



# DURBAN UNDERSEA CLUB

## PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER

This is one of the most fun and most enjoyable programs in the PADI system of diver education. The Advanced Open Water is not an advanced diving course but rather an experience program to advance the level of skills and knowledge of the open water diver. The Advanced Open Water is so popular because it is a practical course with nearly no classroom work and the emphasis on improving your diving through diving, whilst at the same time showing you a far greater and more diverse part of the underwater world.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Advanced Open Water course consists of 5 dives each showing you a different aspect of diving, under the guidance of your instructor. You have 2 "core" dives and 3 dives that you choose from the elective dives available. Your 2 core dives are DEEP DIVING AND NAVIGATION

#### DEEP DIVE

On completion of the Advanced Open Water course you will be qualified to dive to a depth of 30 metres, so deep diving training is essential. While 30 metres is not in itself deep diving, it does take you to a depth where new skills have to be learned and procedures followed. This section of the course teaches you those skills in a safe and controlled manner, under the watchful eye of your instructor.

#### NAVIGATION DIVE

Knowing where you are underwater couldn't be more important, especially in darker waters. We will teach you how to navigate successfully under water using simple, reliable methods that will give you peace of mind, wherever you may be diving.

#### ELECTIVE DIVES

You may choose from a long list of elective dives shown in the manual provided with the Advanced Open Water course, some of the most popular are: -

#### WRECK DIVING

Wreck diving is popular all over the world. In Durban we have a number of wrecks, The Nebo, which is over 100 years old and The Produce, which sank in the seventies, both off Aliwal Shoal as well as the Coopers light wreck off the Bluff. Divers want to dive on wrecks for because it is an artificial reef and attracts marine life, or maybe it's just the impact of seeing a large man-made vessel under the water. Either way, wreck diving is always popular and every wreck is different and has its own history. We will give you an insight into the world of wreck diving on real shipwrecks and how to do it safely.

#### MULTI LEVEL DIVING / COMPUTER DIVING

As you will have learned on your Open Water course, you can only spend so long under the water using your dive tables and time always seems to go too quickly. Learn how to extend your time under water using the wheel version of PADI'S dive tables, as an optional extra you may also wish to try using a diving computer. We will show you how it's done.

#### DRIFT DIVING

This is one of the most exhilarating of diving experiences. Imagine flying through the underwater landscape without any effort, pushed along by the ocean currents, and you might

just get an idea of Drift Diving. Most large marine animals swim and feed in the faster currents and if you want to dive with Manta Rays and Whale Sharks, then drift diving is a must. Drift diving, done correctly, is an amazing experience, done badly, one you may rather forget. We can give you a safe and enjoyable first taste.

#### ENRICHED AIR NITROX

Using Enriched Air or "Nitrox" on a dive enables a diver to make more efficient use of the gas in his/her cylinder as well as allowing a diver to spend more time at any depth he or she is qualified to dive to. This dive will also enhance your understanding of decompression or "dive" tables and give you the confidence to plan your own depths and times using a variety of enriched air mixes.

#### FISH IDENTIFICATION

Go beyond the "little fish with white spots" method of describing fish. Increase your enjoyment of the dive by learning how to begin identifying fish and what their feeding and breeding habits are. This is just a brief introduction dive on a subject that is the focus of some marine biologists lives!

#### NATURALIST DIVE

On this dive we study the macro and micro environmental conditions and how they affect our dive planning. The emphasis is on dive planning taking into account what you understand of the prevailing environmental conditions including weather forecasts, existing weather reports, sea conditions and other natural considerations.

There are other elective dives such as photography and videography but we feel that these are of more benefit as a full speciality course. All the dives in the Advanced Open Water program are the first dives in each full speciality course and, as such, count as credit towards a speciality course. The Advanced Open Water diver program, while enhancing your diving skills through diving, gives you a taste of some of these different types of diving.

#### HOW MUCH DOES THE ADVANCED OPEN WATERCOURSE COST? AND WHAT IS AND ISN'T INCLUDED

The cost of the Advanced Open Water Diver course is R1950.00

##### Included:

License certification fee  
Qualifying openwater dives  
Instruction  
Use of Cylinder, BC and regulator for all Advanced course dives.

##### Excluded:

- Travel to and from the dive location
- Overnight accommodation, if needed, although this can be arranged for you at very reasonable prices
- Personal Diving equipment - i.e. mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit and weight belt. If you do not have your own, please speak to us about the options available to you.
- Your Adventures in Diving Manual will cost R400.00.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

##### HOW LONG DOES THE COURSE TAKE?

Five dives can be completed in a minimum of two to three days so it's ideal to take over a weekend. If you have other commitments we can split the course over two weekends.

##### WHAT ARE YOUR CLASS SIZES FOR ADVANCED OPEN WATER?

Because students entering this course are qualified we can take up to eight students to ensure you get the most out of our course. You will always, in a group of eight, have at least one instructor and one dive master with you at all times. We understand that today's way of life places much demand on an individual's time, for this reason we are happy to train you on an individual basis and adjust the course schedule to fit into your life style at no extra cost to you.

**CAN I COMPLETE THE COURSE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME?**

Yes, because it is a modular course, each dive can be completed and "signed off" in your logbook over a reasonable period of time convenient to yourself and the dive centre.

**HOW DO I BOOK THE ADVANCED OPEN WATER COURSE**

Simply telephone or e-mail the dive centre and we will arrange your course dates and choice of location available depending on your elective dives. Then either pay your deposit over the phone or come visit us the Dive Centre.

We are always happy to discuss course arrangements, as we want to produce good divers who are happy with their course and feel that they have achieved something and not just "gone through the motions."

**ALL IT TAKES IS ONE PHONE CALL OR EMAIL TO START THE  
ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!**

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