



Open Water Diver

Learning & Course Agreement

We would like to welcome you to the diving world, as well as thank you for choosing Underwater Connection for your diving education! Our mission is to offer you the best in diver education, equipment, and travel. We intend to provide a quality product and a wonderful experience.

Diver training courses are meant to be fun, but like any form of learning, you will need to invest some time and effort reading and studying. This learning agreement is between you (the student) and Underwater Connection, regarding our mutual responsibilities in this program.

The following information is designed to make your experience at UWC enjoyable and to prevent any possible confusion before beginning the course. Please read each item carefully. If you do not understand anything or have any questions, please be sure to ask one of our staff members to clarify it for you.

Course Requirements

Prerequisites include:

- Must be 10 years old
- Must be comfortable in the water
 - If you have any anxiety, we recommend taking the Try SCUBA course. Swim lessons or a snorkeling/Skin Diver course may also help prepare you. Ask an associate for more information if you think this may be what you need.
- Must be able to complete the following swim tests:
 - 200-yard swim (without flotation or swim aids) OR 300-yard snorkel swim (with a mask, snorkel, and fins). Both can be any style and are not timed, but must be non-stop.
 - Tread/float without aid in water too deep to stand in for 10 minutes.
- Must be physically fit for diving as per the Scuba Medical Questionnaire.
 - This questionnaire is designed to determine if you have any possible added risks to yourself while diving. It determines if a physician's professional advice is required. Each line needs a fully-written "yes" or "no" response, even if the question is not applicable. If you answer "yes" to ANY of the questions on the Medical Statement, we require a form to be filled out by your doctor at his/her discretion. The form can be found on the third page of the Medical Statement packet.
 - **A doctor's note is NOT acceptable in the event a "YES" is put on the form.**
 - **If a physician's signature is required, it must be signed or co-signed by a DO or MD.**

Other course requirements:

- Complete all quizzes and pass the final exam with an 80% or higher score.
- Complete all skills and swim tests satisfactorily during pool dives.

- Complete all skills satisfactorily during Open Water Dives.

Student Responsibilities

The student agrees to:

- Complete all required preliminary coursework as specified at time of registration prior to attending the first class and pool session. **
 - This includes student materials, payment, and paperwork.
- Follow all course procedures as set forth by the instructor.
- Ask questions about anything not understood.
- Show up for all sessions on time and prepared.

** Open Water Students:

1. Read and watch all the Open Water Course materials prior to class.
2. Complete ALL quizzes prior to class.
3. Fill out completely the Scuba Medical Release with fully written YES or NO for answers and, if any of the answers is a YES, have a DO or MD sign page 3 of the release.

Failure to properly complete these steps, or to arrive on time, will require the class to be rescheduled. If the student needs to schedule makeup sessions at any time, they will be responsible for covering any associated additional costs (including \$25 per module). Underwater Connection agrees to consider unforeseen events, such as family emergency or illness, that lead to these situations.

Payment Schedule & Refund policies

Full payment is required to reserve your spot in the class. We also encourage you to register and get the required student materials, so you can start on the coursework as soon as possible.

RESCHEDULING OR CANCELLATION WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE START OF THE CLASS INCURS A \$100 FEE.

RESCHEDULING OR CANCELLATION WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE START OF OPEN WATER DIVES INCURS A \$50 FEE.

Student materials are not refundable under any circumstance. Class fees can be fully refunded if cancellation is done with more than 7 days of notice. Once the class is started, no refunds will be issued.

Instructor/Staff Responsibilities

Underwater Connection Staff agrees to:

1. Start the class as scheduled.
2. Provide a positive learning environment.
3. Answer the student's questions to the best of their abilities.
4. Assist the student through learning challenges.

Other Disclaimers and Important Information

- ❖ There are no refunds once you have started the course.
- ❖ There are no transfers to another classroom or pool session once you have started the course.
- ❖ If you do need to schedule a make-up session, there is a \$25 fee per module. We cannot guarantee our ability to reschedule, but we will try our best.
- ❖ You will need to complete the Open Water training within 6 months from the date you completed your class and pool sessions. If you go beyond the 6-month period, a Scuba Skills Update (Refresher Course) is required.
- ❖ The use of drugs or alcohol are not permitted when diving; this includes the use of medicinal or recreational marijuana. Underwater Connection reserves the right to discontinue Open Water training if such practices are used. There will be NO REFUND in such cases.
- ❖ Underwater Connection is not responsible for any lost or stolen items (this also means that renters assume responsibility in these cases).

Don't hesitate to contact our staff if you have any concerns and/or questions.

Once again, we look forward to helping you become an Open Water Diver!

Underwater Connection Staff



I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE ITEMS.

Printed Name

Student Signature

DATE: _____
m/d/y

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18)

DATE: _____
m/d/y

UWC STAFF Signature

DATE: _____
m/d/y