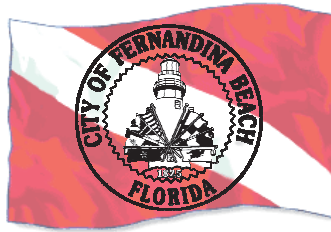


2016 PADI Open Water Scuba Training Information and Schedule r.12-2015



**courses subject to minimum and maximum enrollment, so REGISTER EARLY!*

(Call or secure an updated schedule prior to enrollment)

**additional courses may be added to schedule subject to requests and enrollment .*

Private and semi-private courses available at additional cost.

**All courses are conducted by certified PADI instructors.*

NOTE: A PHYSICIAN'S RELEASE FORM MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONFINED WATER TRAINING. PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE IN YOUR STUDENT FOLDER WELL BEFORE THE START DATE OF THE COURSE. CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THE LISTED CONDITIONS APPLY TO YOU.

General Information:

- Course fee of \$275 includes course materials, instruction, and use of most gear (**mask, snorkel, fins, booties, and weights must be provided by student**). Check-out dive fees are additional and will vary depending on location, lodging, etc. (generally an additional \$125 for local diving in the Florida springs). Ask about discounts for multiple family & friends taking the same course.
- Course schedules vary. See below or contact us to discuss *customized scheduling possibilities* .
- For ages 12 and up (10 -11 year olds admitted with restrictions and at instructor's discretion).
- You have **HOMEWORK!** Course materials should be obtained and **knowledge reviews completed before the 1st night of class**. A deposit of \$100 will allow you to obtain your course materials well in advance.
- PADI offers an **eLearning** option. You may complete your academic training online for \$158, paid directly to PADI. There is a \$70 discount on the course fee if you opt for the online academics option. The benefit to you is that you may complete this portion of your training at your convenience. See www.padi.com for more information.

Course Schedule:

Subject to change in accordance with class enrollment (minimum 4) and weather.

Don't see a class that fits your schedule? Please contact us for additional options: Start with one class and finish with another; complete the course in 4 consecutive days rather than over 2 weekends; ask about the PADI online academics option; private classes available; bring 3 more and set your own schedule!.

Course #1, February 5 (6-9pm), 6-7 (9-5), February 13-14 (gone all weekend)

Course #2, March 4 (6-9pm), 5-6 (9am-5pm), March 12-13 (gone all weekend)

Course #3, April 1 (6-9pm) 2-3 (9-5pm) 9-10 (gone all weekend)

Course #4, May 6 (6-9pm), 7-8 (9am-5pm), 14-15 (gone all weekend)

Course #5, June 3 (6-9pm), 4-5 (9-5), 11-12 (gone all weekend)

Course #6, July 8 (6-9pm), 9-10 (9-5), 16-17 (gone all weekend)

Course #7, August 5 (6-9pm), 6-7 (9-5pm), 13-14 (gone both days)

Course #8, September 23 (6-9pm), 24-25 (9am-5pm), October 1-2 (gone all weekend)

Course #9, December 2 (6-9pm), 3-4 (9am-5pm), 10-11 (gone all weekend)

Contact the City of Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department at 904-310-3350 x 1 with any questions or to register via phone (you must still pick up your study materials).

FAQ's about PADI Open Water Scuba Certification:

How much does it cost?

The basic course fee is \$275 per student. There is a \$100 minimum payment required to obtain course materials. The balance is due on or before the first classroom session. If you prefer to complete your academic learning online, see below for information about the PADI eLearning fee. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted. Classes are run through the City of Fernandina Beach. Please make checks payable to the City. Credit cards accepted at the Atlantic Recreation Center or via phone. The open water check-out dive fee is typically an additional \$125-\$150 for 2 days of diving and one night's lodging.

What do I have to provide?

Students are asked to provide their own mask, snorkel, fins, booties, and weights. The local dive shop offers several student equipment package purchase options. Tanks, wetsuits, regulators, and BCD's are provided. Course materials (books) are provided.

Where will my training occur?

Academic and confined pool sessions are offered through the City of Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department. Registration, classroom sessions and most pool sessions are offered at the Atlantic Recreation Center, located at 2500 Atlantic Avenue. Some pool sessions may be scheduled at the City pool located at 1200 Elm St. The four open water dives are typically done in the Florida Springs, located in Central Florida. Blue Grotto and/or Devils Den, located in Williston, Florida, and Rainbow River in Dunellon, are our most common destinations. Ocean dives in West Palm Beach may also be an option based on class size and/or if weather and sea conditions allow.

How long does the course take to complete?

*This depends on the course schedule you choose. Typically, the academic and confined water pool sessions take approximately 18-20 hours and the four open water training dives require 2 full days. We typically offer a 2-weekend, full-day format but other options are available (just ask!). We offer **private training options and will also customize course schedules for groups of 4 or more** (ask! We may be able to find others to complete a group).*

How much academic preparation will be required on my part?

The academic portion of the course requires that you read and review the relevant portions of the provided text book prior to attending class. Each chapter has a written Knowledge Review sheet that should be completed at the end of each chapter. Your instructor will ensure that you have completed each review prior to allowing you to take each quiz or the final exam. Classroom discussions will assist you in clarifying any concepts that you may have had trouble with at home. For the weekend format, we recommend that you complete the entire book prior to the first night of class. You will also receive a DVD, on loan to you, that should be viewed in conjunction with your text. An eLearning option is available online through www.PADI.com for an additional fee.

Are there age restrictions for Open Water Certification?

There is no maximum age for certification. While the preferred minimum age is 12, 10 and 11 year olds may become certified divers with additional restrictions on class size and depth. Due to these restrictions, enrollment and/or course completion for a 10 or 11 year old is at the instructor's discretion. It is recommended that both parent and 10-11 year old student meet with the instructor prior to enrollment. An additional pre-course video is required for this age group.

Must I be a good swimmer to take this course?

Safety and endurance are the key (it doesn't have to look pretty!). You will be required to swim 200 yards continuously and unassisted, in any fashion, as well as successfully complete a 10 minute float or tread in order to complete this course.

I'm not positive that I will like scuba diving. Can I try it before I enroll in the full course?

Yes! Schedule a Try-it Dive with an instructor which consists of a 1- 2 hour equipment familiarization and pool session. The fee for a Try-it Dive is \$50 city residents/\$63 non-city. \$50 may be credited toward an Open Water course if enrolled within 12 months. Ask about group and family rates.

I have a medical condition that may affect my ability to scuba dive. May I enroll in the course?

*Prior to the first pool session (Try-it Dive, Open Water, or any continuing education courses), you must complete a Medical Questionnaire. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions listed, you must obtain your physician's approval to dive. A signed PADI release form from your doctor must be submitted before you proceed with any of pool sessions. **We recommend that you complete the Medical Questionnaire well before the starting date of your course in order to avoid unnecessary delays in your training schedule.** If you have a disability, your instructor will work with you towards the completion of course standards.*

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