



PADI OPENWATER DIVER COURSE

The Way the World Learns to Dive®

Why choose PADI?

70% of the world's surface is covered by water, and 70% of the world's divers are trained by PADI. Coincidence? We think not.....

..... PADI is the largest diver organisation in the world with more PADI affiliated centres, and training more divers to date and each year, than any other. Making the PADI Openwater Diver Certification the most recognised entry-level diver training the world over.

So no matter where or when you choose to dive afterwards. You can be assured you will be recognised and accepted by any dive resort or tour operator. And because PADI have been training divers for over 40 years. We have merged the experience of diving and diver training, with the latest teaching methods, materials, and standards to remain the world's first choice.

What's in the course?

The Openwater Course is the entry level for diver training, and open to anyone from 10 years old onwards (10 to 15 year olds receive PADI Junior Openwater Certification). You will be introduced to all you need to know to make you diving enjoyable, fun, and safe. Whether you choose to stop at that point or continue with other PADI courses, the OW Course gives you the tools you need to start your diving adventures.



With anything you do, it is always good to know the theory as well, but as you can not learn to dive just in a classroom. The PADI **Dive Today** philosophy, takes the knowledge straight from the classroom into the pool (confined water) so you can instantly put into practice what you have learnt so far.

The courses consists of 5 short theory sessions followed by 5 pool/confined water session, with each one matching the corresponding Chapter in the PADI Openwater Manual and DVD. So each week you will do Chapter 1 followed by Pool/Confined Water 1 and so on.

Diving should always be interactive and fun, and this includes the classroom stuff. At the end of each chapter, there is a short knowledge review that you complete then discuss with your instructor, who will help guide you through any areas you don't quite understand. Then to check your knowledge, there is a quick 10 question quiz that covers the main points of that chapter.

Once you have done all your theory and pool/confined water sessions, it's off to openwater to put all of your new knowledge and skills into use in a real diving environment. This consists of 4 openwater dives over two days, and after that you are a PADI Openwater Diver.

If conducted in the UK with us, it will be at an inland freshwater dive site. We also give you a further pool session to show you how to use a dry suit for exposure protection, thereby further enhancing and expanding you diving knowledge. Or alternatively we can do a referral certificate at the end of your 5 theory and pool sessions, allowing you to qualify by doing the 4 openwater dives at any PADI Centre in the world within the next 12 months. If you choose to do this and qualify abroad, openwater is normally conducted in the sea using wetsuits. You will then need to do a drysuit orientation to be able to use this equipment back in the UK.

What else does the course give me?

Apart from opening the door to a world of underwater adventures some will only see and read about, the PADI Openwater Course offers a whole host of other benefits, often unseen at the beginning:



- A great way of helping to keep fit
- A great reason to go places, meet people, and do things. Whether on your own or with our organised dive trips to locations in the UK and abroad.
- A way of seeing certain elements of physics, physiology, and the aquatic world working in real life
- In some cases increased confidence and certainly teambuilding that are of use outside of diving as well
- Memories & Experiences that will last forever

As said the openwater course is also the entry level if you wish, to a whole host of continuing diver education programmes. From taking single specialities in topics that interest you, such as wreck diving, night diving, environmental courses, & deep diving to name a few. Or furthering your diver education up to and including PADI professional qualifications and instructor ratings. Who knows your hobby may one day become your job, as PADI professionals are in demand within the dive industry the world over.

What about the instructors?

PADI demands the highest standards from its instructors both during their training and examinations and then constantly after they qualify. Also as Clubsub is a PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Centre, and being in the UK our training has to conform to EN Standard 14153-2. Our instructors are especially required to keep their knowledge, skills, and teaching abilities bang up to date. This allows them to ensure that no matter what you want from your future diving adventures, they can always give you the skills and help you need. They are also CRB checked to allow them to supervise children.

All of our instructors whether full or part-time, started diving as a hobby with the Openwater Course, and just kept taking it further. So they never forget what it was like to take your first breaths and fin-kicks underwater, or what people want from their diving to help them keep diving. Not that you need much motivation once you have done it the first time! So the aim of every clubsub instructor is to make sure you get what you want from your training and diving.

What next?

If you have already heard enough and are sure the underwater world is for you. Call, email, or pop into the dive centre for a chat and brew. Our staff would be pleased to discuss the upcoming openwater course dates with you.

Still want to know more before taking the plunge. Then again call, email, or pop in and we will be pleased to discuss any aspect of the course and answer any questions you may have.

You can also “try before you buy”, by taking a Discover Scuba session in a local pool, to see what diving and being underwater is all about before committing to a full openwater course. Again please get in touch and we would be happy to arrange such sessions with you if required.

We look forward to seeing you in the water soon.



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