

# Diver Dave SCUBA Partial Course Description List

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## **Open Water SCUBA Diver Course Description:**

The Open Water SCUBA diver course is your entry into the underwater world. Imagine being able to float effortlessly over the world under the seas, watch aquatic animals in their natural environment, swim with the fish, catch your own lobster, and so much more. This course will teach you the skills necessary to begin to explore this beautiful and interesting part of our world, the last frontier on earth. After successfully completing this course you will be certified to SCUBA dive in conditions similar to our training dives, and well prepared to continue your dive training through a variety of advanced and specialty courses.

## **Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be able to swim 200m without stopping and tread water for 10 minutes.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

## **Scheduling:**

This course consists of on-line lessons, interactive classroom lessons, pool sessions and open water SCUBA diving. The typical training time less travel to the dive sites is 20 hours.

Course meetings will consist of:

- three 2 hour interactive lesson and equipment sessions
- three 2 hour pool sessions (a fourth pool session may be scheduled)
- 4 open water SCUBA dives (plan for two 6+ hour days of diving, including travel).  
Dives are usually scheduled for a consecutive Saturday and Sunday and are lots of fun.

## **Required Equipment and Cost:**

- Students must provide their own mask, snorkel, open foot fins, and booties. These typically cost \$200-\$300 to purchase. Alternatively, rental is available for the duration of the course for \$40.
- SCUBA gear rental for two days of certification dives at a special student rate of \$80.00, or purchase it and be ready to dive right away after certification. A 10% discount is available for equipment purchases through a local dive shop.
- These costs are set by the dive shop and are subject to change.

## **Course Fees:**

- Course Fee: see rates page for current information.
- Materials, registration, certification fees are included.
- Equipment rentals, boat fees, and instructor boat fees are not included.
- Certification is earned upon successful completion of all course requirements and is not guaranteed.

## **Class Size:**

2 to 8 students

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**Discover SCUBA Program Description:**

The Discover SCUBA Program is your introduction to the SCUBA diving. In this non-certification program you will learn and practice the principles of SCUBA diving. The program includes SCUBA diving in our pool. This is an excellent introduction to SCUBA diving. Upon completing this course you will be able to SCUBA dive under the direct supervision of a SCUBA Instructor.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be able to swim 200m without stopping and tread water for 10 minutes.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

**Scheduling:**

This program consists of an interactive classroom lesson and a pool session. The program is approximately 4 hours in length.

**Required Equipment and Cost:**

- Contact us

**Class Size:**

2 to 8 students

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### **Advanced SCUBA Diver Course Description:**

The advanced SCUBA diver course is your introduction to advanced SCUBA specialty courses. In this certification course you will learn and experience advanced diving skills including underwater navigation, night diving, deeper diving, boat diving and more. This is your introduction to advanced specialty diving skills and courses.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be a certified SCUBA diver.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

### **Scheduling:**

This program consists of an interactive classroom lesson and six SCUBA dives.

### **Required Equipment:**

Your own SCUBA gear including cutting device, compass, and dive lights.

### **Course Fees:**

- Course Fee: see rates page for current information.
- Materials, registration, certification fees are included.
- Equipment rentals, boat fees, and instructor boat fees are not included.
- Certification is earned upon successful completion of all course requirements and is not guaranteed.

### **Class Size:**

2 to 8 students

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**Nitrox Diver Course Description:**

Diving with Nitrox or Enriched Air Nitrox offers several advantages for the diver over diving on air with 21% oxygen. These include longer bottom times, reduced surface intervals, and reduced risk of decompression injury. In this course you will be trained to plan and SCUBA dive using Nitrox gas mixtures containing up to 40% oxygen. This course consists of four hours of lecture, a visit to a nitrox dive facility to see how nitrox tanks are filled and learn analysis and documentation procedures. Nitrox dives are recommended, but optional.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be a certified SCUBA diver.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

**Scheduling:**

This course consists of a four hour interactive classroom lesson, a dive shop fill station tour, and optional SCUBA dives using Nitrox mixtures.

**Required Equipment:**

Your own SCUBA gear.

**Course Fees:**

- Course Fee: see rates page for current information.
- Materials, registration, certification fees are included.
- Equipment rentals, boat fees, and instructor boat fees are not included.
- Certification is earned upon successful completion of all course requirements and is not guaranteed.

**Class Size:**

2 or more students

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**CPROx1stAED Course Description:**

Instructional and certification program – CPR, Oxygen Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, and AED for SCUBA divers, family and friends.

“CPROX1st and AED, The common sense lifesaving program”

You’re on the water, a diver complains of tiredness and pain. Do you know what to do? Are you prepared? Train today, and be prepared.

The University of Massachusetts at Lowell SCUBA Diving International Training Program offers the SDI CPROX1st and AED specialty integrating training in CPR, with AED, First Aid, and Oxygen administration for SCUBA diving emergencies. A two year certification card will be awarded after successful completion of this class. This common sense lifesaving program is condition-centered, focusing on action, and takes only 4 hours to learn. This course meets the CPR, First Aid and Oxygen Administration certification requirements for the Rescue Diver course to be offered later this summer. The \$125 fee includes the text and a waterproof performance slate for your boat or dive bag.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

**Scheduling:**

This program consists of an interactive classroom lesson with practice session

**Course Fees:**

- Current prices are posted on the rates page.

**Class Size:**

2 or more students

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**Rescue Diver Course Description:**

Be prepared, know what to do to recognize, prevent, and respond to in-water emergencies. In this course you will practice critical in water rescue techniques for yourself and others. The focus will be on early recognition and response to prevent overt rescue situations. The Rescue diver course is required for Master Diver Recognition as well as Dive Master, and Assistant Instructor certification.

**Prerequisites:**

- Be in good health.
- Be a certified SCUBA diver with a minimum of 40 logged dives.
- Current First Aid and CPR certification. Oxygen Administration and AED certifications are highly recommended. (The CPROX1stAED specialty course meets these requirements).
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

**Scheduling:**

This program consists of an interactive classroom lesson and one to two days of open water training depending on performance and conditions.

**Required Equipment and Cost:**

Your own SCUBA gear including cutting device, compass, and dive lights.

**Course Fees:**

- Course Fee: see rates page for current information.
- Materials, registration, certification fees are included.
- Equipment rentals, boat fees, and instructor boat fees are not included.
- Certification is earned upon successful completion of all course requirements and is not guaranteed.

**Class Size:**

2 or more students

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## **Dr. David Cunningham's Current Instructor Ratings:**

Boat Diving Instructor
Computer Diver Instructor
Computer Nitrox Instructor
CPROX Instructor
CPROX1st AED Instructor
Deep Diving Instructor
Drift Diving Instructor
Dry Suit Diving Instructor
Equipment O2 Service Tech Instructor
Equipment Specialist Instructor
Marine Eco-Systems Awareness Instructor
Night-Limited Visibility Diving Instructor
Nitrox Instructor
Open Water Scuba Diver Instructor
Research Diving Instructor
Search and Recovery Diving Instructor
Shore and Beach Diving Instructor
Solo Diving Instructor
Underwater Navigation Diving Instructor
Underwater Photography Instructor
Underwater Video Instructor
Wreck Diving Instructor

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