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*Interested in refreshing your diving skills before a big dive trip, getting back into scuba diving after a few years off, or upgrading your Junior certification to an Open Water Diver certification? This flyer will give you information to get you signed up for a class and help inform you about our Refresher / Inactive Diver / Junior Diver upgrade course, Aqua Ventures and our certification agency (SDI). The attachments include a course application, a medical history questionnaire and guidelines and if needed a physician's evaluation form. Please spend some time reading through everything carefully. You are more than welcome to call us with any questions or concerns you may have about our refresher class or other diving related questions.*

## **Refresher / Inactive Diver / Junior Diver upgrade course: \$120 / person**

**The course includes:** The online SDI eLearning refresher materials, use of a scuba tank and soft weights and a 2.5 to 3 hour water skills refresher with our instructors during one of our scheduled pool sessions. After completion, our staff will sign off in your logbook verifying your skills review. A plastic and digital SDI Refresher C-card can be ordered if needed.

**The next available pool time and date:** We have availability during our pool sessions for a refresher course on: **Thursday, February 16th from 7:00 - 9:30 PM** or **Thursday, March 23rd from 7:00 - 9:30 PM** at Notre Dame Prep School in Towson.

Have your own pool? Contact us for a private refresher course for 1 to 6 divers to fit your schedule.

**What equipment will you need for the in-water session?** A swimsuit, towel, mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with alternate air source and SPG and BCD are required for the in-water session. Additional diving equipment is available to rent if needed.

### **When applicable: certification cards, logbooks, equipment rentals and additional fees:**

1. Plastic and digital SDI Refresher C-card ..... \$25.00
2. Plastic and digital Jr. to OWD upgrade C-card ..... \$25.00
3. Need a Diver Logbook?
  - Paper logbook ..... \$6.00
  - 6 Ring zipper binder with paper logbook ..... \$16.00
4. Rental Equipment rental
  - Regulator with alternate air source and SPG .... \$5.00
  - B.C.D. Sizes available (XS, S, M, ML, L, XL) ..... \$5.00
  - Wetsuit, 3mm jumpsuits ..... \$5.00
  - Mask, fins & snorkel (set) ..... \$5.00
5. Pool rental for private refresher sessions ..... \$70.00 / hour

**Prerequisites:** All divers should be able to swim 200 yards, style and speed are not important, and be in good physical condition.

**Age limits:** The age limit for a refresher class is 10 years old and many people continue diving into their 70s and 80s if they are in good health. When a Jr. Open Water diver reaches age 15, they can apply for their Open Water Diver card. If it has been more than one year since they were first certified as a Jr. Open Water Diver, a skills review session may be needed to upgrade.

**Suggested equipment:** The pool water is usually a comfortable 80° to 85° but can range from 72° to 90°. If you get cold easily, a 3mm wetsuit can help make your dives more enjoyable. We have a limited supply of 3mm full wetsuits available for pool sessions.

**SDI, Scuba Diving International** began in 1998 as a recreational diving branch of TDI, Technical Diving International, and ERDI, Emergency Response Diving International to form one of the largest diving certification agencies in the World – International Training. SDI certifications are recognized worldwide and will be accepted by dive centers, charter operators, and dive destinations anywhere your adventures may take you. SDI courses are taught by thousands of SDI facilities and instructors in 10 different languages, through 26 international offices. SDI is also a member of the [World Recreational Scuba Training Council](http://www.worldrecreationalcouncil.com)

([WRSTC](#)) through its regional RSTCs in Europe, Canada and the US and SDI programs are approved by the International Organization Standardization (ISO). [Click here to learn more about SDI](#)

**Aqua Ventures** opened for business in 1990. It is operated by scuba instructor and underwater photographer, Michael Eversmier, and his wife and diving companion, Maureen Eversmier. Aqua Ventures offers private and group scuba instruction from beginner to dive leader, dive guide services, fun local activities and exciting trips to tropical destinations by our experienced staff. Aqua Ventures is well known in the area for providing friendly, personalized service to their students and travelers. Our instructors, assistant instructors and dive guides are patient, excellent teachers and divers with many years of teaching and diving experience. They are available to answer questions and advise you of the proper equipment purchases for your diving needs. Our training equipment is well maintained and regularly updated. We don't want you to be just another person in a diving class with us, we want you to be a comfortable diver and invite you to join us on our underwater adventures.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/AquaVenturesInc>

Website: See photos of local sites and past travel dive destinations [MichaelEversmier.com](http://MichaelEversmier.com)

Website <http://www.aquaventuresonline.com>

Social Media Ratings for Aqua Ventures LLC: Google, 4.9 stars, 13 reviews / Facebook, 5 out of 5 Based on the opinion of 32 people.

**We offer exciting trips and fun activities year-round for all levels of divers** to keep you having fun. Everyone is welcome to attend our trips which vary from one day to two weeks and range from local adventures to exotic dive travel.

**We also offer a large variety of specialty courses** after completing your refresher course to help you reach the level of training you desire. Courses include: Advanced Adventure Diver, Perfect Buoyancy, Digital Underwater Photography, Night & Limited Visibility Diver, Underwater Navigation, Wreck Diver, Deep & Computer Diver, Nitrox Computer Diver, Boat & Drift Diver, Solo Diver, Rescue Diver and Dive Master.

#### **Ready to get started...**

**Step 1** - Complete the attached course application and the medical history questionnaire. If all of your answers are **"NO"** on your medical questionnaire then you are good to go. These forms can be emailed back or mailed to the address on the application. A deposit or full payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. However, if there is a **"YES"** answer on your medical history questionnaire, then a physician's evaluation form may be required. This form will need to be turned in before we start any in water training with you. Both the medical history questionnaire and medical guidelines should be presented to your physician and signed to clear you to start scuba diving.

**Step 2** - Set up your personal account with SDI. This account will allow you quick access to your eLearning classes, certification cards and many more features. Start by going to SDI's Register page and completing the 3 steps: <https://portal.tdisdi.com/register?>

**Step 3** - Login and view your account to verify your information is correct. Then click on the "Profile" tab at top of the page. You can then upload a black & white or color photo of yourself. A top of head to top of shoulders image against a white background works best. This is the photo that will be printed on your credentials and is used for identification purposes. It will be removed and replaced with the agency logo if the following photo requirements are not met: Must show a clear view of your face. No mask, hats, sunglasses, etc. No cartoons, logos, group photos, etc.

**Step 4** - When we have received your application and course deposit, we will issue you a SDI eLearning activation code so you can start viewing your eLearning course materials. There are a few ways to use this code but the easiest way is to log into your SDI account and then click the "eLearning" tab at the very top left of your page. Scroll down to the three blue boxes and enter your code into the "Enter Code" box. *The code needs to be entered exactly so copying and pasting your code works best.* Redeem code, agree to terms, submit code signup, then Start Course. Watch this video to walk you through code activation if you need help - [How to Signup with an eLearning code](#)

**Step 5** - Verify a start date and schedule for either a group or private refresher classes with us. Pay off your balance 14 days before your class starts. Hand in your physician's evaluation/release form if it was required before you start in the pool. Complete your eLearning materials before our in-water review session.

**Step 6** - Before the water sessions begin, we will verify the pool's location with you, email you a copy of the training liability release form and training record to review. We will have copies for you to complete and sign when we meet at the pool session.

***We look forward to exploring our underwater world with you.***

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