



UCSB ADVENTURE PROGRAMS ADVANCED OPEN WATER SCUBA CLASS INFORMATION



Thank you for your interest in learning and practicing Advanced SCUBA Diving. The first session will meet in a Rec Cen classroom (time and location on your receipt) to review important dive theory, logistics, and to schedule future dives. This class will then move to the Rec Cen pool for a brief review of SCUBA equipment and skills. Students are required to show **proof of Open Water certification** to join this class. A completed ***Medical and Risk Statement*** is also needed before registration. Forms are available online or in the Registration/Cashier's Office in the Rec Cen. On-line registration is not available for this course because you must have a complete *Medical and Risk Statement* turned in to the Rec Cen Cashier's Office in person before registering in this course.

After the first session, the fun really begins with supervised specialty dives in the ocean, 2 from the beach and at least 3 from a boat at the fabulous Channel Islands. Ocean dives normally include a Deep Dive, Underwater Navigation Dive, Peak Performance Buoyancy Dive, and two other Specialty Dives! Completion of all dives is required to become certified. Please keep your weekends available directly after the first class session.

The basic \$79/99 (UCSB Student/All Others) class fee pays for instruction as well as weights, tank, air, B.C., and regulator for the pool session. You should be aware there will other expenses, including approximately \$135 for Textbook, student materials, certification processing, and Advanced Diver Card, and \$145 for the Channel Islands boat trip. You are also responsible for providing your own personal equipment (SCUBA quality mask, snorkel, fins, boots, and gloves) for all dives and your SCUBA unit (weights, tank, air, B.C., and regulator) for the ocean dives. Please read the information below on buying and renting gear. We very highly recommend shopping at a local dive shop.

Whether you just completed your Open Water SCUBA course or you have 100 dives in your logbook, this class provides an exciting next step in your diving education. The course will strengthen your skills and open up new diving possibilities through the 5 supervised specialty dives. Satisfactory completion of the course results in Advanced Open Water SCUBA certification. This means students must demonstrate to the instructor that they will be competent divers in order to receive a certification card. You are responsible to finish the class during your session. If you need additional training it is your responsibility to make the arrangements with your individual instructor. Additional fees may be charged for missed dives: \$40 for missed dive days. If you cannot make the schedule for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to discuss options with the instructor. Options may include a "referral" which can be taken to any other SCUBA instructor willing to continue with your training at additional expense.

We need 4 people to run a class. If class is canceled, we will refund your class fee. If the class is full, put your name on the wait list and go to the first class meeting. If space is available, the instructor will begin adding students in order on the list. For your own safety, please do not sign up for this class unless you can read and speak English fluently. We may have referrals to bilingual instructors; please inquire.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service charge**) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- 30 or more days before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- 29 to 8 days before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- Less than 8 days before the course date- no refunds available.

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Registration Requirements

1. At least 15 years old
2. Open Water SCUBA certification from a recognized organization
3. Medical history form completion and, if appropriate, attain clearance from a Medical Doctor

Student Gear/Material Responsibilities (Not provided unless otherwise indicated)

1. Swimsuit and/or wetsuit, Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Booties (required for pool dive on first night)
2. BC, Regulator, Tank(s), Air, Depth Gauges and Compass (provided for pool dive on first night; available for ocean dives in rental package via Santa Barbara Aquatics)
3. Logbook (required for lecture on first night)
4. Gloves for ocean dives
5. 7mm wetsuit, hood (available for ocean dives in rental package via Santa Barbara Aquatics)
6. Waterproof Timing Device (waterproof watch or dive computer)
7. Dive Knife, Tool, or Shears for ocean dives (available at many local stores)

LOCAL SCUBA DIVING STORES

You will need some basic personal diving equipment of SCUBA quality (mask, fins, snorkel, booties, gloves, etc.). The price of this equipment will vary depending on where you buy it and which styles you choose. Regardless of where you make your purchase, it is important to know what to look for in quality equipment. You should shop around, compare prices and ask questions at any of the local dive stores before your first class session.

There are SCUBA diving stores in the Goleta and Santa Barbara area. Many offer discounts to UCSB dive class students. Some offer low prices without discounts. Your concerns when purchasing equipment should be focused on quality, price, service and guarantees.

We very highly recommend that you **DO NOT** buy your life support equipment ONLINE especially when you can buy locally for the same price. Shop online if you wish but then buy locally. Local dive centers will match all Manufacturer Advertised Prices (MAP) you may find online and then give you additional service including: 1) Expert counseling to assist your purchase of the best gear for you that is guaranteed to fit, 2) Guarantee you'll like it, 3) Gear assembly with check on your dive system, 4) Free labor and parts for any defects for 1 year, and 5) they'll even ship free if desired. Furthermore, this SCUBA class is very fast paced and you will not have time to return gear that does not fit, breaks or turns out to be inferior quality for scuba diving in our local waters. Remember, you are buying life support equipment that is custom fit for you and your body. Don't compromise your or your dive buddy's safety, comfort and enjoyment underwater. **DON'T BUY ONLINE, BUY FROM LOCAL DIVE CENTERS.**

Local Dive Shops

Goleta Area

Aquatics
5822 Hollister Ave.
967-4456

Santa Barbara Area

Bluewater Hunter
Santa Barbara Harbor Breakwater
564-6677