



**Release of Liability/Assumption of Risk/Non-agency  
Acknowledgement Form**

# **SELF-RELIANT DIVER TRAINING**

Please read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing.

## **Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment Agreement**

I understand and agree that PADI Members (“Members”), including \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort and/or any individual PADI Instructors and Divemasters associated with the program in which I am participating, are licensed to use various PADI Trademarks and to conduct PADI training, but are not agents, employees or franchisees of PADI Americas, Inc, or its parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations (“PADI”). I further understand that Member business activities are independent, and are neither owned nor operated by PADI, and that while PADI establishes the standards for PADI diver training programs, it is not responsible for, nor does it have the right to control, the operation of the Members’ business activities and the day-to-day conduct of PADI programs and supervision of divers by the Members or their associated staff. I further understand and agree on behalf of myself, my heirs and my estate that in the event of an injury or death during this activity, neither I nor my estate shall seek to hold PADI liable for the actions, inactions or negligence of \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort and/or the instructors and divemasters associated with the activity.

## **Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ participant name, hereby affirm that I am aware that skin and scuba diving have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death. I further acknowledge that choosing to dive without a dive buddy, as a “Self-Reliant” Diver has additional inherent risks and hazards.

I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; including but not limited to decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric/air expansion injury that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the open water diving trips which are necessary for training and for certification may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such instructional dives in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site. I further understand that by choosing to dive alone, I will not have a buddy to assist me should any of these or other issues occur.

I understand and agree that neither my instructor(s), \_\_\_\_\_ instructor(s), the facility through which I receive my instruction, \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort, nor PADI Americas, Inc., nor its affiliate and subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as “Released Parties”), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this diving program or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this course I hereby personally assume all risks of this course, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this course including, but not limited to, the academics, confined water and/or open water activities.

I further release, exempt and hold harmless said course and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this course including both claims arising during the course or after I receive my certification.

I also understand that skin diving and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this course, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same. I again affirm that by choosing to dive alone, I will not have a buddy to assist me should any of these or other issues occur.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.



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I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this Agreement of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree that if any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I understand and agree that I am not only giving up my right to sue the Released Parties but also any rights my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries may have to sue the Released Parties resulting from my death. I further represent I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ participant name \_\_\_\_\_, BY THIS INSTRUMENT AGREE TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE MY INSTRUCTORS, \_\_\_\_\_ instructor(s) \_\_\_\_\_, THE FACILITY THROUGH WHICH I RECEIVE MY INSTRUCTION, \_\_\_\_\_ store/resort \_\_\_\_\_, AND PADI AMERICAS, INC., AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND MY HEIRS OF THE RISKS OF CHOOSING TO DIVE WITHOUT A BUDDY. I HAVE ALSO FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND MY HEIRS OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING BOTH BEFORE SIGNING BELOW ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

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Participant Signature Date (Day/Month/Year)

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Parental Signature Date (Day/Month/Year)