

Maidstone
Scuba School
PADI Diver training from beginner to professional level.

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Very Important Information

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!

NOTE:- If you do NOT complete your home study & fill in ALL Knowledge Reviews in ink, you will NOT be allowed to complete your theory session & will be required to re book another session at additional cost (PADI Standards will also not permit you to complete your 2nd day of open water dives)!

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INFORMATION PACK - Open Water Course – Very Important Information

Dear

Thank you for booking your course with Maidstone Scuba School Ltd.

It is essential that you read the contents of this information pack in full as it provides all the important information relating to your course.

Course Name	PADI Open Water Diver Course – Qualification Course to 18mts
Prerequisites	Minimum age 10 years – Must complete home study & knowledge reviews prior to attending theory session - Medical declaration must be completed before any in water training.
Course Duration and timing	Typically 2 days (one weekend) for Referral Course or 4 days (two weekends) for Full Course. Theory is on Saturdays between 10.30 am to 2.30pm Pool Sessions start at 3.50pm and finish at 9pm. Open Water lake dives (Full Courses only) start at 9.30am and finish around 3pm.
Equipment	All equipment and air fills are included throughout your Course.
Other Costs	Other than lake entry/parking fees (if applicable) the course is fully inclusive.
Other Requirements	2 passport sized photos will be required and must be handed in during your course. If you omit to provide photos during your Course, a £15.00 surcharge will be made for a digital application.
Swimming Ability	Able to swim 200mts and able to float for 10 minutes.

Maidstone Scuba School do everything a dive shop does. We supply a full range of 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 Course Manual
- DVD (Loaned F. O. C. – MUST be returned on final day of Course – see below!)
- RDP Table (Loaned F. O. C. – MUST be returned on final day of Course – see below!)
- RDP Booklet (Loaned F. O. C. – MUST be returned on final day of Course – see below!)

Self Study Theory Training can commence as soon as you are ready to get going i.e. before *or* after your pool training. **Your home study MUST be completed (Including ALL 5 Knowledge Reviews) BEFORE attending the theory session.**



Note:- The 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 PADI Open Water

Video or DVD. Having watched the complete video, take a look at Module One of your Open

Water manual (you may wish to re-watch each module on your video as you go through your manual) and complete the Knowledge Review at the end of each of the 5 modules.

DVD/Video and RDP Tables/Booklet loaned F.O.C. under security deposit 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.



IF YOU ARE UTILISING A PADI CD KIT INSTEAD OF THE VIDEO AND MANUAL SIMPLY INSERT YOUR CD ROM IN YOUR COMPUTERS CD ROM DRIVE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. Continue to work through your manual or CD Rom, completing the Knowledge Reviews as you go. Please put your name at the top of each of the completed 5 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) or print them if using the PADI CD. Bring all 5 completed reviews (stapled together) with you when you come to the theory stage of your course. If you are unsure of when your theory is due to take place (or haven't yet booked your theory session), please phone us on 01622 754280. Private one to one instruction is available at an additional charge (details below).

Your Course is made up as follows:-

Your confined water (POOL) training will commence sharp at 3.50 p.m. at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Mote Avenue on the dates booked and as detailed on your invoice. On arrival please get changed into your swimming costume and come around to the 'Dive Pit'. **NOTE:-** The second day of confined water training will commence at typically 5.30 pm at the Leisure Centre (NOTE:- Please be available from 3.50pm just in case you have experienced any problems on day 1, as you may be required to attend early to take part in a catch up session).



Referral Courses only:- Please bring all paperwork/course pack contents etc. (Log insert if purchased) Course manual with COMPLETED Knowledge Reviews plus 2 passport sized photos to your theory session. If you have not yet arranged this please ring us a.s.a.p. on the above number to book a date. Theory sessions operate on a group basis (min. 4 people). IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BOOK YOUR THEORY SESSION IN PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE YOUR HOLIDAY DEPARTURE – if required you can be 'referred at ANY stage of your Referral Course so theory sessions can be completed abroad. If you choose to do this no refunds are applicable.

FULL Courses Only:- will consist of 4 open water dives at **WRAYSBURY** (or alternative venue if advised by Maidstone Scuba) over 2 days on the on the dates booked and as detailed on your invoice. If you need to contact us on this weekend please use our mobile number 077907 38221.



FACILITIES:- There are portaloos, changing facilities and a cafe at Wraysbury.

Directions (Lake Dives):- Wraysbury is easy to find and is conveniently located just off J13 off the M25. It will take you around 55 minutes from Maidstone (subject to traffic).

From M25 Junction 13:- Follow signs to the B376 (Wraysbury). Once in the village carry on through, pass the Perseverance Pub on your left, 500 yards further on will be Douglas Lane also on your left, after a further 50 yards you will find the entrance on the left hand side. If you get to the station/bridge you've gone too far!

Address:- Wraysbury Dive Lake, Station Road, Wraysbury, Middlesex. TW19 5ND

Group & Timing - VERY IMPORTANT:- If you are in group 1 you will start at 9.30am on the first day (Saturday) and then 11.00am on the next day (Sunday). If you are in group 2 you will start at 11.00am the first day (Saturday) and then 9.30am on the second day (Sunday). We will contact you on the Friday to confirm which group you are in. ***If you are in group 2 on Saturday you will take your issued dive kit home with you overnight so you are ready to start kitting up on Sunday morning.***

What to bring with you:- Bring ALL your paperwork, photos and your course manual (plus log & start up module if purchased). Bring something warm to wear after your dives. BRING SUN PROTECTION LOTION IN THE SUMMER. If you have not handed in your passport photos these MUST be handed in this weekend. Please be aware that if you do not have your photos you will have to pay for a digital application which costs £15.00 extra.

NOTE:- On arrival pay your entry/parking fee and sign in immediately at the Dive Centre and then congregate at the truck.

Please be aware timing is subject to change and you MUST be available from 9.30am to around 4pm the first day and from 9.30am to around 4pm on the second day. Each session takes up to 7 hours but this depends on the number of students in your 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!**

The diving lake is approximately 8 mts deep. Visibility can range from less than a metre to up to 10 metres. To ensure maximum possible comfort throughout this stage of your course, you will be equipped with the very latest specification Beaver semi-dry 2 piece suits.

Very Important - Please now take a few minutes to complete ALL required PADI forms (if you have not received these by email they can be downloaded from our website www.maidstonescuba.com. These forms **must** be handed in to on arrival on your first day:- (1)**PADI Statement of Understanding**, (2)**PADI Assumption of Risk**, (3)**PADI Medical Statement**, (4) **Learning Agreement**.



EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:-

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions on the medical you **MUST** have your doctor sign the bottom of the second page to confirm you are fit for diving **before** you start your course. (This signed medical form will last you for one year). **You will NOT be allowed in the pool or open water without this signature! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to arrange for this appointment in time for your course.**

If you arrive for your pool session having answered a “Yes” but have omitted to get your G.P.s signature, your course may be forfeit!

In the event of difficulty or complication in relation to any 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 (and Tables)



You will have received (if requested to be sent by post) a Course manual and (loaned) dive tables (if not sent by post, this pack can be collected from our office by arrangement).

YOU MUST READ THIS MANUAL BEFORE YOU ATTEND YOUR THEORY SESSION. THE 5 'KNOWLEDGE REVIEWS' at the end of each chapter MUST BE COMPLETED (in ink) PRIOR TO ATTENDING YOUR THEORY SESSION.

General -When you come to your first (POOL) session please bring with you and give to the designated Surface Support member of staff the following:-

- PADI Statement of Understanding, PADI Assumption of Risk, your Learning Agreement and your Medical Statement completed (all 4 pages) **including G.P. signature** if you have a “Yes” to any questions.

Also bring a swimming costume, extra T-shirt (to wear in the pool), a towel, £1.00 coin (for the locker) and 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:-

- Lake Entry/ Parking Fees typically £8.00 per day (apply to FULL courses only on Open water dives).
- Optional:- Dive Log Pack comprising Luxury Dive Log Binder, PADI Start Up Module & RDP Tables:- £29.95
- Optional – Course Upgrade to include ***Open Water and Advanced Open Water*** (apply to FULL courses only) ***if booked during the first 2 days of your Open Water Course***:- £198.00 (Saving £60.00)
- 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). All other equipment is provided.
- Optional - RDP Table:- £5.00 Special Price ***whilst completing course only*** (Normal price £15.00).
- Optional – eRDP Table (Electronic RDP). £17.50.
- Optional - Private Pool Instruction:- £50.00 per person (Minimum 2 participants).
- Optional - Private Open Water Dives:- £85.00 per person (Minimum 2 participants).
- Optional - Private One to One theory tuition (3 Hour Session with one of our PADI Instructors):- £50.00 plus £15.00 for each additional student
- Optional – Contingency Indemnity:- £65.00
- **Rescheduling of ANY course dates £50.00 per person, per day (see below).**

Please Note – your Course will be conducted over either 2 and 1/2 days (Referral Course) or 4 days (Full Open Water Course) and is provided strictly in accordance with our terms and conditions of business. For full terms and conditions see www.maidstonescuba.com or request a hard copy. Your Course includes a pre-set (allocated on booking) schedule of theory time, pool time (confined water training) and if booked, 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.

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).**

We look forward to seeing you at Mote Park Leisure Centre on _____ at 3.50 pm (finish approx. 21.00 hours). Please ensure you have had enough to eat and drink through the day prior to your pool session (pool session lasts for up to 5 hours).

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.

The first 2 sections of this form **MUST** be completed in full (including your card details) as security against equipment issued for your open water lake dives. 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.

Signed _____

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	

Office Use

Items Purchased:-

Lake Entry:-

Log Binder:-

Gloves:-

DVD/ Video:-

RDP Table:-

eRDP:-

Pack A:-

Pack B:-

Dive Club:-

Other:-

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

FREE Equipment Loan –

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	

Equipment **Size** **Quantity** **Ref** **Returned**

RDP Table _____

Full Suit _____

Shorty _____

Hood _____

Regulator Set _____

BCD _____

Weight Belt _____

Weights _____

Mask _____

Snorkel _____

Boots _____

Cylinder _____

Fins _____

Other _____

Student Signature: _____ Print: _____

Date: _____

Guardian Signature (If Student is under 18 Years): _____

Print: _____ Date: _____