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PADI OPEN WATER DIVE COURSE



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Information on training, equipment, and dive medicals for the course.

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COVID-19 and how it affects our dive courses:

- We've made a few adjustments to how we administer the skills required for the PADI Open Water Course.
- All our SCUBA equipment is disinfected per Australian Standards after each course.
- During the pool session, change rooms may be unavailable for use and students must adhere to physical distancing measures and follow instructions from the instructor.
- A COVID safe plan is in place in both our Kingston and Launceston stores.



EQUIPMENT

We provide the majority of the equipment you will need for the course, however, you will need to provide the following items:

- Mask (required)
- Snorkel (required)
- Gloves (recommended, but not required)
- Bathers (pool session only)

We are able to provide you with professional advice and the fitting of the correct mask for you. Prices for mask & snorkel combos start from \$49.00

For the duration of the course, you will be responsible for all the equipment and will need to be able to transport it to both the pool session and Bicheno the following weekend.

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EQUIPMENT CARE

As you are responsible for your equipment over the course, it is important to wash all your gear in freshwater after the pool session, and again after the Bicheno weekend before returning it. Being able to maintain your gear properly is a key component of the course. Your instructor will discuss this with you in further detail.

Any damage to the dive equipment will incur a cost for repair/replacement.

You will be required to transport a tub of gear & four dive cylinders as represented below.



PADI OWSI Rex Gorham exiting the water in full gear after a night dive



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All the theory content is now available online through the PADI eLearning portal. Once a deposit of \$150 has been received this content will be made available.

Please note that any cancellations/rescheduling within two weeks of the course will incur a \$250 rescheduling fee.

Our PADI Open Water Course is split over two weekends comprising of a pool session on the first Saturday, with the following weekend spent in Bicheno (subject to weather conditions and student numbers)

Pool session times are subject to availability and may change. Students will be kept notified of any course alterations.



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DIVE MEDICALS

DO I NEED ONE?

You are required to complete a confidential medical questionnaire. Any positive responses to the questions will require you to obtain a dive medical.

If you are aged over 40 a dive medical is required regardless.

If you require a dive medical, please contact us for further paperwork and information.

While you may not require a dive medical, there is always the potential for an examination to pick up medical issues you were previously unaware of. Due to this, we ask you to sign a medical waiver to acknowledge this risk.

Directions

Complete this questionnaire as a prerequisite to a recreational scuba diving or freediving course.

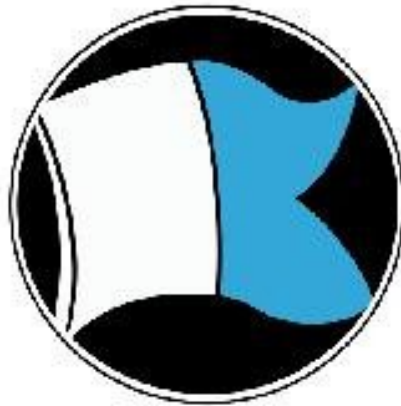
Note to women: If you are pregnant, or attempting to become pregnant, *do not dive*.

1. I have had problems with my lungs/breathing, heart, blood, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box A	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I am over 45 years of age.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box B	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I struggle to perform moderate exercise (for example, walk 1.6 kilometer/one mile in 14 minutes or swim 200 meters/yards without resting), OR I have been unable to participate in a normal physical activity due to fitness or health reasons within the past 12 months.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. I have had problems with my eyes, ears, or nasal passages/sinuses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box C	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. I have had surgery within the last 12 months, OR I have ongoing problems related to past surgery.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. I have lost consciousness, had migraine headaches, seizures, stroke, significant head injury, or suffer from persistent neurologic injury or disease.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box D	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. I am currently undergoing treatment (or have required treatment within the last five years) for psychological problems, personality disorder, panic attacks, or an addiction to drugs or alcohol; or, I have been diagnosed with a learning disability.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box E	No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. I have had back problems, hernia, ulcers, or diabetes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box F	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. I have had stomach or intestine problems, including recent diarrhea.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Box G	No <input type="checkbox"/>
10. I am taking prescription medications (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial drugs other than mefloquine/Lariam).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> *	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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We would like to advise you of the following:

Although a diving medical will not be required, it is nevertheless strongly recommended. Further, a diving medical may uncover conditions or issues you may not be aware of, for example ear, nose and throat , or lung function issues, and which could expose you to the risk of serious injury or death while diving. Australian Standard AS 4005.1 and SPUMS both recommend a diving medical be completed.

Signed.....

Print Name.....

Dated.....

WHAT NEXT?

WHERE TO GO

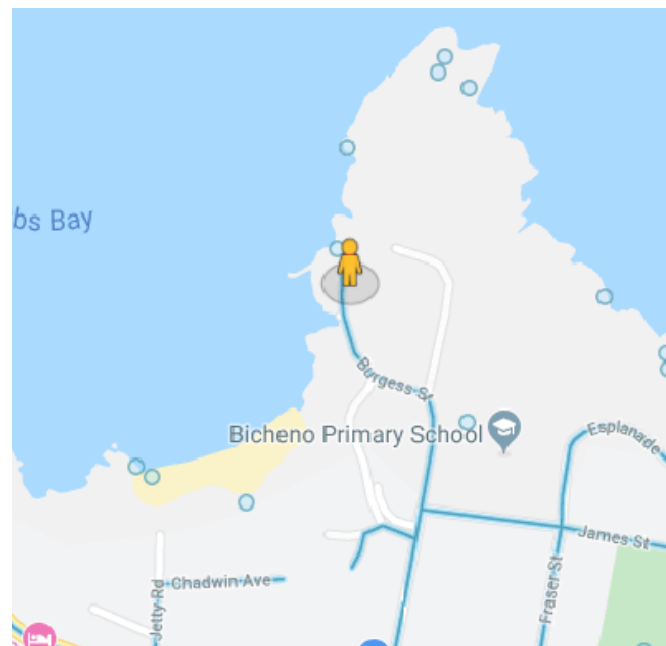
For our Launceston students, the pool session is conducted at Riverside Aquatic Centre in Summer and the Launceston Aquatic Centre in Winter.

For our Hobart based students, the pool session is conducted at either the Clarence Aquatic Centre or the Glenorchy pool. Students will be contacted the week prior to inform them of the location.

During the pool session there will be a short swim test. Please bring bathers and a towel.

The Open Water components of our courses are conducted from the 'Breakwall' at Waubs Bay, Bicheno.

The entry point can be located at the end of Burgess Street.



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BICHENO WEEKEND

During the Open Water component of the course, you'll spend Saturday & Sunday diving in Waubs Bay, Bicheno.

You will need to meet at the Breakwall at 10am on Saturday

Both days will involve two in-water sessions. It is suggested to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water as you may not necessarily have time to go buy food between dives.



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Now I'm certified, where can I go diving?

JOIN OUR DIVE CLUB!

The biggest challenge after completing your PADI Open Water Course is finding a dive buddy to go exploring with.

With our dive club, we run regular local, guided dives across the state.

Our club members enjoy in-store discounts, 25% off equipment hire and discounted cylinder hire.

Follow us on Facebook at [Tasmanian Divers Group](#) to keep up to date with everything that is happening around Tasmania!



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WHAT WILL YOUR NEXT DIVE ADVENTURE BE?

As a certified scuba diver you've already experienced the thrill of exploring parts of the underwater world, but know there's more to discover. Whether you're looking for new dive adventures, to improve your scuba skills, or both at once, taking another PADI dive course will help you gain more confidence and meet more dive buddies.

In the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course, there's a long list of scuba specialty dives to try. Fish identification, boat diving, altitude diving, drift diving, sidemount diving, search and recovery, wreck diving, plus about 12 more. You do five different dives all under the expert guidance of your PADI Instructor. No formal classroom session, just a lot of diving. Short on time? Try the PADI Adventure Diver course, a subset of the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course.

To read more about this, visit padi.com/continuing-education

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Tasmanian Divers are in partnership with Dive Adventures to organise overseas and domestic dive holidays for our customers.

Why travel with us?

Our group travel allows us to negotiate discounted rates at resorts and on liveboards for our loyal customers, with multiple trips organised each year.

We also have a tour leader on every trip that provides a point of contact with Dive Adventures and can address and logistical concerns on the trip as they may occur.

Go back in time and explore wrecks from WWII, immerse yourself in nature diving spectacular tropical reefs, and escape reality on one of our holidays!

Ask us about our upcoming trips!

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