

Divemaster Course Syllabus

Fall/Winter 2007/2008

Welcome to the PADI/MASC Divemaster Program

Introduction

Your adventure into the professional levels of recreational diving begins with the PADI Divemaster program. Working closely with a PADI Instructor, in this program you expand your dive knowledge and hone your skills to the professional level. PADI Divemaster training develops your leadership abilities, qualifying you to supervise dive activities and assist instructors with student divers.

During the PADI Divemaster program, you learn dive leadership skills through both classroom and independent study. You complete water skills and stamina exercises, as well as training exercises that stretch your ability to organize and solve problems. You put this knowledge into action through an internship or series of practical training exercises.

Require/Recommended Materials

PADI Divemaster	
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<p>PADI <i>Divemaster Manual</i>*</p> <p>RDP – all three versions (Wheel, table and eRDP including associated Instructions for Use booklets)</p> <p>The <i>Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving</i></p> <p><i>Diving Knowledge Workbook</i></p> <p>Divemaster Slates</p> <p>Instructor Guides for programs Divemasters may conduct:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discover Scuba Diving 2. Discover Snorkeling/Skin Diver Course 3. Scuba Review/Discover Local Diving <p>*The PADI <i>Divemaster</i> video must also be viewed.</p>	<p>PADI Confined Water Cue Cards</p> <p>PADI Open Water Cue Cards</p> <p>PADI <i>Instructor Manual</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Underwater Navigator Manual</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Underwater Navigation Video</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Deep Diver Manual</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Deep Diving Video</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Rescue Diver Manual</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Rescue Diver Video</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Divemaster Video</i>*</p> <p>PADI <i>Discover the Underwater World video</i></p> <p><i>Scuba Tune-up guidebook</i></p> <p><i>The Business of Diving</i></p> <p>Dive Roster Slate</p> <p><i>The Law and the Diving Professional</i></p> <p><i>The Best of the Undersea Journal</i></p> <p><i>Peak Performance Buoyancy video</i></p> <p>PADI <i>Open Water Diver</i> Multimedia</p> <p>Skill Evaluation Slate</p> <p>PADI Log Book</p> <p>All training materials for courses leading up to PADI Divemaster level including manuals, videos, and multimedia products for the PADI Open Water Diver course, Adventures in Diving program and Rescue Diver course</p>

A Note About Minimum Required Materials: The PADI Dive Center, Resort, and/or Instructor conducting a course must ensure that student divers have, in their possession, a personal set of materials (as defined in the list of required materials for the course), for study and use during the course and for reference afterward; unless the materials are not available in a language understood by the student diver.

**** Signed Medical Statement**

A doctor signed medical statement is required for all professional level courses. Signed medicals are good for one year from the date signed. The medical for this course must cover you through April 30, 2008 or you must get another at least one week before your current medical expires. Lapses in releases will delay training.

Course Schedule

Date	Topics	Assignment (to be completed prior to class date)	Bring
TBD		Diving Medical Statement Signed by your Physician	Mail/ Fax/Drop Off
TBD	Pool-8:00pm Swim Evaluations at the Aquatic Center 8:00 pm	Get a good night's sleep; eat- no more or less than 2-4 hours prior.	Bathing Suit, Towel, Mask, Fins, Snorkel, (Boots)
TBD	Class-6:30pm Divemaster Professionalism, Supervising Certified Divers, Assisting w/Students in Training	Read and Complete Knowledge Reviews for Chapters 1-3 in Divemaster Manual	Evaluation Sheets and Divemaster Manual
TBD	Pool-7:30pm Skill Practice at the Aquatic Center 7:30 pm *Internships can start after this Point	Review Open Water Video Confined Water Preview	Scuba Unit, Snorkeling Gear, Wetsuit, Weights
TBD	Class-6:30pm Dive Theory Introduction, Decompression Theory and the RDP, DM Conducted Programs	Read and Complete Knowledge Reviews for Chapters 4-7 in Divemaster Manual, Review Program Standards for DM conducted Programs (Snorkeling , Scuba Review , and Discover Scuba Diving)	Evaluation Sheets, Divemaster Manual, DM Conducted Programs Guides
TBD	Pool-7:30pm Skill Practice at the Aquatic Center 7:30 pm	Review Open Water Video Confined Water Preview	Scuba Unit, Snorkeling Gear, Wetsuit, Weights
TBD	Class-6:30pm Risk Management, The Business of Diving, Your Diving Career	Read and Complete Knowledge Reviews for Chapters 7-9 in Divemaster Manual	Evaluation Sheets, Divemaster Manual

TBD	Class-6:30pm Physiology	Read and study chapter 5 of the <u>Diving Knowledge Encyclopedia</u> Complete <u>Diving Knowledge Workbook</u> Section 2	DKW and Encyclopedia, Evaluation Sheets
TBD	Pool-7:30pm Equipment Exchange		Scuba Unit, Snorkeling Gear, Wetsuit, Weights
TBD	Class-6:30pm Equipment	Read and study chapter 3 of the <u>Diving Knowledge Encyclopedia</u> Complete <u>Diving Knowledge Workbook</u> Section 3	DKW and Encyclopedia, Evaluation Sheets
TBD	Pool-7:30pm Divemaster Conducted Programs	Prepare a Briefing for a Assigned DM Conducted Program	Scuba Unit, Snorkeling Gear, Wetsuit, Weights, DM Slates
TBD	Class-6:30pm Skills and Environment	Complete <u>Diving Knowledge Workbook</u> Section 4	DKW and Evaluation Sheets
TBD	Pool-7:30pm Swim Evaluations	Get a good night's sleep; eat- no more or less than 2-4 hours prior	Scuba Unit, Snorkeling Gear, Wetsuit, Weights, DM Slates
TBD	Class-6:30pm Diving Physics	NOTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please Don't Review Anything!!!! Not Kidding!	DKW and Evaluation Sheets
TBD	Class-6:30pm Decompression Theory and RDP	Watch the Wheel Video and Complete <u>Diving Knowledge Workbook</u> Section 5	DKW and Evaluation Sheets
TBD	Class-6:30pm Make-Ups		
TBD	Open Water Training @ Dutch Springs Student Divers in Training		Full Openwater Scuba Equipment and Divemaster Slates
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Internship for Confined Water

You may begin your confined water internship (working with real students) any time after the December 4th Session. You are responsible for checking with the staff to see when classes will be conducted in the pool. When you assist with a pool session you will need to arrive at the store at least 1 hour prior to start time (times vary by day of the week).

Swim Practice

Opportunities for swim practice will be available during each pool/confined water session.

Attendance Requirements

Each of the class and pool (confined water) sessions build upon the previous one. If you will need to miss a classroom or confined water session please give us as much notice as possible. We will need to complete the missed session prior to the next corresponding one (usually within two weeks). There may be a rescheduling fee.

Attendance at Scheduled Confined Water Internship Sessions

If you commit to a particular confined water session we are counting on you to be there. Often we build logistics around the number of Divemaster Candidates and staff we will have participating. If you must cancel on a scheduled Internship Session please give us as much notice as possible. There are no rescheduling fees for missed internships, but excessive cancellations will affect your professionalism score.

****A Note about Professionalism**

As a Divemaster Candidate you are a representative of Yourself, MASC, PADI, and the Professional Dive Community. We expect that you will conduct yourself in a professional manner, particularly in the presence of students and/or customers, with regard to language, dress, attitude, and behavior.

Employment

Participation in the MASC Divemaster program does not guarantee employment as a divemaster by MASC. All hiring decisions are based on professionalism, store/brand loyalty, and performance while in the Divemaster Course.