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PADI Open Water Diver Course

If you've always wondered what lies beneath the surface, now's the time to find out! Start the journey of a lifetime with the PADI Open Water Diver course. *It will change you forever.* In the PADI Open Water Diver course, we'll take you through the basics of learning how to scuba dive. The course encompasses three phases: Knowledge Development, Confined Water Dives and Open Water Training Dives.



Knowledge Development – This develops your familiarity with basic diving principles and procedures. You learn things like how pressure affects your body, how to choose the best gear and what to consider when planning dives. You complete the Knowledge Development portion in one of two ways:

Traditional: Manual & video with classroom instruction.

Digital Course:

Online Course – eLearning (requires Flash and is not compatible with iOS mobile phones or tablets)

Offline Course – Touch (available on the latest Android and Apple devices as well as a home computer)



Confined Water Dives – You develop basic scuba skills in a pool. You'll learn everything from setting up your gear to getting water out of your mask without surfacing. You'll also practice some emergency skills, like securing air from an alternate air source – just in case. *Mask, fins, snorkel & boots required.



Open Water Training Dives – The final step! This is where you put it all together in an open water setting. You may make these dives locally or as a referral, on vacation with another PADI facility.

Prerequisites: 10 years old for Junior Open Water Diver and 15 years old for Open Water Diver. Good health, reasonable fitness and comfort in the water. A Medical Questionnaire must be completed by all participants. Some participants may require their Physician's approval prior to any in-water activities.

Cost:

Full Class with Open Water Training Dives: \$465

Class/Pool Only ~ "Referral": \$365

***Required equipment:**

To ensure a successful experience, each student must own their own scuba quality Mask, Snorkel, Fins and Boots for class. We provide each student with a \$100 rebate to be used toward the purchase of these four items prior to class. Y-kiki staff will work with each student to ensure the best purchase. We'll explain features, describe differences between brands and styles – and be mindful of your budget.

Dry Suit Option: Get the most out of your dives by staying warm and dry. Since water wicks away our body temp much faster than if our body were surrounded by air, the solution to staying warmer is to wear a dry suit and an appropriate undergarment. Do all your training dives using one of our dry suits and become a PADI Dry Suit Diver the same weekend you do your Open Water Diver certification dives. This add-on course is \$135 but is \$25 less than taking the course later.

Private Open Water Scuba Diver Course:

Contact Valerie Elliott at 314-469-8722 for more details.

2018 Open Water Diver Course Schedule:

Creve Coeur Class Times: For Weekend Classes, we begin Friday night classroom at 6:30 p.m. We will head to the Whispering Hills pool around 8:30 or 9 p.m. to complete the 200 yard swim and 10-minute tread. Be sure and bring your swim suit and towel! Saturday & Sunday classroom starts at 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. We break for lunch and meet at Ladue High School pool from Noon to 5 p.m.

South County Class Times: For Weekend Classes, we begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at the South County Family YMCA lobby where we'll complete the 200 yard swim and 10-minute tread. Be sure and bring your swim suit and towel! We'll return to Y-kiki South County and wrap-up around 9:30 p.m. Saturday classroom starts at 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We break for lunch and meet at the South County Family YMCA pool from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday classroom starts at 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. We break for lunch and meet at the South County Family YMCA pool from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For Weeknight Classes, we meet either Tues./Thurs. or Mon./Wed. from 6-8 p.m. and then head over to the South County Family YMCA pool from 8-10 p.m. each night for 5 weeknight sessions.

PLEASE NOTE: *These times are guidelines only and will be adjusted if needed at Y-kiki's discretion.*

Y-kiki Creve Coeur (Class & Pool)	Y-kiki South County (Class & Pool)	
<p>Weekend Classes: January 12 – 14 January 26 – 28 February 9 – 11 February 23 – 25 March 9 – 11 March 23 – 25 April 6 – 8 April 20 – 22 May 4 – 6 May 18 – 20 June 1 – 3 June 15 – 17 June 29 – July 1 July 13 – 15 July 27 – 29 August 10 – 12 August 24 – 26 September 7 – 9 September 21 - 23 October 5 - 7 October 19 – 21 November 2 – 4 November 16 – 18 November 30 – December 2 December 14 – 16 December 28 – 30</p>	<p>Weekend Classes: January 5 – 7 January 19 – 21 February 2 – 4 February 16 – 18 March 2 – 4 March 16 – 18 <i>No Class – Easter Weekend</i> April 13 – 15 April 27 – 29 May 11 – 13 May 25 - 27 June 8 – 10 June 22 – 24 July 6 – 8 July 20 – 22 August 3 – 5 August 17 – 19 August 31 – September 2 September 14 – 16 September 28 – 30 October 12 – 14 October 26 - 28 November 9 – 11 November 23 – 25 December 7 – 9 December 21 – 23</p>	<p>Weeknight Classes: June 5, 7, 12, 14 & 18 July 9, 11, 16, 18 & 23 Aug. 14, 16, 21, 23 & 28</p>
<p align="center">Open Water Dive Weekends: Begin April 28 & 29 through October 27 & 28 weather permitting. Other weekends available on request with a Drysuit add-on and a minimum of 4 students</p>		

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