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Open Water Diver Course LEARNING AGREEMENT

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Welcome to the PADI Open Water Diver Course. Diver training courses are meant to be fun, but you'll need to invest some initial independent study time to be successful in this course. This Learning Agreement is between you, the student, and Beach Cities Scuba Centers ("BCSC" or "BCSC Professional Staff") instructional staff regarding our mutual responsibilities in completing your training program.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Completely read and sign** the "PADI Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement of Understanding" and the "Release of Liability/Assumption of Risk/Non-Agency Acknowledgement" forms before the first class session, don't forget to **ask the BCSC staff** if you have any questions before signing!
2. Answer the Medical History questionnaire honestly with a complete and legible "**YES**" or "**NO**" in each question space. If you answer "**YES**" to any question, notify BCSC staff **PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED CLASS START DATE**. We will provide you with a medical release form that you will take to a physician to receive a medical clearance **BEFORE ANY IN-WATER TRAINING**.
3. **COMPLETE YOUR INDEPENDENT STUDY PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED CLASS START DATE.**
This means:
 - Read all five chapters in your student manual (printed or multi-media version) and complete the five Knowledge Reviews at the end of each chapter.
 - Watch the five Open Water Course videos (video, DVD or multi-media version).
 - Read all of the PADI Recreational Dive Planner (RDP) handbook and practices with the RDP table version.
4. BCSC staff and Instructors **reserve the right to reschedule training sessions for any student that has not completed their assigned independent study PRIOR** to the classroom training sessions; arrives **LATE** for any training session or fails to give 7 days' notice for a cancellation. **Any make-up classes will be charged a \$95 make-up fee per session.**
5. **Provide a diving logbook before the first class for your instructor's signature. This logbook is required material and should accompany you to all training events. If you lose this logbook, you will be required to purchase another in order to maintain the tracking of your training.**
6. Possess an appropriate scuba quality mask, snorkel, fins, booties, gloves **before the first confined water (pool) training session**. These items are available in all five locations at a great discount!
7. Follow all course procedures and directions of your instructor. Ask questions of your BCSC professional staff if you have any questions about your training.

8. Accept financial responsibility for any lost, damaged, or missing rental scuba equipment assigned to you during the class; and return all rental equipment to BCSC by the following day after the training session unless otherwise directed by your instructor.
9. Be aware that BCSC requires students complete the course within six (6) months of the start of the class to ensure knowledge retention. If you fail to complete the course within six months BCSC reserves the right to require you to repeat the entire class at full price to achieve certification.

BCSC STAFF AND INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide a schedule of training sessions and start the class as scheduled unless ocean conditions prohibit diving.
2. Provide a positive learning environment in which to master the course objectives.
3. Provide a telephone or contact number(s) for students to make direct contact with their instructor(s) for notifications in the event of being late or absent, or to ask general questions related to their training.
4. Answer the student's question to the best of their ability and training.
5. Assist the student through all challenges.

If the student completes all course work assigned, arrives for training sessions promptly and follows directions for learning as assigned by BCSC staff and Instructors, we accept responsibility for reasonable learning challenges that may occur. Course objectives must be met before the student is certified.

Occasionally, a student enrolled in a group class experiences such significant learning challenges that they may be unable to achieve the performance requirement at the same pace as other class members. If the remedial training required by a student would prevent other students from completing the training within the allotted time, BCSC reserves the right to provide private lessons (at private lesson rates) or re-enroll the students in subsequent group class to assist them in overcoming their learning difficulties.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BCSC Authorized Representative: _____ Date: _____

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