



OPEN WATER COURSE

The PADI Open Water Course is the world's most popular diver certification and is intended for people who have never dived before and who want to become qualified. The Open Water Course provides you with the knowledge needed to keep you safe as you experience your first breaths underwater and explore the underwater world. Once certified you will be able to dive to 18m with a buddy.

The full course takes only two weekends. On the first weekend you will complete your Knowledge Development and the Pool Dives. The second weekend takes you to a lake or coastal environment where you will complete four 'open water' dives. If you would rather complete your open water dives overseas, you can do a 'referral' option which is weekend one of the course only.

WEEKEND ONE: POOL DIVES AND THEORY

1. Knowledge Development - This develops your familiarity with basic principles and safety concepts of diving. You complete the knowledge development in your own time, reading each of five sections of the PADI Open Water Diver Manual, watching the corresponding section of the PADI Open Water Diver DVD, and completing the knowledge reviews. You briefly review what you studied in each section with your instructor and take a short quiz to be sure you're confident with the information. At the end of the course, you take a short exam that makes sure you are happy with all the key concepts.

2. Pool Dives - In the pool you will experience your first breaths underwater and learn the skills required to dive in the open water, and to dive safely.

Location: Our dive centre in Kingston, and private pool near Surbiton

Schedule: Two full weekend days 9am – 6:00pm. We meet at the dive centre, spending the mornings reviewing the Knowledge Reviews. In the afternoon we head to the pool and aim to be finished by 6pm.

WEEKEND TWO: OPEN WATER DIVES

Four open water dives are required for certification with two dives conducted per day. You now get the chance to put to practice what you learnt in the pool and fully experience the adventure of diving in the open water!

Location: We use a local lake near Windsor (Wraysbury)

Schedule: Two full days.



WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Prerequisites:

- Minimum age 10 and you must be comfortable in the water and in general good health.
- You will need roughly 1 - 2 weeks to read the open water diver manual and to complete the knowledge reviews at the end of each chapter before the course starts.
- If you wish to complete the course in a drysuit you will need a further half day training in the swimming pool. We recommend using a dry-suit during the months of November to April. The extra training costs only £60, which is a small price to pay to keep warm and to dive all year round!
- If you like learning with a personal computer, you can purchase the Open Water Diver Manual and DVD together as a CD-ROM

Course Options:

There are various ways to complete your Open Water Course:

- Full Open Water Course
- Open Water Referral – Theory & Pool Dives only
- Open Water Dives
- Tailor Made Open Water Course only
- Scuba Diver Upgrade

In the winter months we also offer you the option to complete your open water dives in a dry suit, for a minimal extra charge.

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Your Adventure can continue on the Advanced Open Water Course and a whole range of specialty programs including dry suit, deep, wreck, enriched air, peak performance buoyancy, navigation and digital photography. Talk to the team in the shop and we can give you the best advice on the right route for you.

Enjoy the experience,

The Aquanaut Team.



COURSE PRICES:

Full Open Water Course	£349
Referral (Theory & Pool Dives only – completion overseas)	£219
Open Water Dives only	£175
Tailor Made Open Water Course	£POA
One to One Referral	£399
Complete the Open Water dives in a drysuit (includes additional pool training session)	£60

WHAT IS INCLUDED	WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course tuition • Course Manual, DVD, Electronic Dive Planner, Log Book • Equipment Hire • Air Fills in the pool and first fill at open water site • Certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Entrance to Dive Site - 2 days at £9 (Wraysbury). • Subsequent air fills on open water dives (£2.50 payable directly to site)