



## PADI Open Water Diver Course

If you've always wondered what lies beneath the surface, now's the time to find out! Start the journey of a lifetime with the PADI Open Water Diver course. It will change you forever. In the PADI Open Water Diver course, your PADI Instructor takes you through the basics of learning how to scuba dive. You start in a pool and progress to the open water (ocean, lake, quarry, etc.) getting the background knowledge along the way. Learning to dive isn't difficult, but like any activity worth doing, it requires some time and effort. The course encompasses three phases: Knowledge Development, Confined Water Dives and Open Water Dives.

**1. Knowledge Development** – This develops your familiarity with basic diving principles and procedures. You learn things like how pressure affects your body, how to choose the best gear and what to consider when planning dives. You complete the Knowledge Development portion in one of two ways:

**Classroom setting:** You complete the Knowledge Development on your own, reading each of five sections of the PADI Open Water Diver Manual and watching the corresponding section of the PADI Open Water Diver Video (which also previews skills you'll practice in the pool). In a classroom environment with other students, we'll briefly review what you've studied, a Y-kiki instructor will elaborate on the information, demonstrate the various pieces of equipment and quiz you for comprehension. At the end of the course, you take an exam that makes sure you've got all the key concepts and ideas down.

**eLearning:** Whether you're on the go or want to take it slow, now you can complete the Knowledge Development portion of the PADI Open Water Diver Course *online* with PADI eLearning. It's a great match for an active schedule. With PADI eLearning, you have convenient online access to knowledge development course materials for one year. You'll read and complete each of five sections of the manual online, watching corresponding video clips along the way and completing the final exam online. Once you've completed all the segments, you can print your eLearning Record and bring it in to Y-kiki Divers to schedule your pool and open water dives.

***Cost:*** To start the PADI eLearning course, go to Y-kiki's main web page ([www.y-kiki.com](http://www.y-kiki.com)) and click on the eLearning icon at the bottom of the screen. The eLearning coursework is \$130 paid to PADI directly. The confined water training and enhancement crew pak is \$180 and the open water training is \$150. Purchase your personal equipment (mask, fins, snorkel and boots) from Y-kiki and receive a 10% savings. *Mask, fins, snorkel & boots are required for this class.*

**2. Confined Water Dives** – This is what it's all about – diving. You develop basic scuba skills in a pool. Here you'll learn everything from setting up your gear to how to easily get water out of your mask without surfacing. You'll also practice some emergency skills, like sharing air – just in case. There are five confined water dives each building upon the previous. Over the course of these five dives, you attain the skills you need to dive in open water. Plus, you may play some games, make new friends and have a great time.

**3. Open Water Training Dives** – After your confined water dives, you and the new friends you've made continue learning during four open water dives at a local dive site. This is where you have fun putting it all together and fully experience the underwater adventure – at the beginner level, of course. You may make these dives locally or at a more exotic destination on vacation (called a referral – see below).

Earning your PADI Open Water Diver certification is just the *beginning*. As a certified diver, fabulous dive destinations, exciting people, unparalleled adventure and uncommon tranquility await you.

***Prerequisites:*** 10 years old for Junior Open Water Diver and 15 years old for Open Water Diver. Good health, reasonable fitness and comfort in the water.

***Materials Needed for Classroom Setting:*** PADI Open Water Crew-Pak, PADI Open Water Video and Log Book (provided in cost of class). Your personal equipment: mask, fins, snorkel & boots.

***Cost:*** \$390. Purchase your mask, fins, snorkel and boots from Y-kiki Divers and we'll discount the class to \$290.

***Dry Suit Option:*** Dry Suits keep you warm and dry (actually it's the undergarment!). Since water wicks away our body temp much faster than if our body were surrounded by air, the solution to staying warmer is to wear a dry suit and an appropriate undergarment. Get the most out of your dives by staying warm and dry. Do all your training dives using one of our dry suits and become a PADI Dry Suit Diver the same weekend you do your Open Water Diver certification dives. This add-on course is \$130 but is \$25 less than taking the course later.

Y-kiki's Dry Suit option includes the PADI Dry Suit Crew Pak, an orientation classroom session, one additional pool session for practice, use of our rental dry suit throughout your certification dives, one additional dive following your certification dives and your certification fees.

**Referral:** Going on vacation and want to learn to dive? Why waste vacation time sitting in a classroom? Complete your knowledge development sessions (either in a classroom setting or with eLearning) and confined open water dives with Y-kiki Divers and then complete your open water training dives on vacation. Cost is \$335. Purchase your mask, fins, snorkel and boots from us and we'll discount the class to \$235.

**Scuba Tune-Up:** A little rusty? Been awhile since you've pulled out your dive tables? Take a Scuba Tune-Up with Y-kiki Divers and review basic scuba skills. Dust off your gear and bring it to class. We'll inspect it for potential maintenance concerns. Cost is \$80 and includes a PADI refresher workbook, classroom and pool sessions. Includes equipment rental (excluding mask, fins, snorkel and boots). For a refresher of just the pool skills, cost is \$60.

**Open Water Training Dives only:** If you've completed your knowledge development sessions and confined open water dives with another Dive Center and only need your four open water training dives to complete your certification, this option is for you. Cost is \$150. Price includes equipment rental (excluding mask, fins, snorkel and boots) and certification fees.

**Private Open Water Scuba Diver Course:** Contact Valerie Elliott at 314-469-8722 for more details.

**2012 Open Water Diver Course Schedule:**

**Creve Coeur Class Times:** For Weekend Classes, we begin Friday night classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday classroom starts at 8 a.m. until Noon. We break for lunch and meet at Ladue High School pool from 1 to 5 p.m. For Weeknight Classes, we meet Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and meet at Ladue High School pool that weekend, Sat. & Sun. from 1 to 5 p.m.

**South County Class Times:** For Weekend Classes, we begin Friday night classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday classroom starts at 8 a.m. until Noon. We break for lunch and meet at the South County Family YMCA pool from 1 to 5 p.m. For Weeknight Classes, we meet either Tues./Thurs. or Mon./Wed. from 6-8 p.m. and then head over to the South County Family YMCA pool from 8-10 p.m. each night for 4 consecutive weeknight sessions.

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<p><b>Weekend Classes:</b>            Jan. 6 - 8            Jan. 20 - 22            Feb. 3 - 5            Feb. 17 - 19            Mar. 2 - 5            Mar. 16 - 18            Mar. 30 - Apr. 1            Apr. 13 - 15            Apr. 27 - 29            May 11 - 13            May 25 - 27            June 8 - 10            June 22 - 24</p> <p><b>Weeknight Classes:</b>            Jan. 17 - 19 / Pool: 21 &amp; 22            Feb. 14 - 16 / Pool: 18 &amp; 19            Mar. 13 - 15 / Pool: 17 &amp; 18            Apr. 10 - 12 / Pool: 14 &amp; 15            May 8 - 10 / Pool: 12 &amp; 13            June 5 - 7 / Pool: 9 &amp; 10</p> <p><b>Scheduled Dive Weekends:</b>            May 5 &amp; 6 (<i>weather permitting</i>)            May 19 &amp; 20            June 2 &amp; 3            June 16 &amp; 17            June 30 &amp; July 1</p>	<p><b>Weekend Classes:</b>            Jan. 13 - 15            Feb. 10 - 12            Feb. 24 - 26            Mar. 9 - 11            Mar. 23 - 25            Apr. 20 - 22            May 18 - 20            June 1 - 3            June 15 - 17            June 29 - July 1</p> <p><b>Weeknight Classes:</b>            Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30            Jan 9, 11, 16, 18            Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16            Mar. 5, 7, 12, 14            Apr. 3, 5, 10, 12            May 14, 16, 21, 23            June 12, 14, 19, 21</p> <p><b>Scheduled Dive Weekends:</b>            Jan. 1 &amp; 2            Apr. 28 &amp; 29 (<i>weather permitting</i>)            May 26 &amp; 27            June 9 &amp; 10            June 23 &amp; 24</p>

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