

Commonly asked questions about our training

Who will be my Instructor?

Your Instructor is **Al Pehrson**. He has have been diving not only locally but also in different locations throughout US and the Caribbean since 1995. He is also the Assistant and teaching Golf Professional at “The Meadows at Mystic Lake Golf Course”.

What is the classroom and pool fee?

The combined fee is only \$229.00 (most shops are charging \$240.00) (\$60.00 for Refresher Course), which includes instruction, pool and classroom fees, PADI dive manual and other study materials, divers log book, PADI recreational dive planner (tables), and use of scuba equipment.

How many students are in each class?

Classes are small, we need a minimum of four students, and the class is limited to a maximum of eight students to assure personal attention and fun while learning. I can do up to 10 students if you have a large group.

What equipment will I need?

You will need to provide your own mask, fins, and snorkel, as these are individually fitted items. You will also need a swimsuit for your pool sessions, and I recommend you purchase a “wet suit”. A 3mm short is a good choice for men and a full 3mm suit for women. This is a good suit for tropical diving, a 5mm or more is needed for local lake diving.

I will provide state-of-the-art scuba equipment for the course. I recommend you purchase your equipment from a local **Scuba Shop**; scuba equipment is different from snorkel equipment.

Is there an age restriction?

You must be at least 15 years old to receive a regular certification; there is no maximum age. Those 10 to 14 may take the course and receive a junior certification. The 10 and 11 year olds must dive with a parent, legal guardian, or dive professional. The 12 to 14 year olds must dive with an adult certified diver until their 15th birthday.

Do I have to be a strong swimmer?

No, you need only be comfortable in the water and capable of swimming 200 yards and treading water for 10 minuets.

Are private lessons available?

Yes, we can organize private lessons for an individual or a group. The private lesson fee is \$450.00 for the first person and \$229.00 for each additional person. For the Refresher Course it is \$110.00 for the first person and \$60.00 for each additional divers.

What certification will I receive?

Upon completion of the open water training you will receive the PADI Gold Open Water certification. This certification allows you to dive independently throughout the world; the certification is good for life. If you go long periods between diving it is recommended you take a “refresher course”. We usually schedule a Refresher Course in December, January, and February of each year for those going somewhere warm during winter. Refresher Course students; I will put an entry into your log book indicating the course and date completed.

What are the fees and cancellation policy?

The class fee of \$229.00 (\$60.00 for Refresher course) is due when you register for your class. Your class fee is non-refundable within ten days of the class starting date and is non-transferable within seventy-two hours of the class starting time.

What do I need to do before the first class?

Once you register and pay your fees you will be issued your training package. Prior to our first classroom session you need to complete the following:

1. Register; pay fees, complete forms, and receive training materials
2. View the PADI DVD (**return to me at our first classroom session**)
3. Read the PADI textbook and complete the Knowledge Reviews at the end of each chapter (5 chapters). (**I will collect these at the end of training**) (beginning scuba only)
4. Refresher course students need to complete the Refresher Workbook
5. Purchase your Mask, fins, and snorkel (**purchase from a DIVE SHOP**)
6. If at registration I said you needed to see your physician for clearance; you need to have this done and bring me the paperwork at our first classroom session.