



## Open Water Diver Course Checklist Classroom and Pool Training

Thank you for choosing Annapolis Scuba for your Open Water Diver training. We are confident that you will have a great time learning how to dive. In order to ensure that your training goes as smoothly as possible, we have put together a short checklist of reminders, so you know what you need to have ready on your first day of training. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the shop.

### Paperwork

Yes, paperwork even finds its way into scuba diving. You should have completed the PADI Student Record Folder at Annapolis Scuba when you signed up for the course, or picked up your student materials. The required liability releases are printed right on the folder. **If you did not fill out these forms, please contact Annapolis Scuba ASAP so we can send them to you.**

**If you have any “YES” responses on the medical questionnaire, we will need a doctor’s clearance prior to any in-water activity. Let us know if you have any “YES” responses and we will provide you with the appropriate form.** There will be a \$75 rescheduling fee if we determine on the course start date that you need a doctor’s clearance.

### What you need to bring with you

#### **Equipment**

You must obtain this equipment prior to the course start date. There is no time during class to purchase gear.

- Mask
- Fins – if you are doing your certification dives locally, you will need open-heel fins and neoprene boots
- Snorkel
- Wetsuit – we will be in the water for up to 4 hours. It is not absolutely required, but it is definitely a worthwhile piece of equipment, and we highly recommend one. Having a wetsuit will help keep you comfortable and allow you to better focus on skill development during your course.

#### **Classroom “stuff”**

- Bring all 5 completed knowledge reviews
- eRDPml – you may need to remove the “battery saver” tab in the battery compartment before it will turn on
- If required - medical clearance signed by doctor stating that you are “fit for scuba diving”

#### **Other**

- Bathing suit and towel

Mask, fins, snorkel, and wetsuit are the only pieces of equipment that the student **must** provide. *We encourage all of our students, however, to consider purchasing their own full sets of dive gear.* There are many benefits to owning your own gear – proper fit, comfort, features and familiarity—and confidence that your gear will perform as designed since you know it has been looked after and serviced regularly.

Just a couple notes about purchasing your own equipment: You don’t need to be an experienced diver to own your own equipment. We’ll teach you how it works! Besides, divers who own their own tend to dive more often, which means they quickly gain more experience than divers who rent and only dive on occasional dive vacations.

### Where to meet

Meet at Annapolis Scuba Center at 8am on your course start-date. Annapolis Scuba does not provide transportation to the pool. If you have any questions regarding your course, gear requirements, etc., please give us a call. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have – 410-266-8327.

### Final step

**Sign up for your Open Water Certification Dives.** This is the last step in completing your Open Water Diver Certification! We do our dives locally over a weekend. This way you are not spending precious vacation time taking a course! It will also introduce you to local diving. You’ll be more likely to continue diving locally, which means you will continue diving! Florida and the Caribbean are great, but how often can we really get down there? There’s great stuff around here – wrecks off of Ocean City, New Jersey, North Carolina, and in the St. Lawrence Seaway. Don’t miss it!