are in their course.

Private makeup sessions: \$35 per class module (1), \$65 per pool module (2), and \$85 PER DIVE (4) for Open Water.

Equipment Returns

Our goal is to put you in equipment that fits and IS right for your individual needs. Any unused equipment that you purchase at Sin City Scuba may be returned within 30 days of purchase. (Receipt and original packaging required). Any equipment purchased and used after one pool session may be returned to Sin City Scuba provided that they are not marked, damaged or scratched (receipt and original packaging required). Printed or multimedia/eLearning materials are not returnable.

Make-up Fees

Classroom make-up \$35

Pool make-up \$65

Lake make-up \$85 PER DIVE

Make-up sessions are to be at a mutually agreed upon time with you and your instructor.

Your instructor will review all materials pertinent to the course during the orientation session, including:

1. Completion of the Student Record Folder and all required releases
2. Review of course logistics and schedule
3. Confirmation of the pool location
4. Logistics of the open water training dives