

**Atlantic Edge Scuba  
National Aquarium In Baltimore  
Guest Dive Information**

Congratulations on joining us for some exciting diving at the National Aquarium in Baltimore! You are about to experience some of the most interesting, exciting and unique diving anywhere in the world. Here's some general information that will make your dive day at the aquarium a memorable event for you and your family. In order to make your experience the best it can possibly be please read this document carefully. It will tell you everything about the dives including schedules, what you need, and what to expect.

These dives are normally sold out at least a month in advance and once a date is registered/paid for it is yours- no refunds or reschedules (like a ticket to a concert or sporting event). See our cancellation policy at the end of this sheet for more information.

### **Schedule**

**2:45 Start Time:** 2:45- 4:45pm Orientation Session and Dive Briefing, 5:00- 5:45pm Dive

**3:45 Start Time:** 3:45- 5:45pm Orientation Session and Dive Briefing, 6:00- 6:45pm Dive

### **Prerequisites**

- Open Water certification (**bring your certification card with you, any Open Water Diver or higher certification- PADI Basic Scuba Diver rating is not sufficient**)
- 18 years old

### **Preparation**

Before you arrive for your class, you must have:

- Paperwork
- Certification card (the only certification not accepted is the PADI Basic Scuba Diver certification)
- IF your certification card does not have your picture or your current name, you must also bring a government-issued photo ID
- Dive gear

### **Paperwork**

In order to facilitate the progress of class, it is imperative that all divers have their paperwork complete. You must have all of these forms completed **BEFORE** you come to the Aquarium.

#### **Please complete the following:**

- Student Information/Emergency Contact Sheet
- PADI Medical Statement: **Please go over the Medical Statement form as soon as possible.** All answers on the Medical Statement must be either "Yes" or "No" (not "Y" or "N") and if you answer "YES" to any of the questions then you **must** have your doctor sign-off that you are medically permitted to undertake scuba diving. The Physician's Statement is included with the Medical Statement form. The Instructor **does not** have authorization to waive the Physician's Statement requirement. **If you arrive for the class without medical clearance (if you checked "yes" on the medical form but did not see your physician), you will not be able to dive and will not receive a refund.** Please see our cancellation policy for more information.
- PADI Liability Release-General Training
- PADI Safe Diving Practices
- Aquarium Release

These forms are also available online: <http://atlanticedge.com/page/forms>

No signs, banners or slates allowed in the exhibit. Due to interaction with the animals, cameras are not allowed in the tanks (including mask-mounted cameras). Atlantic Edge Dive Center offers an Aquarium Photo Dive that you will be eligible to take after completing this initial dive at the Aquarium.

## **Gear**

The Aquarium requires that all divers have full body coverage. This means that wetsuits must be full jumpsuit wetsuits, not shorties or farmer johns. Also, fins with boots are required to dive in the Aquarium. If you do not usually wear boots you must cover your ankles and feet with dive socks. A hood is optional (required if you are wearing jewelry). Water temperature averages 76 degrees (3mm suit will be appropriate for most divers). The Aquarium will provide you with a gloves, BCD, regulator, tank, and weights for your aquarium dive. **You** are responsible for all other gear including mask, booties, fins, wetsuit, and hood (optional). If you do not have this equipment, one of our staff members would be happy to help you rent or purchase it BEFORE the day of your dive.

## **Checklist**

This checklist will help you ensure that you have everything you need prior to class:

(all gear listed below is *required* for your course)

- Open Water Certification card with photo and correct name
- Mask, Booties (or socks), and Fins
- Full Body Wetsuit
- Hood (required if wearing jewelry)
- PADI Paperwork
- A lock for your locker (optional) (there are small lockers for valuables)
- Bathing suit/towel

## **Specialty Certification Option**

The Aquarium's Guest Dive Program is a recognized course by PADI. You will have the option to purchase an Aquarium Diver Specialty for \$40. This is a great opportunity if you are working toward Master Scuba Diver!

## **Where to meet us at the Aquarium**

Atlantic Edge Staff will meet all divers outside of the Aquarium staff entrance by the Submarine. Entry into the Aquarium for the purposes of the dive experience is included in your registration fee, but only for the program. If you would like to tour the entire Aquarium before diving, please visit [aqua.org](http://aqua.org) to purchase a ticket. You must leave your gear in your vehicle and retrieve it just prior to your meet time.

## **Non-Divers accompanying you:**

If you have friends or family entering the aquarium to watch your dive make sure they arrange for tickets prior to your timed arrival. Some Saturday evenings Aquarium entry becomes limited so advanced tickets are recommended. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.aqua.org>. Your family/friends will be able to take pictures of you through the glass and will also be allowed to stay and watch your entire dive even if the Aquarium has closed its doors for the day.

## **CANCELING/RESCHEDULING**

If you are unable to join us for your dive and you need to reschedule or cancel, you must do so online:

[http://evewebnet.com/AtlanticEdge\\_s2835/page/aquarium\\_request\\_replacement\\_divers](http://evewebnet.com/AtlanticEdge_s2835/page/aquarium_request_replacement_divers)

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Please note – A cancellation order represents a request for cancellation. We will attempt to find a substitute for your space. If we process a new order for your space we will notify you and refund your payment less the cancellation fee of \$50. If we are unable to find a substitute you will be responsible for the entire Aquarium Dive Fee. You may also find a substitute (a certified diver over 18) and there is no charge if you notify us prior to close of business on Friday prior to your dive.

**If you arrive for the dive without medical clearance (if you checked "yes" on the medical form but did not see your physician), you will not receive a refund.**

**BALTIMORE IS A BUSY PLACE!! Please allow time for construction, sports events, and walking from garages when planning your day. Arriving too late may prevent you from participating.**

If you have any questions, please give us a call at (301) 519-9283, or send an email to [training@atlanticedge.com](mailto:training@atlanticedge.com).

**We look forward to diving with you!**