

# DIVE INTO A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLASSROOM



**Oceanography and Scuba Clubs**



# MISSION AND VISION

## MISSION

Exceeding expectations and providing quality experiences through individualized training, cultural encounters, and the support of a dedicated dive community.

## VISION

To introduce young people to the sport of scuba diving, its environmental impact on ocean conservation and the many career opportunities available to them.



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 2018, New Covenant Schools in Lynchburg Virginia, requested our services to help them develop an in-house scuba program with their students. Since then, we have refined and enhanced the model, allowing us to serve large numbers of students. The ability to do this sets us apart from other dive shops. We have developed a system that addresses the logistical complexities of working with many students at one time.

The training is enhanced at the school, within a club setting. On club days the students meet to get additional classroom instruction. This instruction can consist of guest speakers, exploration of various types of equipment, support with their scuba academics, briefing/debriefing various training dives, etc. These club days start at the beginning of the school year and continue throughout the completion of the training. This allows the students the time needed to fully explore the numerous opportunities and challenges in scuba diving

Scuba diving offers many options and possibilities for future careers. We recommend dedicating some time to discovering the interests of your students and how scuba diving may be able to enhance their future careers.



# LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

There are numerous benefits to offering scuba certification as an official elective within the school setting. Not only are students able to receive college credit for these certifications, but it opens their eyes to the numerous career opportunities that could be available to them.

## **MILITARY**

- Salvage
- Combat
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
  - Reconnaissance
  - Ship Repair
  - Search and Recovery

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

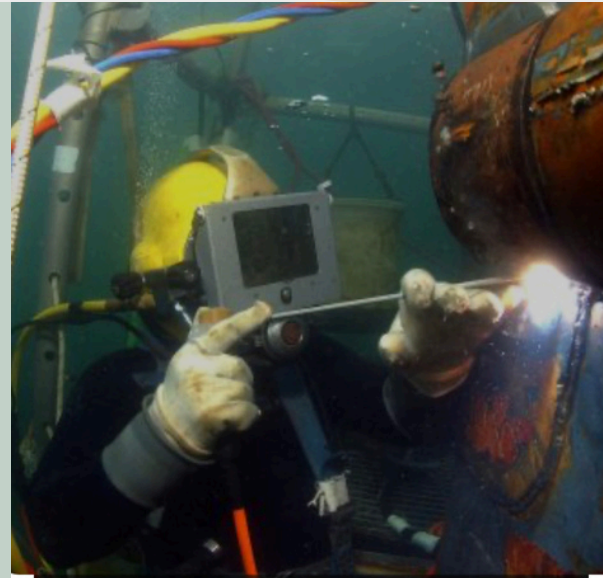
- Underwater Criminal Investigation
- Search and Recovery
- Fire Department Dive Team
- Police Dive Team
- Dive Medicine

## **COMMERCIAL**

- Maintenance
  - Repair
  - Welding
- Scientific Research
- Environmental Clean Up

## **RECREATIONAL**

- Dive professional
- Technical diving
  - Conservation
  - Marine Science
  - Archeological
    - Dive Law
- Private Yacht Dive Professional
  - Cruise Ships
- Resort Dive Professional
  - Dive Travel





# OUR TEAM

Because we are a small, focused dive training operation, our instructors are able to provide intensive and specialized training not found elsewhere. Our SCUBA diving instructors use their years of professional experience, both in diving AND in education, to create a comfortable and safe learning environment for all students.



**Larry Antonacci**  
Co-founder  
PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer



**C. Shushawn Schmal**  
PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer  
FDC Travel Coordinator  
School Liaison



**Stephen Nicely**  
Dive Master  
Virginia State Police Dive Team



**Clay Overholt**  
PADI IDC Staff Instructor



**Kristen Arriaga**  
Divemaster  
Paramedic



# PADI COURSES



Open Water



Advanced Open Water



Rescue Diver



Specialty Diver\*



Master SCUBA Diver

\*5 Specialties are required to proceed to Master Diver

PADI (the Professional Association of Diving Instructors) is the most recognized dive training organization worldwide with 29 million certifications and counting. PADI Dive Instructors undergo rigorous training to ensure your SCUBA certification class is both fun and safe.

Fluvanna Dive Center takes this one step further by offering instruction catered to each individual, based on their comfort level. We promote excellence in diver education that focuses on every student's skill level. We work with each student to achieve an outcome that is not based on time or cost, but on acquisition of skills that develop SAFE and COMPETENT divers.





# PADI SPECIALTIES



Enriched Air

Deep Diver

Wreck Diver

Search and Recovery

Navigation

Peak Performance Buoyancy

Night Diver

Full Face Mask

Dry Suit Diver

Boat Diver

Fish ID

Underwater Naturalist

Coral Reef Conservation

Shark Conservation

Dive Against Debris

PADI Specialty certifications are designed to enhance a divers desired interest. These classes range from 2 - 5 required dives to complete the certification and are offered based on the needs of the students.



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# PROJECT AWARE

WHERE CONSERVATION  
MEETS ADVENTURE



We want all our students to have an opportunity to learn about our oceans and water ways, and Project AWARE offers this option for everyone. Students participating in any diver education program will receive this certification as a complimentary addition to their program. For \$35 all other students can engage in this class and receive the PADI Project AWARE certification as well.

In addition to being presented with this endorsement, students will also receive 1 credit hour of community service.

We take action to create both local and global change for the ocean and the communities who depend on it. Our local actions collectively protect the most vulnerable marine species and decrease pollution. We work together for a clean, healthy ocean - and we have fun doing it!

We believe in a future where the ocean no longer needs protecting.

We exist to connect the passion for ocean adventure with the purpose of marine conservation.







# PRICING:

Class	Cost
Open Water Diver	\$1025
Advanced Open Water Diver	\$550
Rescue Diver	\$550
Master Scuba Diver	\$350 - \$550 Based on acquired specialties

\*Specialty prices will vary

### Open Water

- Mask, fin, snorkel and booties
- All require rental gear
- Academics
- Materials
- 6 - 8 hours pool instruction
- 2 days instruction @ the lake
- 2 days lake entrance plus air
- 2 certified PADI instructors
- Log book
- RDP Tables
- Certification e-card
- Overnight lodging @ the lake

### Advanced Open Water

- All required rental gear
- Academics
- Materials
- 2 days entrance @ Lake Phoenix
- 2 days instruction @ Lake Phoenix
- Certification e-card
- PADI certified dive instructor

### Rescue Diver

- Online classes
- 2 Days @ Lake Phoenix
- 2 Days instruction
- PADI certified dive instructor
- Certification e-card
- All required rental gear

### Specialties

- All required rental gear
- Academics
- Materials
- Lake Phoenix entrance plus air
- PADI Certified dive instructor
- Certification e-card



# SCUBA CLUB LOGISTICS AND STAFFING

## School Administration

- Assigns a lead teacher for the program
- Meets with all parties at the beginning of the year
- Agrees to all legal documents and payment contracts
- Reviews and selects dive travel locations based on recommendation of the dive instructor
- Solidifies a yearly schedule for the training

## Lead teacher for the school

- Collate all legal documents and releases
- Distributes and collects all required documents from parents and students
- Primary contact for the scuba instructor
- School trip leader
- Direct communication with parents and students
- Attends necessary training with the students
- Classroom instruction that enhances student learning (i.e., marine science, ocean conservation etc.)
- Liaison between the dive center and the school
- Travels with the students

## Scuba instructor

- Clear itemized pricing for each aspect of the training and travel
- Contract based on agreed pricing
- Timeline for all training and travel
- All gear for scuba training and certification
- Creating and developing dive curriculum
- Present best options for dive travel with students
- All necessary arrangements, pay schedules, invoicing, and reservations for dive travel
- All scuba certification training, instruction, and club activities, for pool, lake, and classroom



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