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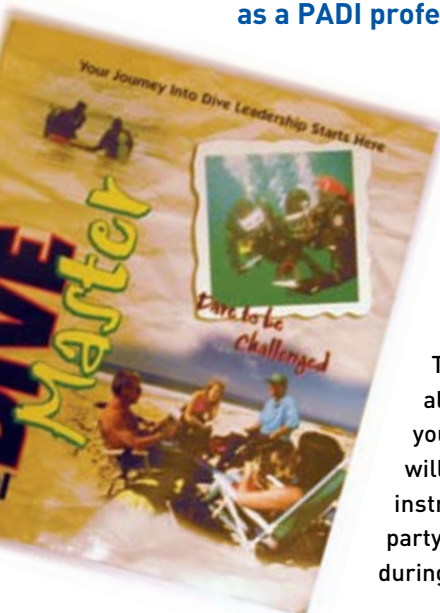
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## **PADI DIVEMASTER COURSE INFORMATION**

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# PADI DIVEMASTER COURSE

As a PADI Rescue Diver (or holding an equivalent certification from another training organisation) the PADI Divemaster course takes you into the professional membership of the PADI system of diver education. Upon completion of this course you will have the ability to assist in the instruction of student divers, to independently assist certified divers and have the opportunity to travel and work worldwide, as a PADI professional member.



During the course you will work with real students, during their real course dives. We do not simulate training situations, as we believe that you get more realistic experience when working on real courses. The dynamic of this course is also quite different, to that of your previous courses, as you will become a member of the instructional team and will be party to decisions that are made during diver training.

When you complete your course you will receive a new certification card showing your new member status.

The PADI certification is the most popular in the world and beyond the benefits that you already enjoy the Divemaster rating opens up a number of opportunities including the option to work in the diving industry and to enrol on further training courses including the Assistant Instructor and Open Water Scuba Instructor courses.

In addition to diver training Deep Blue Scuba organises a number of UK and overseas dive trips and runs an active dive club (Deep Blue Scuba Adventures).



## Structure

The Divemaster course is truly multi-faceted and you must complete a number of different exercises to attain certification. Outline details of these exercises follow and at the start of your course you will complete an orientation in which we will explain each requirement, in detail. In addition to these exercises you will also assist with the general running of dive activities and will be expected to interact with Deep Blue Scuba clients; representing both Deep Blue Scuba and PADI, as a dive professional.

## Theory

You will complete home study in a number of areas including: supervising certified divers, supervising student divers in training, physics, physiology, equipment, dive skills and the environment, decompression theory and the RDP and Divemaster conducted programmes.

During your home study support will be available from your instructors and should you require any elaboration this will be provided during informal theory sessions.

You will complete a 20 question multiple-choice quiz, in each of the above areas, to check that you understand the material. If you don't understand everything the instructors will work with you to explain the material. The pass mark is 75% and the quizzes can be completed orally.

## Assisting with student divers

You will assist on 5 confined water and 5 open water teaching sessions. During these sessions you will assist the course instructor and help to ensure that the students are comfortable, safe and that they enjoy their dives. You must assist on a complete Open Water Diver course and, in open water, a Continuing Education Diver course. The other assists can be on any course but we encourage you to assist on as many different courses as possible to gain a diverse experience.

You will work with as many members of the instructional team as possible, to give you the opportunity to observe different teaching styles.

At the end of each session, on which you assist, you will receive feedback. This ensures that you know how you are progressing and if necessary allows you to work on any problem areas. If this is the case the instructors will give you hints and tips, to improve, and will assist you to do this.

Feedback sessions are not only an opportunity for the instructors to give you feedback but are also an opportunity for you to discuss the session and clear up any queries that you may have. These discussions should help you with the continual assessment section of the course, which aims, amongst other things, to ensure that you understand the role of a PADI Divemaster.

## Water skills

You must complete a number of water skill assessments to ensure that you have the basic dive skills and fitness necessary to be a successful Divemaster.

The water skill assessments include a 400 metre swim, a 800 metre mask, snorkel and fin swim, a 100 metre tired diver tow and a 15 minute float/tread. These assessments are timed and you are awarded points according to the time taken.

You will complete exercise 7 of the Rescue Diver course, to a demonstration level. This exercise requires you to de-kit and tow a non-breathing unconscious victim and to prepare for egress by also removing your own equipment.

You will also complete an underwater equipment exchange to improve your problem solving skills.

One of the instructors will show you how to improve your basic dive skills, to demonstration quality. Throughout the course you will practice your skills and when ready you will complete an assessment of the 20 basic dive skills. These skills are equipment assembly and disassembly, pre-dive safety check, deep water entry, buoyancy check at the surface, regulator to snorkel exchange, 5 point descent, regulator recovery and clear, mask removal and replacement, air depletion and alternate air source use, free-flow regulator breathing, fin pivot, controlled emergency swimming ascent, hovering, underwater swim without a mask, remove and replace scuba system underwater, remove and replace weight system underwater, buddy breathing, 5 point ascent, remove and replace scuba system on surface, remove and replace weight system on surface.

## Mapping project

With at least one other Divemaster candidate you will survey and map a dive site. To accompany this you will produce an emergency assistance plan for the dive site.

## Divemaster conducted programmes and assisting certified divers in open water

Towards the end of your course you will take the instructional lead to teach a course that as a certified Divemaster you will be able to conduct independently of an instructor. During this session you will be shadowed by one of the instructors but you will be in control of the student diver(s).

You will also give a site and dive briefing to one or more certified divers, before taking them on an open water guided dive.

## How old do I need to be?

You need to be at least 18 years old.

## How many dives must I have logged?

You need to have a minimum of 20 dives to start the course and a minimum of 60 dives on completion of the course.

## Does my EFR or equivalent first aid certification need to be updated?

Your first aid training must have been completed within 2 years. If a longer period has elapsed you will need to complete a refresher course.

## How fit do I need to be?

You need to be in reasonable physical shape to complete the course. It is important that dive professionals make an effort to remain in good physical shape, to promote good dive practice and to be in a position to assist others, if necessary.

Prior to the course you must complete a medical questionnaire and let us know of any existing medical conditions. You will also need to obtain approval from your GP, via completion of the PADI medical questionnaire, to participate in the course.

If you would like to work as a Divemaster in the UK, after completion of your course, you will need to secure an H.S.E. diving medical certificate.

## Is equipment hire included in the price?

It is expected that at this level you will have your own dive equipment, again to promote a professional appearance and to ensure that you are familiar and comfortable with your equipment.

At the start of your course we will hire equipment to you, at a nominal fee, but would encourage you to purchase your own equipment as soon as possible. Wherever possible we will assist you to secure reduced cost equipment.

## How much does the PADI Divemaster course cost?

The course costs £395. At the start of your course you will pay £197.50. You will then pay a further instalment of £197.50 after completing 50% of the course. Included in the cost of the course is your PADI Divemaster manual and Divemaster slates.

In addition to these materials you are required to own the following materials:

	R.R.P	Member Price
Encyclopaedia of Recreational Diving	£31.79	£26.49
Diving Workbook	£17.08	£14.24
RDP Table	£16.05	£13.37
Electronic RDP-ML	£19.89	£16.58

These materials are not included in the course price. The prices indicated are current and are the R.R.P and the PADI member price. The member price would not normally be available until completion of your Divemaster course, however we will provide any materials that you need at these prices.

At completion of your course you are required to pay a fee directly to PADI, to become a member. This is currently £64.98 and is not included in the cost of your course.

# ABOUT DEEP BLUE SCUBA



Deep Blue Scuba is a 5 Star PADI IDC (Instructor Development Course) dive centre, meaning that we meet PADI's stringent requirements in the courses and experiences that we offer. We offer taster experiences through formative dive courses (Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Speciality Diver and Rescue Diver) to leadership level (Divemaster) and Instructor level courses.

We have a wealth of experience and have taught hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds and ability levels, to dive. We have experience working with children, young adults and those with physical restrictions. All of the staff, working with children, are Disclosure Scotland checked.

The staff are passionate divers and truly enjoy the opportunity to introduce people to the underwater world.

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## DEEP BLUE ADVENTURES

Deep Blue Scuba Adventures is a PADI Diving Society affiliated dive club. Through the club you will have the opportunity to meet new people, do new things and go new places. We meet monthly and throughout the year have social events including: beach clean ups, beach BBQs, shark dives, hyperbaric chamber visits and marine mammal awareness courses. The club also organises a number of UK and Overseas dive trips, so you can put your new skills into practice and explore the various wonders of the underwater world.

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