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ADVANCED DIVER CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE:

ONLINE ACADEMIC MATERIAL:

Online Academic Kit needs to be started before the open water dives.

Cost of Academic Kit: \$199.95

SMALL BOAT DIVING COURSE:

Friday, 6/14/24 @ 4pm (Departing at 5pm) Friday, 7/12/24 @ 4pm (Departing at 5pm) Friday, 8/16/24 @ 4pm (Departing at 5pm) Friday, 9/13/24 @ 3pm (Departing at 4pm)

<u>NAVIGATION / EXPLORATION &</u> <u>UW MAPPING / NIGHT DIVING</u> <u>COURSES:</u>

Saturday, 6/15/24 (starts at 12pm) Saturday, 7/13/24 (starts at 12pm) Saturday, 8/17/24 (starts at 12pm) Saturday, 9/21/24 (starts at 12pm)

* Must have at least 4 divers per boat ** Dives are subject to weather cancellation

DEEP DIVING COURSE:

We'll be looking to do this course in Bonaire '24 (July) or Key Largo '24 (November) based on conditions.

Any Certification Course or Activity (cost) that takes place at Windmill Quarry, does not include the Quarry entrance fee. Please visit their site for current pricing.

ADVANCED DIVER CERTIFICATION

*ASK US ABOUT THE DIVE PACKAGE PRICE!

The Advanced Diver course is designed for all certified divers who wish to increase their understanding and enjoyment of SCUBA diving and have fun diving in the WNY area. Our Advanced Diver program gives you flexibility in choosing the dates for your dives. Just complete each of the five diving activities listed below, along with the required academic material and you will become an Advanced Diver! **Students must provide all Scuba Gear for each dive (can be rented if needed), in addition to buying the Online Academic Material.** Stop in the store to sign up or call Dip 'N Dive at 716-837-3483.

"NAVIGATION DIVING" COURSE

One of the most important underwater skills is navigating. Learning to find your way around underwater is important for dive planning and safety. You will learn advanced compass navigation skills along with learning how to use the natural bottom contour. This will ensure your confidence by knowing your location on every dive. The cost of this course is \$60.00 per person. Must register no later than 72 hours prior to selected dive.

"EXPLORATION AND UNDERWATER MAPPING" COURSE

Ever want to map out an area underwater so that you knew where everything was? During this course, you will learn how to "Explore" and "Map" out area's during your dive. You'll work with others to create your "own" map of sort in this fun and exciting course! The cost of this course is **\$60.00** per person. **Must register no later than 72 hours prior to selected dive.**

"NIGHT DIVING" COURSE

Learn how the underwater world changes at night. See things differently at night and also see how marine life changes when the sun goes down. You will learn how to plan your entry and exit points properly so you will have a fun and safe night diving experience. The course begins at dusk. The cost of this course is \$60.00 per person. Must register no later than 72 hours prior to selected dive.

"SMALL BOAT DIVING" COURSE

This dive will allow you to experience the fun of local small boat diving while you dive the waters of Western New York. You'll be earning credit towards your Advanced Certification while learning safe boat diving techniques. The cost of the course is **\$90.00** per person. **Must register no later than (1) WEEK prior to selected dive. Based on availability**

"DEEP DIVING" COURSE

Want to learn how to dive deep whether you're diving locally or on vacation? Join us in Key Largo where we'll do a local shipwreck and teach you the right way on how to safely dive deeper! If you're unable to make it to Bonaire (July) or Key Largo (November) in '24, you can look to join us in '25!

BONAIRE

We have the ability of doing in part or whole Advanced Diver Certification while in Bonaire. Inquire within if you'd like to join this trip!

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MASTER DIVER CERTIFICATION

NAUI Master Scuba Diver Course – This course is designed to enhance and challenge your diving skills and it is the highest non-teaching recreational certification in the NAUI program. The course consists of 5 modules and 5 days of diving from various locations throughout our local area. Not only will this course help you develop a higher level of skills, it is a great starting point if you are interested in becoming a Dive Master or Instructor. The first module – The Responsible Diver is required to be taken first. The remaining 5 modules are designed to step up your skills in progressive steps, however, you may take them out of sequence. You will have this year and next year to complete all 5 modules. All lectures will be at Dip 'N Dive from 6pm – 10pm

You have 2 dive seasons to complete the Master Diver Certification if you're unable to complete everything in one dive season.

Master Diver Certification Prerequisites: Diver must be an Advanced Diver & Rescue Diver (Rescue Diver needs First Aid/CPR/O2 course) upon completion of the Master Diver Course.

- 1. The Responsible Diver We will review the basics of scuba diving physics and physiology, emergency and rescue procedures, and dive planning in the classroom. The open water dives at Windmill Quarry will evaluate and improve on your skills and include bot skin and scuba dives.
- 2. Diving Environment/Diving Equipment In classroom we will go over different types of cylinders, regulators, exposure suits, dive computers and dive lights. We will cover care and maintenance that you can do yourself, and we will show you what the service techs at the shop do. The open water dive for this module will be a Niagara River Drift Dive. We will show you how to set up a dive like this and each dive team will then scout the area and create a dive plan. We will also discuss the movement of water, marine life, and conservation. Some of the local dive sites and travel destination will be covered. The dives will include some advanced navigation skill, underwater mapping, and a night dive.
- **3. Shipwreck Diving** We will discuss all the facets of shipwreck diving. Research, search and location, laws, hazards, and preservation. The dives will include an orientation dive on a local shipwreck and another dive to record physical measurements to help identify the wreck.
- **4. UW Navigation/Search & Recovery** We will cover how to find objects using several different methods and different types of equipment, and how to retrieve them using the proper rigging and lifting equipment. The dives will include finding a target from approximate coordinates and successfully recovering it.
- 5. Deep & Simulated Decompression Diving We will cover Decompression sickness, nitrogen narcosis, dive tables, dive computers, equipment, and techniques to successfully complete a deep dive. The dives will be from Osprey Charters in Barcelona, NY* or you may complete them on a Dip 'N Dive sponsored dive trip.

MASTER DIVER CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE:

1. The Responsible Diver*:

Lecture: Thursday, 3/28/24 from 6pm – 10pm Open Water Dives: TBD

*This module must be done firs

2. Diving Environment/Diving Equipment:

Lecture: Thursday, 4/4/24 from 6pm – 10pm **Open Water Dives**: TBD

3. Shipwreck Diving:

Lecture: Thursday, 4/11/24 from 6pm – 10pm **Open Water Dives**: TBD

4. UW Navigation/Search & Recovery:

Lecture: Thursday, 4/18/24 from 6pm – 10pm Open Water Dives: TBD

5. Deep & Simulated Decompression Diving:

Lecture: Thursday, 4/25/24 from 6pm – 10pm Open Water Dives: TBD

*All dives are weather dependent

Course Cost: \$949

(Includes lectures and most of the Master Diver OW dives; with the exception of the Deep Diving & Decompression OW, along with the Shipwreck Diving OW).

Master Diver book will be necessary to complete course as well.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Below will be short descriptions for our upcoming International trips through the end of 2025. More details can be found on the trip table at Dip 'N Dive.

BONAIRE

Saturday, 7/27/24 – Saturday, 8/3/24 DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Chris T.

Join us on this Dutch Caribbean island as it is commonly rated as one of the best and easiest diving destinations in the world! You couldn't ask for more calmer conditions than Bonaire. If you're unable to make this year's trip, ask about the dates for 2025!

CURACAO

Saturday, 11/9/24 – Saturday, 11/16/24 DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Joe Lesniewski

The C in the ABC Islands is Curacao. Curacao is a 40 mile long island known for its beaches, expansive coral reefs, and rich marine life. The water tends to be calm, clear and warm (about 80F degrees) all year round. In addition to fantastic boat diving, shore diving is plentiful with easy access to the water. Sunscape Resort Spa and Casino is located near the city of Willemstad where you can find a plethora of things to see and do. Don't miss this one.

AQUA CAT - BAHAMAS

Saturday, 11/23/24 – Saturday, 11/30/24

DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Chris T.

Join Chris & Kim on this wonderful liveaboard! Enjoy diving as much as you can? Dive up to 5 x per day and various dive sites in and around the Bahamas! Great for divers that have an addiction to diving!

CAYMAN BRAC – CAYMAN ISLANDS

Saturday, 4/12/25 – Saturday, 4/19/25

DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Chris T.

Looking for a personalized "Valet Service" while diving? Look no further than Reef Divers in Cayman Brac! Great for new divers or divers that want to move at their own pace.

COZUMEL

Saturday, 5/10/25 – Saturday, 5/17/25 DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Jason Botticelli

Drift dives, cenotes and Mayan ruins oh my! Join Jay and Christy on an adventurous trip to Cozumel where you'll be staying at the all-inclusive Iberostar Resort! Trip includes 4 days of 2 tank drift dives and 1 day of a 1 tank at 2 different cenotes!

BELIZE - AGRESSOR IV

Saturday, 11/22/25 - Saturday, 11/29/25

DIP 'N DIVE INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Mariah Kramer

Join us in this Central American country as it is part of the second-largest reef system and is commonly rated as one of the best diving destinations in the world! You couldn't ask for better diving than Belize. If you're unable to make this year's trip, ask about the dates for 2026!"

Call 716-837-3483 to ask questions and/or signup for a trip!



DOMESTIC TRAVEL

KEY LARGO

Sunday, 11/10/24 – Thursday, 11/14/24 INSTRUCTOR RUNNING TRIP: Chris T.

\$1150 Divers d/o; \$819 Non-Divers d/o; Single Supplement + \$400

In **November 2024**, Chris will lead our annual 5 day scuba diving trip with 3 days of diving to beautiful Key Largo in the Florida Keys! Included in the trip will be 4 nights at the wonderful Key Largo Holiday Inn, 3 days of diving, 2 tanks per day, aboard the "Sea Dweller 3", located steps from the hotel. Afternoon and nights dives also available.

The greatest concentration of dive sites in the Florida Keys is off Key Largo, making it one of the most visited dive areas in the world. We will visit some of Key Largo's best reefs and shipwrecks during our stay.

We will have the option to complete the Deep Diving Course (for **Advanced Diver Certification**). Contact Chris for more information.





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TREASURE HUNT

With last year's Treasure Hunt winners of Chelsea and Brittany who found most of Blackbeard's gold, has infuriated Blackbeard and he's out this year to exact his revenge!

NITROX COURSE

Join the ranks of the modern day sport divers! Learn to use a different diver friendly breathing mix...NITROX. This course will provide the participants the information and certification necessary to participate in Nitrox diving. Nitrox is now available at most tropical destinations as well as here at Dip 'N Dive for local dives, to help make your diving safer.

The cost of this course is \$195.00 per diver and includes materials, registration fees and certification card.

The date for the class is: Tuesday, 3/26/24 from 6pm-10pm.

NAUI RESCUE DIVER COURSE

Learn how to prevent accidents and how to respond to in water emergencies. Join us for one lecture and two days of open water diving to focus on accident prevention through education. Topics will include accident analysis, diver stress, environmental factors, proper planning, equipment and situational awareness. Open water activities will include pre-dive checks, signs of stress, diver assists, locating a missing diver and performing a complete rescue. The course is required for all Divemaster's and Instructor candidates and is highly recommended for dive team members or any diver who wants to e the best diver he/she can be.

The cost of this fun filled course is only \$299.00 per diver!

The dates for the class are as follows:

Lecture - Tuesday, 6/18/24 @ 6pm - 10pm (Dip 'N Dive)

Open Water - Saturday, 6/22/24 @ 9am - 1pm (Windmill Quarry - subject to change)

FIRST AID, CPR & OXYGEN PROVIDER COURSE

Earn certification in all three areas of emergency management for **Rescue Divers, Divemaster** and **Instructor** level courses. This is also an invaluable course for those who just want to be a "Good Diving Buddy"!

The course will be on one day:

Sunday, 3/24/24 from 10am - 6pm

The cost of the course is \$329.00.

You must register by Monday, March 18th, 2024. Call Dip 'N Dive at 837-3483 or stop in to register.

RENT TO OWN SCUBA GEAR PROGRAM

Are you a newly certified diver looking to get your own equipment or a seasoned veteran looking to upgrade into something new? You can take advantage of our **Rent To Own Program** that allows you to own your own scuba diving equipment in no time! New equipment, easy payment plan, no hassles! If you're looking to substantially increase your bottom time by owning your own scuba equipment and you have a limited budget, then this program is for you! Stop in for further details.

DIP 'N DIVE SERVICE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

Part of being a good and responsible diver, isn't always related to what you do **IN** the water but what you do **ABOVE** and/or **BEFORE** you go diving. It is VERY important that you service your **LIFE SUPPORT GEAR** every year. This relates to your **Regulator** AND your **Buoyancy Compensator**. The BCD is the most commonly missed **LIFE SUPPORT** item missed during service but it is also one of the most important! You don't want to have issues with your BCD's Inflator Assembly because it's corroded due to being in Salt water and/or being in environments such as our local waters. If not taken care of, a BCD's Inflator assembly can self inflate, causing issues with the diver's buoyancy and/or worse can shoot the diver up to the surface.

Part of the advantage of buying your LIFE SUPPORT GEAR at Dip 'N Dive (as opposed to other shops or online), is that you get FREE LIFETIME PARTS. Based on manufactures recommendations of servicing your gear on a YEARLY basis, we have to be stricter with our FREE LIFETIME PARTS program as we're having some customers come in every 2-4 years for service with equipment that is SEVERLY corroded and/or damaged. So effective immediately, in order to maintain your LIFETIME PARTS AGREEMENT for your equipment, you must bring in your equipment (Regulator/BCD) on a yearly basis. This will be verified with prior year's records.

