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STUDENT ORIENTATION PACKET

Congratulations on training with **Sea Experience!**

**To make your experience thorough, safe and fun, it is very important
to read this document in its entirety.**

**Please complete the PADI Medical Statement
and the Learning Agreement**

Welcome to **Sea Experience!**

Thank you for choosing Sea Experience as your dive training school. Whether you are a non-diver seeking your entry level training or you are on your way to becoming a PADI Instructor, we ask that you follow a few guidelines to make your stay enjoyable and your learning experience more productive.

1. Where will my scuba training take place?

Your training will take place on the Sea Experience's campus. We are located at the Bahia Mar Resort, located in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Our campus consists of our main building, our boats (which are docked on-site), on-site pool at Bahia Mar Resort, the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex (Swimming Hall of Fame), Fort Lauderdale Beach and Tigertail Lake. Our main building houses our dive center, classrooms, administrative offices, gear locker and Bahia Mar Resort.

2. What should I get before class begins?

Books and Materials – At Sea Experience your classes may include required books and materials depending on the course. You will either receive your books shipped in advance or you can pick them up on location. If picking up your books on location please allow enough time to properly read and complete required assignments prior to your first class. A list of these Pre-Course Assignments is included in this document.

Equipment – With the exception of Discover Scuba Diving you are required to have your own mask, snorkel and fins (and booties if applicable) for all courses at Sea Experience. Although we have wetsuits for rent, we highly recommend having your own wetsuit as it is a personalized piece of gear. For career students it is required that you provide all your own scuba equipment and accessories as you will be conducting skills that require motor skill memory to quickly and effectively get in and out of your equipment. All Sea Experience students receive special discounts on equipment purchases.

Medical Statement – The PADI Medical Statement is attached separately. This form is a questionnaire about your medical history. It is imperative that you answer this form accurately and truthfully. If you answer YES to ANY question you are required to have the form signed by a physician giving approval for you to engage in diving activities. Physician's approval is required for ALL students enrolled in Divemaster and above.

3. What should I study before my first class begins?

A list of Pre-Course Assignments for each class is included in this document. Allow yourself ample time to do pre-course readings and Knowledge Reviews. All students are required to come to class fully prepared with completed assignments.

Sea Experience reserves the right to dismiss students from class until such assignments are completed, at which time the student will be responsible for make-up fees at the rate of \$35.00 per hour. Please see the Sea Experience Student Learning Agreement.

4. What should I bring to my first day of class?

You should bring your books and materials (e.g. Crew Paks, Recreational Dive Planner) pencils, pens, highlighters, note pads, etc. Additionally career students should bring calculators, logbooks and certification cards. Also bring your original PADI Medical Statement with physician's signature when applicable. Many courses include some in-water training on the very first day so be sure to bring all snorkeling and scuba equipment along with bathing suits and a towel.

5. Where will my open water dives be conducted?

Sea Experience training dives are conducted in the Atlantic Ocean on the many natural and artificial reefs bordering our shores. When accessing our reefs we utilize our customized boats for our dive training operations. It is only a 30 to 40 minute trip from our dock to many of our dive sites, with 15 minutes of that time in the protected waters of the Intracoastal Waterway.

We also utilize Fort Lauderdale Beach for beach diving and Tigertail Lake, a diving friendly, man-made freshwater lake only 7 miles from Sea Experience for freshwater diving. If inclement weather prevents ocean dives. Tigertail Lake will be our alternate open water diving location.

6. What travel issues should I be mindful of when training at Sea Experience?

A list of nearby hotels that offer special rates to Sea Experience students is located on our website at <http://www.divefortlauderdale.com/accommodations.html>

NOTE: When flying after your training at Sea Experience or driving into mountainous areas, you MUST wait at least 18 hours after your last dive. Book all flights and accommodations so that you depart later than 18 hours after your last dive

General Rules

Sea Experience trains both recreational and professional divers. Please remember that you enrolled in a professional school and that cooperation is very important and necessary.

Here are some general rules for you to abide by:

- Sea Experience is a “smoking free and tobacco free campus. No smoking or tobacco in classrooms, offices, dive center or on the dive boats.
- Please ensure that your attire is neat and appropriate and at all times maintain personal hygiene standards.
- No wetsuits, booties, swimsuits, bare feet, ripped clothing, or wet gear is allowed in classrooms, offices or dive center.
- Tardiness is disruptive to others. If you are late for class session you may be required to make-up that session at an additional cost to you.
- No alcohol is allowed during training hours. Absolutely no drugs or intoxication will be tolerated.
- Final payment is required prior to start of class.

Classroom:

- Please turn off cell phones while in class
- Please be courteous and respectful of fellow students and instructors by being attentive during presentations.
- Beverages are allowed only if in non-breakable, screw-down lid containers.
- Sea Experience phones are not to be used for making personal calls.

Dive Store:

- The dive center is open daily during the week from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm daily. Due to charter boat trip check-in the dive center experiences its highest volume of traffic during the periods of 8:00 am to 10:15 am and from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm. Please avoid these periods when making weight belt deposits, purchasing books and materials or to be fitted for dive equipment.
- Please store personal dive gear neatly and be mindful of others’ space needs.
- Scuba equipment should be contained in a gear bag and please bring hangers to hang-up your wetsuits.
- Be sure to put your name on ALL equipment
- Although the gear locker remains locked when not in use Sea Experience is not responsible for students’ equipment stored in the gear locker.

Pool:

- Sea Experience students will use covered lead weights and accompanying belts for pool sessions. These weight systems will be issued to students with a \$50.00 deposit. All Sea Experience weights/weight belts must be returned to the dive center upon completion of training with the exact belt and weights issued to be eligible for a refund.
- Obey all lifeguard commands and instructions.
- Do not leave tanks standing upright when not attended.
- Do not hold on to lane lines.
- Glass containers are not allowed on the pool deck.
- Leave the pool deck cleaner than when you arrived.

Dive Boat:

- Please observe all off-limit areas while docking and when underway
- No glass containers or smoking on board.
- Listen carefully to briefings before and after diving operations.
- Students may enter the bridge if invited by the captain.
- Students' diving equipment should be neatly stowed in the appropriate areas on the boat
- Please make sure that all gear items are marked with name or initials.
- Leave the boat and reef cleaner than it was when you arrived.
- Unsafe divers are not welcome on the dive boat. Please dive responsibly.

Parking:

- Students may park in the student parking area of the Bahia Mar Resort parking lot.
- Follow the directions of the parking lot attendant.
- Please request parking validation from your Sea Experience staff.
- Carpooling with other students eases parking and instills teamwork.

Pre-Course Assignments

PADI Open Water Diver

- Complete PADI eLearning program or read PADI Open Water Diver Manual and complete Knowledge Reviews 1, 2 and 3 prior to the first class.
- Review the RDP instruction booklet and the eRMPml. NOTE; for evening format or private classes, students must also view the Open Water Diver DVD.

PADI Advanced Open Water

- Complete PADI eLearning program or read PADI Adventures in Diving Manual
- Complete Scuba quick review test and the recreational dive planner review.
- Read and complete Knowledge Reviews on Underwater Navigation, Night Diving, Deep Diving, Peak Performance Buoyancy and Drift Diving.

PADI Master Scuba Diver

- Complete Drift Diver and Peak Performance Buoyancy Knowledge Reviews in the Adventures in Diving manual plus the Knowledge Reviews in back of each of the PADI Underwater Navigation, Deep and Night specialty manuals. Please note that some are in two parts.

PADI Emergency First Response/Care for Children

- Review materials and complete the EFR and CFC Knowledge Reviews

DAN O2 Provider

- Review DAN Student Manual and complete Knowledge Reviews.

PADI Rescue Diver

- Read and complete all 5 Knowledge Reviews in the PADI Rescue manual.

PADI Divemaster

- Review Divemaster manual, all sections and complete the 9 Knowledge Reviews
- Review Encyclopedia sections on physics, physiology and equipment.
- Review the REDP Table and eRDPml User Guide books and complete all 5 self-quiz sections of the Diving Knowledge Workbook.
- Practice for 400 yard swim, 800 yard snorkel swim, 15 minute tread water and the tired diver tow swim tests.

PADI Enriched Air Nitrox Diver

- Complete PADI eLearning program or read PADI Enriched Air Nitrox manual and complete Knowledge Reviews.

PADI Emergency First Response/CFC Instructor Course

- Review EFRI/CFCI manuals and EFRI/CFCI outlines
- Complete 4 Knowledge Reviews on program standards, Care for Children, Human body systems and Medical Emergencies.

PADI Instructor Development Course – Assistant Instructor & Open Water Scuba Instructor

- Complete PADI eLearning program or attend live delivery presentations
- Review sections on physics, physiology, equipment, dive skills and the environment, the RDP table and eRDPml. Use PADI materials as references including the Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving and Diving Knowledge Workbook in preparation for the 5 part dive theory exams.

PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT)

- Review specialty outlines and manuals

DAN Oxygen Provider Instructor

- Review materials

PADI Enriched Air Nitrox Instructor

- Review materials

Resort Specialist

- Review materials

PADI IDC Staff Instructor Course

- Review CD materials and prepare for PADI IDC Staff Instructor exams in physics, physiology, equipment, RDP and Skills and Environment.

Student Learning Agreement

with **Sea Experience**

Dive training courses are meant to be fun but like any form of learning you will need to invest time and effort by reading and studying. This Learning Agreement is between you the student and Sea Experience detailing our mutual responsibilities to each other while you are a student at our facility.

Student Responsibilities:

- Read the appropriate assigned course sections and complete the assigned Knowledge Reviews **OR**
- Watch the appropriate assigned portion of the course DVD, CD-ROM or eLearning and complete the corresponding Knowledge Reviews.

In addition the student agrees to:

- Complete the PADI Medical Statement prior to the start of class. If any condition is answered Yes, then a physicians' signature is required. We recommend obtaining your doctor's signature before you arrive for classes
- Secure Dive Accident Insurance (DAN is recommended). Required for all Diamond and Phase students.
- Show up for all sessions on time with all the required materials and equipment.
- Ask questions about anything not understood
- Follow all general rules as set forth by Sea Experience, which are included in the Student Orientation Packet.

Sea Experience Responsibilities:

Sea Experience instructors and staff agree to;

- Start the class as scheduled
- Provide a positive learning environment
- Answer the student's questions to the best of their ability
- Assist the student through any learning challenges

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

