

Statement of Understanding and Student Learning Agreement for Skin and Scuba Diving Courses



This agreement is to be read by, or to you, and must be understood and signed by you in order to prove your awareness of the safe diving practices involved in Scuba Diving. By understanding this agreement your comfort, safety, and enjoyment in diving will be increased. If you are in doubt about the meaning of any part of this agreement, have your instructor explain it to you so that there are no misunderstandings of what will be required to complete this course. If you are under 18 years of age then this agreement must be cosigned by your parent(s) or legal guardian. The scuba diving course you are about to begin is an exciting and demanding challenge. It will allow you to be able to begin to explore the "other three-fourths" of our planet that is the underwater world. To accept the call of this underwater adventure, you will need to be aware of the risks involved in the sport and be willing to study and practice to achieve success. This course will require some physical exertion. You will also need to be able to equalize pressure in your ears and sinuses. You will need to complete a medical history form and your instructor will require you to be examined by a physician as your breathing and circulatory systems must also be in good health. You must also read and sign a waiver and release of indemnity agreement, and this document. If you are a minor, you will need to have this form and your medical form signed by a parent or legal guardian. These forms will be returned to the instructor for the course files.

Skin and scuba diving are equipment sports. Some equipment is personal and needs to be purchased. Other equipment can be rented or will be provided during the course. Do not purchase equipment until it has been discussed in class or with a diving professional, who can help you to make a knowledgeable decision on your equipment needs.

The cost of this course is: \_\_\_\_\_ and includes:

Additional costs in order to complete the course will be:

you may need to purchase the following equipment:

important information is included in every course session. Because diving is built from a few basics skills to more complex skills, you must attend every session or your training will be incomplete. You **will be** required to make up any missed sessions. Bring paper and pencil to take notes in class. Your notes will help you study for the classroom evaluations. You will need to successfully complete a final examination and successfully demonstrate all required skills in open water in order to be certified.

The course meeting times are: \_\_\_\_\_

Open water training sessions are subject to the instructor's assessment of environmental conditions and will be announced during the course, but you can plan on making at least 4 open water dives that are tentatively scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

You may have to purchase a Student Kit which will include a book, DVD, or CD-Rom or combination there of, and dive tables needed for your class at an additional cost of: \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand and agree that by enrolling in this course I am making an obligation to read and be prepared for the knowledge review and all aquatic sessions. I understand and agree that mastering the subject matter and skills of skin and scuba diving are largely dependent on me, and that my instructor is only able to assist and guide me as I proceed through the training process. My accounts with the facility and/or the instructor must be settled before I will receive my certification card. I also understand and agree that learning to skin or scuba dive requires a commitment of time, money, cooperation and practice in order to be certified. I am willing to accept the risks and responsibilities for my own actions. I understand that the instructor must make the final judgment as to my competency to be a safe diver and be awarded certification.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date(dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date(dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_