



Philosophy:

There's a great sense of self-esteem that kids and adults get when they learn a new skill like scuba. Like all exercise programs, snorkeling and scuba contribute to good mental and physical health. Scuba Educators International instructors don't just teach snorkeling and scuba; they teach character values, too, encouraging everyone to achieve his or her personal best. Instructors and volunteers set the example by modeling high moral standards during all courses and diving activities.

Scuba Educators International leaders welcome and embrace people of different ages, incomes, abilities, races, and religions. Caring leaders create an atmosphere that is challenging and nurturing at the same time. Safety is one of the most essential ways to show caring: Scuba Educators International leadership must emphasize the health and safety of divers, participants, staff and volunteers at all times. They must comply with good risk management practices, Scuba Educators International policies, government laws, and licensing requirements. Scuba Educators International instructors and volunteers know that people participate in snorkeling and scuba for fun - this attitude keeps people coming back for additional courses, resulting in lifelong enjoyment and health benefits.

When caring scuba instructors create a safe and inclusive environment, like any other wholesome activity, scuba becomes a tool for personal development. Scuba Educators International programs achieve these goals. Scuba Educators International instructors promote good physical, mental, and spiritual health, which provides recreational diving opportunities and contributes to a better quality of life for all participants.

We believe:

- **The desire to share an experience rather than sell a sport**
- **A concern for people, what they feel, and how they learn**
- **A program dedicated to safety through education rather than just marketing**
- **A course of instruction that maximizes the abilities of each individual**
- **A course that teaches students and their buddies to become independently competent in the water and out**
- **Our students become divers that can safely enjoy our recreational activity throughout the world to the fullest**

The Open Water Diver course

Recommended course outlines are included in the SEI Diving *Open Water Diver Instructor Guide* that matches the required text, *Scuba Diving by Dennis Graver*. The Open Water Diver Student Packet contains workbooks, dive tables and log book. The entry-level Open Water Diver course has been designed as a seven-session course in the classroom plus one session for the final exam. Eight sessions for pool or confined water is common practice. Each class/pool session is designed to take from three to four hours making the total from a minimum of 24 hours to a standard course of 32 hours. Open water training over at least two days traditionally takes at least six to eight hours or more depending on the circumstances, i.e., local quarry or lake vs. offshore boat dives. Our instructors are encouraged to add more dives. In some local aquatic facilities the Open Water Diver course is taught in six class/pool sessions to match other programs. In academic environments, a semester class that extends over 12 or more weeks is required. SEI Diving allows our instructors the flexibility to meet these needs.

Vision:

To be recognized worldwide for the premier quality of instruction seen in our students.

Motto:

Learn from the best where a full education makes the difference.

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An International training agency dedicated to the Education & safety of Scuba divers