

Student Agreement to Participate in SCUBA Activities

This agreement is made between the student diver and independent instructor Glenn Van Vliet. Some basic guidelines will make for a great diving experience for everyone.

Students should review the Medical Statement prior to class. If a "yes" answer is noted, then a physician must sign the form. This needs to be accomplished before any confined or open water training.

Students should obtain a color photo without sunglasses (1.75" x 2.25" or close in size) before the end of the class. A high-res digital picture is fine which can be e-mailed to the instructor. A delay in providing a photo will delay submitting final paperwork.

Students are highly encouraged to complete all review exercises prior to the first day of class. This will facilitate discussion and allow for an earlier course completion. Students will bring their manual, dive tables, log book, dive watch (or other timing device), certification cards (if appropriate) and any other gear identified by the instructor for all classes and dives. For new OW students, you are encouraged to own a dive mask, snorkel, fins, booties, and dive watch/timing device, but this can be coordinated with the instructor. The instructor will supply all other gear for Open Water classes (including a signaling device (whistle) and dive knife). Advanced Open Water and other specialty students are encouraged to own their own gear. Some specialty classes require specific gear and this may be provided by the instructor or local dive shops with prior coordination.

Students will understand and acknowledge policies on course fees for instruction, manual, table(s), log book (for open water candidates), certification fees, gear, and air tank fills. Pool, spring, and boat fees are not included. Technical course fees will not include student materials and air fills.

Students must pass all skills for a particular course, to include quizzes/exams if required, before certification is awarded. If additional assistance is required outside the scope of the time allotted, then additional training can be coordinated for an additional fee. Participation in any SCUBA class is no guarantee that certification will be awarded although every effort will be made to encourage student learning and mastery of the skills. Prior preparation is key to completing the course on time.

Students will arrive on time as being late holds up training for everyone else. Students arriving later than 15 minutes past the start time may be re-scheduled and charged separately. If unable to attend an activity or a late arrival is unavoidable, notify the instructor as soon as possible via phone.

Some days require several hours in the sun or standing for periods of time, so dehydration, sunburn, and fatigue can be a concern. Students should bring sufficient water, food, sunscreen, hat, towel, folding chair, etc.

Full payment is due at the start of the course unless prior arrangements have been made. Partial refunds will only be granted under certain circumstances.

Students should be aware that, under no circumstances should discomfort or pain be an acceptable part of SCUBA diving. The student must alert the instructor immediately if any discomfort or pain is felt so as to avoid any potential injury or a more serious condition. The student can call a "time out" to temporarily pause the session or resume training at a later time. Training may resume if the issue has been addressed to the student's satisfaction.

I understand and agree to the terms discussed. A copy of this statement has been provided to me.

_____ Student Name	_____ Address with Zip	_____ Phone(s)	_____ Date
_____ Student Signature (Parent Signature if a Minor)	_____ E-mail Address		
_____ Emergency Contact	_____ Phone(s)	_____ Date of Birth (needed for certification)	
_____ Course Name	_____ Course Fee		

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