



# Scuba Orientation Agreement

YOUR NAME	ORIENTATION DATE	STARTING TIME
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Being able to experience the wonders that await you under water is a privilege few people get to enjoy. But with privilege comes responsibility. As a student in one of our courses, you have responsibilities to your instructors, your fellow students and yourself.

By signing where indicated below, you acknowledge that you understand and agree to the following:

## Fees, Times, Rescheduling and Cancellation

- As of this Agreement, the fee for attending the scuba course Orientation is \$150. This must be paid in advance to confirm your spot.
- Orientations begin promptly at 6:00 PM on weeknights or 12:00 noon on Saturdays.
- You must be at the store and ready to begin promptly at these times.
- We will not delay or cut short your fellow students' learning time if you cannot arrive on schedule. If you are late, or otherwise unprepared, you will be forced to reschedule.
- There is a \$75 fee if you cancel or are forced to reschedule within 72 hours of the start of the Orientation.

## Medical Questionnaire

- Prior to the Orientation, you will need to complete and sign the SSI Medical History form. You can download this form from our website.
- Note that you must physically write out the words *Yes* or *No* to each question. Check marks, Xs or anything else will void the form.
- If you answer *Yes* to any question, you must secure a physician's approval and signature on the form prior to the start of class.

## Required Items

To take part in the Orientation, you must supply the following items:

- Mask and snorkel
- Adjustable scuba fins and boots
- Weight belt and weight (eight pounds for men; twelve for women)
- Swim suit and towel

Each of these items must meet very specific requirements in order to be suitable for scuba diving.

- Getting the right equipment is not something you can do at the last minute.

- If you postpone your purchase until just before the Orientation, you will most likely have to reschedule and incur whatever penalties are involved.

## During the Orientation

During the orientation, you will do a number of things, including:

- Reviewing the costs and requirements for certification
- Watching the SSI *Risk Awareness* video
- Signing the waiver/release form for diver training
- Completing the watermanship evaluation
- Getting a scuba introduction in the shallow end of our indoor pool
- Going over some basic snorkeling skills

In addition to having all of the required equipment items with you, you need to be prepared for the following:

- If you are under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must accompany you for the first hour, watch the *Risk Awareness* video and sign the waiver form.
- The watermanship evaluation includes a 200-yard swim without aids. There is no time limit for this swim and you can use any stroke. If you have doubts about your ability to complete the swim, we offer swim lessons that can help.

## Following the Orientation

After the Orientation, you will be able to sign up and pay for your Academic Review and Skill Development Sessions. The classroom/pool sessions are available on the following schedule:

- *Two evenings a week for two weeks:* Choose from Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedules.
- *One-weekend schedule:* These entail a Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday.
- *Private course:* These take place largely at your convenience.

Open-water certification weekends are scheduled once a month, starting in March and going through November. These dates are on our website.

When you sign up and pay for the classroom/pool portion of your course, you will receive an email telling you how to set up a User-ID and password for the SSI eLearning app. Be aware that there are eLearning assignments you will need to complete prior to the start of any classroom/pool sessions.

"I have read and understand all of the above and agree to abide by the terms outlined."

SIGNATURE AND DATE

**Important:** You can sign this form digitally in Adobe Acrobat, save and then mail it to [Scuba3483@gmail.com](mailto:Scuba3483@gmail.com). You can also print it out, sign it by hand, and bring it to Harry's Dive Shop. *Do this now.* If we do not receive this form well in advance of the Orientation, we will assume you have had to cancel or reschedule.