



PADI OPEN WATER COURSE

At Davy Jones Locker we teach a maximum of 4 students per instructor. This is to maintain our high standards of teaching and to ensure all students have a fun yet safe learning experience. We also believe that smaller groups help produce more professional, confident divers.

Here's the PADI Open Water Schedule...

Day 1 (Afternoon) - Scuba Diving Theory

We start with an academics session covering the scuba diving basics.

You will learn the scuba theory on,

- How your scuba gear works
- Relationship between depth and pressure
- How different underwater pressures affect your body

We'll watch some videos, discuss the content & complete some simple quizzes to test your understanding. And be sure not to worry, the minimum age to learn scuba diving with PADI is aged 10, so you shouldn't find it too difficult.

Day 2 (Morning) - Dive Planning

When scuba diving, you must plan every dive to ensure safety.

We will teach you how long you can spend at a particular depth for any given time. We'll teach you to do this by using PADI's recreational dive planner.

We will also practice some examples to ensure you are confident then complete a multiple choice exam to finish off your academics.

Day 2 (Afternoon) - Confined Water Skills Practice (shallow)

We will help you get into your scuba gear for the first time and head for a confined shallow water session. We'll start by learning some basic scuba skills. This will include equipment assembly, buddy checks, mask & regulator skills, alternate air source exercises, buoyancy skills & ascent procedures.

Day 3 (Afternoon) - PADI Open Water Dives 1 & 2

Time to bring take your newly learned skills and knowledge to the sea. Your first two 'proper dives' will be to a maximum depth of 12 metres. Each dive will last around 45 minutes - we'll repeat some of your shallow skills a little deeper plus explore the dive sites.

We'll take you to shallower dive sites where you'll be diving on coral reefs and around shallow pinnacles. Our chosen dive sites are ideal for beginners with shallow depth and sandy areas for practising skills.

Day 4 (Morning) - PADI Open Water Dives 3 & 4

For your final 2 dives of the course, you'll get down to your maximum depth of 18 metres. By now, you should be controlled & comfortable in the water so we can visit the more distant dive sites.

Here you'll get to see some bigger fish - barracudas, giant grouper, even grey reef & occasional whale sharks (which are harmless!).

Day 4 (Afternoon or Evening) – Certification

We'll celebrate you completing your PADI Open Water Course over a couple of cold beers.

We'll complete your certification paperwork, and you'll be issued with your PADI Open Water certification. This is a diving certification for life, allowing you to dive with a buddy, to 18 metres in conditions similar to those in which you learned to dive.