

Aqua Ventures - Advanced & Specialty Classes - 2012

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Equipment Maintenance

Don't let your equipment fail you. Learn the basics of proper care, preventive maintenance, and field repairs of your scuba gear.

<u>EQ2011-01</u>		<u>Instructor: Gene Ruhl</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 19	6:30 - 10:00PM	Class	Aqua Ventures

Nitrox Diving

For the average sport diver, using Nitrox can greatly increase bottom time on dives 40' to 130'. Wreck divers can get more dive time without having to do a decompression dive and reef divers can squeeze more dives into a trip. Includes training on planning dives with both tables and dive computers. (Open water dives are optional with this class to receive your Nitrox C-card. Two dives are required for it to count toward your Adv Open Water rating and can be completed while taking an Adv. Open Water class with us).

<u>EAN2012-01</u>		<u>Instructor: Michael Eversmier</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 25	6:30 - 10:00PM	Class	Aqua Ventures

Perfect Buoyancy

Get control of yourself and control of your dive. We will focus on relaxing, improving buoyancy control, proper weighting and weight trimming, streamlining, air consumption, and how to dive without destroying the reef.

<u>PB2012-01</u>		<u>Instructor:</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 8	6:30 - 9:00PM	Class	Aqua Ventures
Feb. 18	8:30 - 11:30 AM	Pool	Notre Dame Prep

<u>PB2012-02</u>		<u>Instructor:</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 13	6:30 - 9:00PM	Class	Aqua Ventures
March 18	8:30 - 11:30 AM	Pool	Goucher College

Digital Underwater Photography

Taking exciting photos while diving can be easy. The class sessions will cover effects of light underwater, camera care, image composition and some simple photography tips. The pool session will include improving your buoyancy control with a camera and how to take macro, close-up, fish and diver images. A photo critique will be scheduled after the pool session for each diver to review their images and learn some basic editing skills.

<u>DPH2012-01</u>		<u>Instructor: Michael Eversmier</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 6	6:30 - 9:30PM	Class	Aqua Ventures
Mar. 11	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Pool	Goucher College
T.B.A.	1 - 1.5 hours	Class	Aqua Ventures

Advanced Open Water Diver

Our Core Advanced Diver Program is designed to continue where our Open Water Diver Course ended. Our experienced instructors will sharpen your buoyancy skills, improve your underwater compass and natural navigation skills and teach you night diving and limited visibility techniques. Class size will be held to a maximum of 8 divers so your instructor can provide personalized attention. The course consists of home study, one evening of class discussion and 1 full day of diving. There will be a total of 6 dives covering 3 specialties (Perfect Buoyancy, Navigation, Night & Limited Visibility). Cards will be earned after completion of the Core Advanced course, one additional Specialty course of your choice and a total of 24 logged dives. *Nitrox training dives can also be completed while completing this program (Nitrox class dates below).

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Stress & Rescue

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A prepared diver is a confident, safe diver. Learn how to cope with diving related stress, perform necessary self aid skills and assist or rescue a buddy if needed.

DAN CPR, First Aid & O2 Provider

This class is offered twice each year in the late Spring and late Fall.

First Aid, CPR, AED & O2 Provider and programs are designed to give you the confidence to respond in an emergency situation with skills that can save a life.

Wreck & Deep Diving

Learn about our local wrecks, how to explore them, what equipment a wreck diver uses, and what skills and equipment are necessary to dive deeper. This is a fun and challenging class for the diver who wants to expand their horizons.

Prerequisite: Advanced Open Water

Dry Suit Diving

This class is offered year round by request

Dry suits keep divers warmer than wet suits. Today's new dry suits are also more flexible and comfortable than a 7mm wet suit. Class will cover suits, underwear, techniques and enlighten you to all the great diving opportunities that come with diving a dry suit. Each diver must have their own dry suit.

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Boat Diving

This class is offered year round by request. It is usually available as a Speciality on one of our dive vacations.

Diving from a boat is a great way to access some of the best dive sites. Whether you plan to dive from a small inflatable or a large live-aboard, we will cover the techniques needed to insure you have a safe, fun and stress free experience.

Marine Life Identification

This class is offered during the Winter from November to March or by request during the Summer.

Diving is more fun when you know about the marine life around you. Learn how to identify marine life by its shape, size, color and behavior both locally and in tropical waters.