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# Very Important Information

PADI Advanced Course Ref.:- Name:-(You must bring this and ALL other paperwork to each day of your Course).

You MUST read all these pages FULLY, well before your course or you may *jeopardise your course*!



Dear

Thank you for booking your PADI Advanced Open Water Course with Maidstone Scuba School Ltd. This information pack relates to courses held at The NDC, Stoney Cove and Guildenburgh. Please refer to the appropriate sections regarding your course location.

PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course – Qualification course to 30mts
Minimum age 12 years – Must complete home study & knowledge reviews
prior to attending - Medical declaration must be completed before any in
water training.
Typically 2 days (one weekend). Open water dives start at 9.30a.m and finish
around 5p.m.
All equipment and air fills are included throughout your Course.
Other than lake entry/parking fees (if applicable) the Course is fully inclusive
(overnight accommodation required – not included in Course price)
2 passport sized photos will be required and must be handed in during your
Course (if you omit to hand in photos at your Course, a digital application
will have to be made incurring you a surcharge of £15.00).
Guildenburg, NDC or Stoney Cove – See your e-Receipt for Course location.
Overnight accommodation required.

Maidstone Scuba School do everything a dive shop does (ALL courses from Beginner to Instructor, all equipment, travel, Dive Club, equipment hire and servicing) but without the usual expense! As we do not operate a shop premises with all the associated overheads, we pass on our savings to YOU! We are a full PADI 5 Star IDC Centre and have trained many of the professionals you will find at other dive shops/operators in the area. Higher quality, lower costs - WHY PAY MORE?

BEFORE YOU START - Please check you have the following:-

- PADI Adventures in Diving Course Manual (79101)
- DVD or Video (Loaned F. O. C. MUST be returned on final day of Course see below!) -
- Adventures in Diving Navigation & Multi Level Slate (69230).



*Important:-* Please remember to bring EVERYTHING with you to all days of your Course, including your completed medical declaration and your Adventures in Diving Documentation Worksheet and 2 passport size photographs!

Your self study theory can commence as soon as you are ready to get going. You must read the following 5 sections (6 if taking part in the optional \*Night Dive – when available) AND complete the knowledge reviews at the end of each applicable chapter in your Adventures in Diving manual (Note: The manual, which is yours to keep, contains detailed information on all16 PADI Speciality Diving Courses. For this Course however you are only required to read and complete the sections detailed below. Maidstone Scuba can provide training in all other speciality courses - see our web site for further information and prices):-

- Deep Diving (Section 67)
- Underwater Navigation (Section 263)
- Wreck Diving (Section 345)
- Multilevel & Computer Diving (Section 165)
- AWARE Fish Identification (Section 21)
- Night Dive (Section 185) only if taking optional \*Night Dive)

Your home study MUST be completed with ALL Knowledge Reviews completed in full for the above 5 (or 6 if taking \*Night Dive) sections filled out in ink *BEFORE* attending the Advanced Open Water Dives. The above theory segment of your PADI course is based on home study. Review sessions with an instructor are designed to answer questions, and review key points, NOT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR INDEPENDENT HOME STUDY. We suggest that you begin by watching your Adventures in Diving Video or DVD. Having watched the video, take a look at your manual and complete the 5 required sections at the end of each of the 5 modules listed above.



N. B. If optional night dive is included on your Course you must also complete \*Night Diver Knowledge Review – Section 185)

Your course DVD is loaned F.O.C. under security deposit and MUST be returned on the final day of your Course or you will be charged for these items based on

Maidstone Scuba Schools current price list.

Please put your name at the top of each of the completed Knowledge Reviews. Remove them carefully from your manual or photocopy the COMPLETED Reviews (you will need to fill them out in BLACK ink if you are doing this).

To enter The NDC, Guildenburgh or Stoney Cove you will need to complete a registration form at the gate, and pay an entry fee. This is the same as when you go and dive at these dive locations yourself. The



current registration and entry fees range from  $\pounds 7.00$  to around  $\pounds 10$  per day, which includes parking. All equipment is provided throughout your Course with M.S.S. All courses are sold subject to our Terms & Conditions of Business.

Courses at The NDC usually start at 9.30 am (Sat.) and take place at:-

The National Diving & Activity Centre Tidenham Chepstow Gloucestershire NP16 7LH

Courses at Guildenburgh usually start at 9.30 am (Sat.) and take place at:-

Guildenburgh Water Eastrea Road Whittlesey Peterborough PE7 2AR

Courses at Stoney Cove usually start at 9.30 am (Sat.) and take place at:-

Stoney Cove Sapcote Road Stoney Stanton Leicestershire LE9 4DW

NOTE:- The Advanced Course runs over two full days (plus additional Friday night, if taking optional \*Night Dive). All venues are around a two hour drive from Maidstone. If you require B&B (not included in course fee) please contact the following directly:-

#### For accommodation at NDC:-

The Huntsman Hotel - Tel: 01291 641521 Shirenewton Chepstow Monmouthshire South Wales NP16 6BU

Other Hotels/B&B's:- Parkfield: 01291 621860, Chepstow Hotel: 01291 626261, Parsons Grove: 01291 641382

#### For accommodation at Guildenburgh:-

Travel Lodge - Tel:- 0870 0850950 (Bookings) or 0870 191 1597 (Direct Number) for the Eye Green Travel Lodge. Crowlands Road, Eye Green Peterborough PE6 7SZ Other B&B's:- Cobwebs: 01733 350960, Old Crown: 01733 203652, Whitmore House: 01733 203652, Conifers: 01733 203256, The Bee : 01733 206975, Holly Gap: 01945 463119

For accommodation at Stoney Cove:-

Badgers Mount - Tel:- 01455 848161 6 Station Rd Elmesthorpe Leics. LE9 7SG

Other B&B:- Elmlee: 01455 239254, The Mill on Soar: 01455 282419, Longshoot: 02476 329711

# Your Advanced Course is made up as follows:-



The open water training for your Advanced Course will commence sharp at 9.30 am (see your invoice for course location). On arrival please locate the Maidstone Scuba van in the main car park. NOTE:- The second day of training will normally commence at typically 9.30 am Each day takes around 7 hours but this depends

on the number of students in the group and any difficulties experienced within it so please do not arrange any later appointments that could conflict with your course! BRING ALL PAPERWORK/MANUALS ETC (EVERYTHING!) TO BOTH THESE DAYS!



If you are have any difficulty finding us call our mobile number on:- 077907 38221. If you are unsure of your timing or anything else, PLEASE CHECK WELL PRIOR!



Guildenburgh is approximately 24 mts deep, Stoney Cove 36 mts and The NDC approximately 90mts. Visibility can range from less than 3 metres to over 10 metres. To ensure maximum possible comfort throughout your Course, you will be equipped with the very latest specification semi-dry 3 piece suits. The facilities at all sites are good with toilets, changing facilities and a café/bar. We recommend that you bring with you some water (very easy to get dehydrated when diving). BRING SUN PROTECTION LOTION IN THE SUMMER.

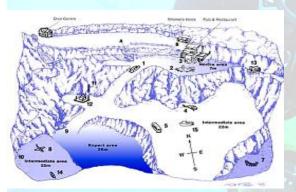
# DIRECTIONS to The NDC (Approx 125 miles - 200 km from Maidstone).:-

Take the M4 West and continue past Junction 20 - Turn onto the M48 towards Chepstow and Services - Cross the Severn and Wye Bridges and turn off at Junction 2 - Take the second exit A466 towards Chepstow and Tintern - Turn right onto the A48 at the next roundabout and continue into Chepstow.Continue through Chepstow on the A48 towards Gloucester, the National Diving & Activity Centre is 1.2 miles outside Chepstow on the left hand side.

DIRECTIONS to Guildenburgh (Approx 121.2 miles - 195.1 km from Maidstone).:-

M11 for 41.4 miles (43.4 miles - 69.8 km). Continue straight ahead onto A14 for 16.9 miles (84.8 miles - 136.4 km). Exit to the left onto Slip Road for 0.3 miles (101.7 miles - 163.6 km). At the roundabout, take the third exit onto B1043 for 0.1 miles (102 miles - 164.1 km). At the roundabout, take the first exit onto B1043 for 3.7 miles (102.1 miles - 164.2 km). At the roundabout, take the second exit onto B1043 for 0.8 miles (105.8 miles - 170.2 km). At the roundabout, take the second exit onto B1043 Old North Road for 0.5 miles (106.5 miles - 171.4 km). At the roundabout, take the second exit onto B1043 Old North Road for 0.5 miles (106.5 miles - 171.4 km). At the roundabout, take the second exit onto B1043 Old North Road for 1.6 miles (107.4 miles - 172.8 km). Turn right for 0.1 miles 109 miles (175.4 km). Turn right onto B660 Glatton Ways for 5.9 miles (109.1 miles - 175.6 km). Turn left onto B1040 Herne Road for 5.9 miles (120.9 miles - 194.6 km). At the roundabout, take the second exit onto A605 Eastrea Road for 1.2 miles (121.2 miles - 195.1 km). Arrive at Guildenburgh.

## DIRECTIONS to Stoney Cove (Approx 142.1 miles - 228.7 km from Maidstone):-



Continue on M1 for 57.7 miles (67.5 miles -108.6 km) Exit at J18 for 0.2 miles. At the roundabout, take the first exit onto A428 for 0.3 miles. At the roundabout, take the first exit onto A5 for 0.6 miles. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto A5 for 5 miles. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto A5 for 2.3 miles. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto A5 for 4.7 miles. Turn right onto B4114 for 3 miles (138.3 miles - 222.6 km). Turn left

onto Sharnford Road for 0.6 miles (141.3 miles). Turn left onto B4669 Leicester Road for 0.2 miles (141.9 miles - 228.4 km). Turn left onto Dovecote Close for 0 miles (142.1 miles - 228.7 km). Arrive at Stoney Cove

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

Please now take a few minutes to complete ALL required PADI forms (these must be downloaded from our website www.maidstonescuba.com.) These forms *must* be handed in to the designated Surface Support staff member on ARRIVAL on day one:- (1)PADI Statement of Understanding, (2)PADI Liability Release and Assumption of Risk, (3)PADI Medical Statement (2 sides), (4) Learning agreement.

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**:- If you answer "YES" to <u>ANY</u> of the questions on the medical you <u>MUST</u> have your doctor sign the bottom of the second page, <u>regardless of how long ago the medical event occurred</u>, to confirm you are fit for diving <u>before</u> turning up for your course. This signed medical form will last you for one year if you decide to continue and take part in a scuba course. **You will NOT be allowed in the pool without this signature! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to arrange for this appointment in time for your course.** If you arrive for your course having answered a "Yes" but have omitted to get your G.P.s signature, your course may be forfeit! Providing you have NOT answered "YES" to any question, you do NOT need to get your doctor to sign the form.

In the event of difficulty or complication in relation to any pre- existing medical conditions (and specific diving related medical advice) relating to compatibility with SCUBA diving, you may wish to contact a Doctor with training in this specialist field:-

Dr S.J. Turley The Croft Consulting Rooms Starts Hill Road - Locksbottom, Kent BR6 7AR Tel. 01689 853863.

## The Course Manual

You will have received (if requested to be sent by post) a pack containing your manual (if not requested to be sent by post, this pack can be collected from our office by arrangement).

YOU MUST READ THIS MANUAL BEFORE YOU ATTEND YOUR COURSE. THE 5 *'KNOWLEDGE REVIEWS'* at the end of each chapter MUST BE COMPLETED (in ink) PRIOR TO ATTENDING YOUR COURSE (6 if taking part in optional \*Night Dive).

# GENERAL

When you come to your first day please bring with you and hand to the designated Surface Support staff member:-

- PADI Statement of Understanding, PADI Liability Release and Assumption of Risk
- Learning Agreement and your Medical Statement (2 sides) completed (all 4 pages) *including G.P. signature* if you have a "Yes" to any questions.
- Knowledge Reviews, Adventures in Diving Documentation sheet and 2 photos.

Also bring your Course manual, swimming towel and costume plus any personal dive equipment.

# NOTE

We strongly recommend that you take advantage of the special offer starter pack for mask, snorkel, fins, booties and gloves. *Do not rush these purchases ahead of your Course as you will be given advice on selection during the Course*. These items can also be ordered via our website . www.maidstonescuba.com (enter 'Pack A' or 'Pack B' in the search box)



## **OTHER COSTS**

*Site Entry/Parking Fees* (typically £10.00 per day). Note:- Site fees may vary. *Optional* - diving gloves are not provided for the open water dives. Dependant on the time of year you may wish to purchase these (M.S.S Price £16.95).

Optional – A5 Slate £7.95

*Optional* – RDP Wheel £32.95 whilst taking part on AOW Course (Normal Price £39.95). *Optional* – Contingency Indemnity:- £45.00

**Rescheduling** of ANY course dates £50.00 per person, per day (see below).

*Torches* (if optional \*Night Dive is available on your Course, you will allowed to take part FREE, subject to purchase of the necessary Dive Torches from Maidstone Scuba School)

PLEASE NOTE - your Course will be conducted over 2 days and is provided in accordance

with our terms and conditions of business. For full terms and conditions see <u>www.maidstonescuba.com</u> or request a hard copy. Your Course includes a pre-set (allocated on booking) schedule of open water dives at a lake or other suitable venue, all at set times and dates as specified on your invoice and enrolment paperwork. Diving Courses cannot be cancelled under any circumstances. *Should you wish to reschedule any dates for any reason an additional charge of £50.00 per person per day will apply*. To pass your Course you will be required to demonstrate (following instruction) *'mastery'* of each element of the course before being allowed to move on to the next section or module. Any additional instruction required over and above the time booked and paid, can be provided at another time at additional cost.

# CANCELLATION POLICY - CONTINGENCY PROTECTION

Diving Courses cannot be refunded under any circumstances. However pre-booked course dates may be rescheduled at a charge of £50.00 per person per day. You may take out contingency protection to cover the cost in the event of having to reschedule up to 4 days. Should you wish to take out contingency protection to cover yourself in the event of having to reschedule your course dates, this can be taken out AT THE TIME OF BOOKING or within 7 days of your course booking date at £45 per person (provides max of £245.00 cover).

If you have any queries please give us a call on 01622 754280

Please complete in FULL - Name, Address (and Post Code), Phone, Mail Address, Credit or Debit Card Information.

**VERY IMPORTANT:**- If credit or debit card is NOT provided we are unable to supply any equipment for use in open water as the card is required as security against lost equipment (as well as for any items purchased during your course).

Name (As on Card)		
Address AND Post Code		
Land Phone		
Mobile Phone		
Email Address		
Credit Card Type		
Card Number		
Start Date		
Exp. Date		
Security No		
Issue No		

#### Items Purchased:-Site Entry:-Log Binder:-Gloves:-DVD/ Video:-RDP Table:eRDP:-RDP Wheel:-Course Upgrade to include Rescue Diver (EFR?):-A5 Slate:-Pack A:-Pack B:-Dive Club:-Other:-

Please charge the card above for any items purchased or due:-

Signed\_

**FREE Equipment Hire (Free Hire)** – Students are responsible for all equipment loaned throughout the duration of the course. Lost or damaged equipment will be charged for at Maidstone Scuba School current list price.

Name				
Address				
Phone Number				
<u>Equipment</u> <u>Size</u> <u>Quantity</u>	<u>Ref</u> <u>Returned</u>			
RDP Table				
Full Suit				
Shorty				
Hood				
Regulator Set				
BCD	- <u>e</u>			
Weight Belt				
Weights	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
Mask				
Snorkel				
Boots	7			
Cylinder				
Fins				
Other				
Student Signature: Date:	Print:			
Guardian Signature (If Student is under 18 Years):				
Print:Date:Date:				

#### **Learning Agreement**

This form must be completed and returned to Maidstone Scuba School Ltd prior to commencement of your course.

Welcome to your PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course. Diver training is meant to be fun and exciting, but like any form of learning, you will need to invest some time and effort to make the most of your course. In an effort to offer you and your fellow students the best programme possible, please review the following and sign at the bottom. This learning agreement between you the student, and us, Maidstone Scuba School Ltd reviews our mutual course responsibilities. Please sign this form to confirm your agreement.

#### **Student Responsibilities**

The theory segment of your PADI Advanced course is based on home study. Review sessions with an instructor are designed to answer questions, and review key points, NOT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR INDEPENDENT HOME STUDY. By signing below, you are agreeing to:-

- Review course enrolment paperwork and study your PADI Adventures in Diving Manual and accompanying paperwork.
- Review and complete (1)PADI Statement of Understanding, (2)PADI Assumption of Risk, (3)PADI Medical Statement, (4) learning agreement, in good time for your course.
- □ Have medical form signed by a physician (if necessary) in time for your course.
- □ Be on time for all course dates
- Be prepared for theory sessions by reading / viewing the required chapters in your PADI Adventures in Diving Manual, video/ DVD or CD-ROM.
- Complete the 5 knowledge reviews (6 if taking Night Dive) in your PADI Adventures in Diving Manual BEFORE your theory session.
- Arrive at the dive site in good time, allowing time to get changed.
- □ Follow all course procedures as outlined by our instructors and in your enrolment paperwork (where to arrive, where to drop equipment etc.) and be attentive during your training sessions
- □ Ask questions about anything that is not understood.

### Maidstone Scuba School Ltd Responsibilities

If the student completes all course work assigned, arrives for training promptly, and otherwise follows directions for learning given by the instructor, Maidstone Scuba School Ltd accepts responsibility for learning challenges. Course objectives must be met before the student is certified.

Your instructor and staff agree to:

- Be ready to start the class as scheduled.
- □ Provide all required SCUBA equipment for your course.
- □ Ensure that all equipment provided has been serviced in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations and HSE requirements.
- □ Provide a positive and fun learning environment in which to master course objectives.
- □ Answer the student's questions to the best of their ability.
- □ Be patient and assist the student through learning challenges.

It is further agreed that I the undersigned am responsible for all equipment loaned to me throughout the duration of my course, that I have received a copy of this agreement and acknowledge that my course is provided in accordance with Maidstone Scuba Schools Terms and Conditions of Business a copy of which can be provided on request or viewed on www.maidstonescuba.com.

All outstanding balances must be paid to Maidstone Scuba School Ltd prior to receiving certification card.

Student Signature:	Print:
Date:	
Guardian Signature (If Student is under 18 Years): Print:Date:	
On behalf of Maidstone Scuba School Ltd - Signature:	

Print:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_