



## Open Water Diver

This is where we all start when we learn to dive! Except that with Scuba Culture you will get more out of your **PLATINUM PRO COURSE** because we put more into your course. You will spend more time in the open water where it matters, this will insure that you are not only a good diver, but a safe and competent one as well. **A SCUBA CULTURE PLATINUM PRO OPEN WATER COURSE gives you 8 dives (not including the pool session), twice the amount of dives offered by most of our competitors.** Your Open Water course is made up of 3 modules:

**Theory:** Safe Scuba Diving revolves around a handful of basic laws, rules and theories, during the theory component not only will you learn them but you will understand the principles behind them. The **SSI** theory education program is a fresh approach to dive education, the use of audio visual aids, class discussions and workshops, as well as a lot of direct interaction with your instructor. Like everything worth while achieving in life, you will be expected to put in an effort and you will be assessed with a short written quiz. These classes are run on the Thursday and Friday evenings prior to the pool training day.

**Confined Water Training:** Before letting you loose on the oceans of the world, you will need to learn several basic skills, things such as clearing your mask under water, sharing air with your dive buddy & many other skills which will make you confident, proficient & competent. This module is run in the comfort of a heated swimming pool. Our experience has shown that best results are achieved by doing a single full day session, starting at 9am & finishing around 5pm.

**Open Water Training:** Usually on the day following your pool training you will do 3 shore dives, each will average 50 minutes to 1 hour, on each dive you will be required to demonstrate the skills you acquired in your pool training and to familiarise yourself with the marine environment.

The following weekend will see us board our dive vessel to undertake 2 boat dives, one of which will have you reach a depth of 18 metres - this is the depth to which you will be certified to dive anywhere on earth. At this point you are qualified to dive, however you still have very little dive experience. This is where our **PLATINUM PRO COURSE** takes you to the next step, one of our Dive Control Specialists or Assistant Instructors will take you for a further 3 shore dives giving you the added proficiencies needed to dive safely and competently. **The 8 dive PLATINUM PRO open water program is unique to us, your safety and enjoyment are our primary considerations, during and after the course.**

**COST: \$685.00 (AUD)**

**Includes an extra \$250.00 worth of value in hire equipment and the assistance of a professional dive leader for a full day, for only \$70.00 more than our standard 5 dive Open Water Dive course.**

**Prerequisites:** You will need to undergo a dive medical. We can provide you with a list of suitably qualified doctors.

**Inclusions:** All your educational materials, textbook, workbook, I.D. card certification valid & recognised world wide as proof of best practice education, all tuition fees, pool entry fee, boat dives, air fills, the use of the latest and best scuba equipment, including wetsuits, weight belts, air cylinders, regulators & gauges, buoyancy compensator.

**Exclusions:** There are some things that we simply can not provide you and these things are more out of concern for your health & well being than any thing else. These include a snorkel (risk of orally transmitted diseases), a mask (to prevent fogging up divers spit in their masks, would you like to put on your face something that someone else has recently spat in?), dive boots (tinea is a nasty fungal bacteria that loves to jump from one person to another), gloves (dermatitis) and finally we recommend that to complete your own snorkelling kit you purchase fins. You will also need a divers' log book, we have various options for you to choose from. Another added bonus about learning to dive with SCUBA CULTURE is that you instantly receive free club membership to the end of the Scuba Culture year. Membership entitles you to all sorts of benefits, including discounts on all equipment purchases.