



Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Your signature on this statement is required as proof you have completed all the requirements for your Open Water Certification. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

Initial Each Item	Course Completion Check List. Please initial after each item.
	I have read and understand the statements of Safe Diving Practices for Scuba Diving
	I have successfully completed the Knowledge Development portion of my Open Water Certification and understand the topic areas.
	I have completed confined water (Pool Dives) and successfully demonstrated all required skills.
	I have completed Open Water Dives and successfully demonstrated all required skills.
	I have successfully demonstrated the following skills during my open water certification class. 10 Minute Survival Float; 200 yard swim or 300 yard Snorkel; Equipment Preparation and Care; Mask Flood and Clear; Mask removal; Regulator Clears; Regulator Recovery; Cramp Removal; Snorkel/Regulator Exchange; Signal Tube/DSMB Deployment; Emergency Weight Drop; Surface Swim with Compass ; Tired Diver Tow; Remove/Replace Scuba (surface) ; Remove/Replace Weights; CESA; UW Compass Navigation; Bouyancy Control.
	I have completed my Student Log Book and the Instructor has signed each of the training dives.
	I understand that Carolina Dive Center will complete my Certification Processing and order my certification card only after I have reviewed and signed this statement of understanding. My Certification card will be available for pickup at Carolina Dive Center. Carolina Dive Center does not mail certification cards to students. If I choose to request having my card mailed to me; I take full responsibility for lost cards or cards that do not arrive to me by mail. I understand there will be a fee of at least \$20 to have my certification card re-issued.
	I understand that many dive operations/resorts will limit my diving to 60 feet or less until I earn my Advanced Open Water Certification.

Student Statement: I understand the training requirements for this course and have successfully completed all certification requirements. I am adequately prepared to dive in areas and under conditions similar to those in which I was trained. I realize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographical areas, and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months. I agree to abide by PADI's and/or SDI Standard Safe Diving Practices.

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardians Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

All requirements for certification as a PADI or SDI Scuba Diver have been met (completion of Knowledge Development sessions; Confined Water Dives; and Open Water Dives.)

Instructor Signature _____ # _____ Date ____/____/____

Standard Safe Diver Practices

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity, and refer to my course materials to stay current and refresh myself on important information.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct function and operation prior to each dive. Have a buoyancy control device, low-pressure buoyancy control inflator system, submersible pressure gauge and alternate air source and dive planning/monitoring device (dive computer, RDP/dive tables—whichever you are trained to use) when scuba diving. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefing and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive planning (dive computer or dive table use). Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 metres/60 feet per minute. Be a SAFE diver – **S**lowly **A**scend **F**rom **E**very dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 metres/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving. Carry at least one surface signaling device (such as signal tube, whistle, mirror).
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat or other surface support station, whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and diving laws.