



Open Water Scuba Diver Certification

Scuba certification is a lot of fun. It involves the process of learning to scuba dive and reaching industry benchmarks to show your competency. During your scuba certification course, you will learn how your scuba equipment works, learn to use your equipment in a pool, and use those skills in actual scuba dives. All of this is to ensure that you have the training to be a safe diver. Trilogy Dive Center provides a comprehensive scuba certification course that goes beyond the minimums to ensure you are ready to scuba on your own!

Trilogy Dive Center's Scuba Certification course is conducted over two weekends, although other schedules can be arranged to fit your schedule. This scuba certification course provides more instructor interaction, more time under the water, and more scuba certification check out dives. This is the premier scuba certification course in Tampa! For this course you will complete the following requirements.

- 1) Academics – typically completed online at your own pace. Classroom schedules are available if you prefer a traditional learning environment.
- 2) Pool Training – You will spend time in the pool learning how to use your gear and perform basic skills before you do your check out dives. Our certification course typically spends Saturday and Sunday in the pool to ensure you have all your skills and feel comfortable in the water.
- 3) Open Water Dives – Trilogy Dive Center recommends that you complete six (6) Open Water Dives to ensure that you are comfortable with procedures and the scuba diving process. You are only required to have four (4) Open Water Dives for your certification, so two of the dives are optional but recommended.
- 4) Dive Computer Class – Only at Trilogy Dive Center do you have the opportunity to do a “dry” dive in the Hyperbaric Chamber. We dive our Open Water Students to the equivalent of 60 feet. During the dive you learn how to clear your ears and are taught how your dive computer works. This is a controlled dive where you descend slowly and have ample opportunity to learn how to correctly clear your ears. During the dive, your instructor will teach you how your computer works and allow you to ask any questions you may have, this prepares you for your pool work and actual check out dives.

- 5) Nitrox Certification – Nitrox utilizes concentrations of oxygen from 22% - 40% for recreational diving. The Nitrox Course is included in your Open Water Certification as we believe it is beneficial and allows our instructors to spend more time reviewing physics, gas laws, and dive tables. The class meets in person and is optional, but again, recommended.

Typical Agenda

Day 1 – First day of class, which is typically held on a Saturday. If your first-class day falls on a different day, you can adjust your schedule accordingly. You will meet at Trilogy Dive Center.

- a) Purchase mask, fins, snorkel, and booties – if you haven't purchased your snorkeling gear yet, we will assist you in selecting the best equipment for you. Remember, all of our students receive a discount on gear purchased through Trilogy Dive Center for your classes.
- b) Paperwork – you will complete your student folders, receive logbooks, and sign waivers.
- c) Academic Review – you will review your online exam with your instructor. This may be first thing in the morning or in the afternoon depending on pool schedule and weather.
- d) Chamber Orientation and Computer Class – You will receive a dive briefing for the chamber and review your goals for the upcoming dive. You will do a controlled dry dive to 60 feet, learn to clear your ears, and learn to use your computer.
- e) Equipment Issue – You will be issued a scuba regulator, scuba BCD, scuba tank, and wetsuit for use during class. The use of this equipment is included in the price of your class. During the first day you will learn how to assemble, test, and disassemble before you go to the pool.
- f) Pool Time – it is time to visit the pool and start learning how to scuba.

Day 2 – So, you made it through day 1, started to learn how to breathe underwater, and the adventure continues! You will meet at Trilogy Dive Center.

- a) Review any material, skills, etc from Day 1
- b) Pool Time – back to the pool and continue working on scuba skills.

Day 3 – Open Water Check Out Dives

- a) The goal for today is three complete scuba dives, and then logging those dives in your logbook, and receiving your instructor's endorsement!
- b) You may meet at Trilogy Dive Center or be asked to come in prior to class to pick up equipment so you can meet your instructor at the dive site. This will all be discussed during the first day of class.
- c) You will return your gear to Trilogy Dive Center.

Day 4 – Open Water Check Out Dives

- a) The goal for today is three complete scuba dives, and then logging those dives in your logbook, and receiving your instructor's endorsement!
- b) You may meet at Trilogy Dive Center, or be asked to come in prior to class to pick up equipment so you can meet your instructor at the dive site. This will all be discussed during the first day of class.
- c) You will return your gear to Trilogy Dive Center.
- d) If you have completed all the requirements for Scuba Certification, then CONGRATULATIONS!! You are now officially a Scuba Diver!

Open Water check out dives are typically conducted at Lake Denton – Avon Park, Devil's Den – Williston, and Blue Grotto – Williston. Other dive sites may be available or being used due to weather conditions, or instructor preference. Our goal is to provide the best learning opportunity available to ensure your safety while learning to scuba dive.

One Price – no extras.

The use of all scuba equipment is included in the price of the course. You are responsible for purchasing your own mask, fins, snorkel, and booties. You have the option of purchasing that equipment through Trilogy Dive Center at exclusive student discounts or through any shop of your choosing.

Chamber Computer Class, Nitrox Class, and Six (6) Open Water Check Out Dives are included in your course at no additional cost. There are no discounts or refunds if you elect not to participate in any of the above training or only complete four (4) Open Water Check Out Dives.

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