

# Atlantic Edge Divemaster Course Information

Hope you're excited to get started as an Atlantic Edge Divemaster.

## Here are some of the things you'll be able to do after you're certified and insured:

- Independently guide Open Water diver students on the tour portion of the Open Water diver course training dives 2-4, at a ratio of 2:1
- Conduct any subsequent dives for Discover Scuba Diving, at a ratio of 2:1, after they successfully completed the first dive with an Instructor.
- Conduct Discover Local Diving experiences for certified divers
- Conduct Discover Snorkeling
- Conduct Scuba Review for certified divers
- Teach and certify PADI Skin Divers independently
- Accompany certified divers during training dives, generally supervise training and non-training activities to assist a PADI instructor while teaching PADI courses.
- Assist with our Aquarium Guest Dive Program! We'll keep you in the water year round!

## What do you need to have before starting your Course?

### **Prerequisites** *(Must be complete prior to starting the Divemaster Program)*

- Certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and PADI Rescue Diver
- 18 years old
- Logged 40 scuba dives
- Completed EFR Primary and Secondary Care training within 24 months
- Medically evaluated and cleared for diving by a physician within 12 months

### **Forms** (See forms attached and have completed prior to starting the program)

## Materials

### **Required Materials**

- PADI Divemaster Manual
- PADI Instructor Manual
- RDP- Table and eRDPMI, including instruction for use booklets
- The Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving
- Divemaster Slates
- Log Book

***(All of this material is available in your Divemaster Course Crew Pack)***

### **Recommended Materials**

- PADI Guide to Teaching
- Diving Knowledge Workbook or Dive Theory Online
- Scuba Tune Up Guidebook

Divemaster Candidates must view the PADI Divemaster Video (This can be borrowed from the Training Director at Atlantic Edge)

## Equipment

Atlantic Edge will provide tanks and weights, but Divemaster candidates are responsible for having all their own gear, including full 7mm wetsuits, neoprene accessories, BCD and Regulator.

## Certification Requirements

- Complete knowledge development segments including Knowledge Reviews in the PADI Divemaster Manual or through the Divemaster Online, and pass the Divemaster Final Exams.
- Create an Emergency Assistance Plan for a designated dive site.
- Complete watermanship exercises / staminas
- Complete a diver rescue assessment
- Complete the dive skills workshop (Demonstration quality open water skills)
- Complete practical application skills: Site Setup, Mapping, Briefing, Search and Recovery, Deep Dive.
- Complete divemaster-conducted programs workshops: Scuba Review, Skin Diver, Discover Scuba (pool and Open Water), Discover Local Diving.
- Complete practical assessments, working with students.
- Meet the professionalism criteria

### **At time of certification:**

- Logged at least 60 scuba dives including experience in night diving, deep diving and underwater navigation.
- Completed EFR Primary and Secondary Care Training within 24 months.
- Read and agreed to the PADI Membership and License Agreements.

## ***So how long will this take?***

The question often pops up, “How long will it take to finish the course?” Well, that depends on how much fun you’re having. Most complete the program in 4 to 6 months. depending on how many weekend days you are available.

Here is a summary of the absolute minimum Number of days to complete the course

- 3 days to complete some Divemaster watermanship/stamina, knowledge development and a few practical applications.
- 4 days assisting with Learn to Dive Pool sessions
- 1 day assisting with Refresher Course
- 1 day assisting with a Scuba Try It (Discover Scuba Program)
- 2 Days assisting with Learn to Dive Open Water Training (May-October Season)
- 2 days assisting with an Advanced Open Water Course
- 2 days assisting with a Rescue Diver Course internship.
- 1 day performing a mapping exercise