

## DIVEMASTER COURSE ITINERARY

### **NOTE**

On successful completion of this course, you will be required to submit to PADI your Divemaster paper work, PADI membership fees, PADI insurance (if required), a Divemaster medical report & 2 passport size photographs.

Before commencing your Divemaster course, you must thoroughly read the PADI Divemaster manual. You will also need to have a copy of all PADI manuals, which include the Open water, Advanced & Rescue manuals for study purposes. You must be sure you are capable of completing all the swimming test requirements before the commencement of the course. You must also prepare to complete all the exams on the specified days. The course structure is a guide and can be changed within reason, although any additional days required by you (for re-tests, etc) may incur an additional charge.

### **DAY 1 & 2**

#### ***Friday & Saturday***

Complimentary bus transfer to the Pro Dive Training centre - this service is available everyday of your course

**8:30am - 5:30pm:** Orientation to the PADI Open water course

These two days are spent assisting a PADI Instructor during the theory & pool sessions of a PADI Open water course. These sessions will serve as a re-introduction to the theory & skills of the Open Water course for those candidates who have been away from a dive teaching environment for a long time.

Candidates are asked to observe all videos, attend all lectures and complete all Open Water course quizzes & exams. During the practical sessions you should observe your instructor with regard to their control, positioning, skill demonstration and problem solving. These sessions are non-assessable.

### **DAY 3**

#### ***Sunday***

**2:00pm – 5:30pm:** Assisting with Rescue course pool session

### **DAY 4**

#### ***Monday (pick up as per day one)***

- Course overview
- Theory: The Role and Characteristics of a PADI Divemaster
- Theory: Assisting with student divers in training
- Skill circuit
- Equipment exchange
- 15min tread water (last 2min with hands out of water)
- Tired diver tow

**12:30pm - 1:30pm** Lunch

- Theory: Supervising diving activities
- Theory: Divemaster conducted programs

### **DAY 5**

#### ***Tuesday***

**8:30am – 12:00pm:** Theory & waterman ship assessment

- **Dive Theory** (Divemaster Manual Chapter 9)
- Theory: Diving physics (refer to encyclopedia of diving Chapter 1)

- Theory: Physiology (refer to encyclopedia of diving Chapter 2)
- Theory: Equipment (refer to encyclopedia of diving Chapter 3)
- Theory: The recreational dive planner
- Theory: Diving skills and environment
- Theory: Risk management
- Theory: The business of diving
- 800m continuous snorkel swim (times under 17min should be achievable)
- 400m continuous unaided swim (times under 10min should be achievable)

## **Day 6**

### **Wednesday**

**8:00am – 12:30pm:** Study/review

**12:30pm – 6:00pm:** Practical

- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 1)

## **DAY 7**

### **Thursday**

**8:30am – 12:00pm:** Practical

- Pool session review/evaluation
- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 2)
- Pool session review/evaluation

**12:00pm - 1:00pm:** Lunch

**1:00pm – 6:00pm:** Practical

- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 1)

## **DAY 8**

### **Friday**

**8:30am – 2:00pm:** Practical

- Pool session review/evaluation
- Workshop 3 Discover Scuba Diving in confined water
- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 2)

**2:00pm – 5:30pm:** Pool session review/evaluation

- Exams, exam review

After examinations are complete time will be given to review exams and for further exam revision. Also your Instructor will conduct a review and evaluation of your pool session.

## **DAY 9, 10 & 11**

### **Saturday - Monday**

These days will be spent on the outer reef onboard our 3 day 2 night liveaboard trip. In this section of the course you will complete 5 evaluated training dives, assisting an Instructor with both open water and Advanced courses on the boat. During your 3 day 2 night trip you will also be evaluated on your Rescue skills and on other non-teaching Divemaster duties. Also you will have a dive site designated for your mapping exercise.

## DIVEMASTER BOAT TRAINING SCHEDULE

### TRAINING SCHEDULE – TRIP 1:

#### BOAT DAY 1:

- Dive 1: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 1)  
: Rescue evaluation
- Dive 2: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 2)
- Dive 3: Evaluated training dive with ADVANCED COURSE NAVIGATION DIVE
- Dive 4: Non-evaluated training dive with ADVANCED COURSE NIGHT DIVE

#### BOAT DAY 2:

- Dive 1: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 3)
- Dive 2: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 4)  
After lunch start on mapping exercise for Gordon's Mooring
- Dive 3: Workshop 4: Discover Scuba Diving Program – Additional Open Water Dive
- Dive 4: Non-evaluated training dive with newly certified divers

#### BOAT DAY 3:

- Dive 1: Skill 5 — Deep Dive Scenario
- Dive 2: Free dive (make up dive if necessary)
- Dive 3: Skill 1 — Dive Site set Up and Management Deck duties/surface supervision. DMT (under supervision) should be helping with back deck duties (ie logging divers in/out, filling tanks & other general duties that happen on this last dive to prepare the boat for departure from the reef)

#### DAY 12

##### **Tuesday**

Time off to study for exams

#### DAY 13

##### **Wednesday**

**8:30am – 12:00pm:** Study

**12:00pm - 1:00pm:** Lunch

**1:00pm – 6:00pm:** Practical

- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 1)

#### DAY 14

##### **Thursday**

**8:30am – 2:00pm:** Practical

- Pool session review/evaluation
- Workshop 1 Scuba review in confined water
- Workshop 2 Skin Diver Course
- Evaluated pool session with Open water course (Day 2)

**2:00pm – 6:00pm:** Exams & exam review

After examinations are complete time will be given to review exams & sit re-tests if necessary. Additional time after exam revision & re-tests should be used for completion of dive site mapping exercise.

## **DAY 15, 16 & 17**

### **Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

During your final 3 day 2 night trip you will be evaluated again on both teaching and non teaching Divemaster duties to complete your course requirements.

## **DIVEMASTER BOAT TRAINING SCHEDULE**

### **TRAINING SCHEDULE – TRIP 2:**

#### **DAY 1:**

Dive 1: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 1)

Dive 2: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 2)

Dive 3: Free dive

Dive 4: Supervised guiding of night divers

#### **DAY 2:**

Dive 1: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 3)

Dive 2: Evaluated training dive with Open water students (Open water training dive 4)

After lunch continue on mapping exercise for Gordon's Mooring

Dive 3: Skill 4 — Search and Recovery Scenario & Knot tying

Dive 4: Non-evaluated training dive with newly certified divers

#### **DAY 3:**

Dive 1: Free dive - this dive can be used for any other scheduled training dives or make up dives

Dive 2: Skill 3 – Dive briefing

Workshop 5 – Discover Local Diving

Dive 3: Skill 1 — Dive Site set Up and Management Deck duties/surface supervision. DMT (under supervision) should be helping with back deck duties (ie logging divers in/out, filling tanks & other general duties that happen on this last dive to prepare the boat for departure from the reef)

### **OTHER ASSESSMENTS:**

To assist you with understanding what a Divemaster does, during the assessment process, you should attend the initial briefing given to the certified divers by the Dive Supervisor at the beginning of each trip. Other than that briefing, you should attend all Open water briefings and debriefings with your instructor. Between dives involve yourself with deck duties (ie. tank filling, logging divers in & out of the water, etc)

Other training activities you need to cover on you trips are:

- Skill 2 — Mapping Project
- Prepare an emergency assistance plan complete with information needed to manage a diving accident

1) Radio operations:

- a) Basic operation procedures and protocol
- b) Procedures for may-day, pan-pan & security calls

2) O2 and emergency equipment:

- a) Learn where O2 regulators and cylinders are stored on each boat
- b) Launching procedures of life rafts
- c) EPIRB operation

3) Small Boat operations:

- a) Correct launching procedure
- b) Basic boat handling (ie. approaching diver, general driving & coming alongside boats)

4) Surface supervision and deck duties:

As a Divemaster you need to be familiar with all the procedures involved in supervising divers (ie. logging in/out procedures, tank filling, surface supervision & general diver assistance)

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS**

If you are affected by any of the points below you will need to consult a doctor and acquire a medical certificate, stating you are "fit to dive" prior to your dive trip.

- 1) Since completing your last dive medical assessment have you suffered any illness or injury that may affect your ability to dive safely?
- 2) Are you currently suffering any illness or injury?
- 3) Are you currently taking any prescription medication other than the contraceptive pill?
- 4) Is there any other condition, fact or circumstance that may affect your fitness or ability to dive safely?