9. Accomplished Diver Program

9.1 Introduction

The SDI Accomplished Diver program is designed to allow an individual who is certified through a recognized scuba certification agency, a Military Diver or someone who has experience on conventional (open circuit) diving equipment over many years and does not hold a recreational diver certification to receive an SDI Open Water Scuba Diver certification. This program can also be used as a catalyst for continuing education programs.

9.2 Qualifications of Graduates

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may:

1. Enroll in the SDI Advanced Adventure Diver program, individual SDI Specialty Courses, or the SDI Advanced Diver Development Program based on their prior certification
2. Dive without the direct supervision of an instructor

9.3 Who May Teach

1. An active SDI Open Water Scuba Diver Instructor

9.4 Student to Instructor Ratio

Academic

1. Unlimited, so long as adequate facility, supplies and time are provided to ensure comprehensive and complete training of subject matter

Confined Water (swimming pool-like conditions)

1. A maximum of 10 students per instructor

Open Water (ocean, lake, quarry, spring, river or estuary)

1. A maximum of 8 students per instructor are allowed; it is the instructor's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate

9.5 Student Prerequisites

1. To participate in the SDI Accomplished Diver Course, the individual must:
    a. Have proof of a Junior Open Water Scuba Diver certification or Open Water Scuba Diver certification from a recognized agency, or documentation of a current military diver rating, or if not certified, documentation of at least 50 hours diving.

9.6 Course Structure and Duration

Academic

1. An academic review covering the basic open water knowledge areas including the use of a personal dive computer must be completed. For divers that have never held a certification this review must included the completion of the *SDI Open Water Scuba Diver* manual or online Open Water Scuba Diver course

Course Structure

1. SDI allows instructors to structure courses according to the number of students participating and their skill level

Duration

1. The suggested number of training hours is 4-8

Open Water Execution

1. One dive is required and the training depth must not exceed 18 metres / 60 feet

9.7 Administrative Requirements

Administrative Tasks:

1. Collect the course fees from all the students
2. Ensure that the students have the required equipment
3. Communicate the schedule to the students
4. Have the students complete the:
    a. *SDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk* Form
    b. *SDI Medical Statement* Form
5. Maintain a copy of the student's current credentials

Upon successful completion of the course the instructor must:

1. Issue the appropriate SDI certification by submitting the *SDI Diver Registration* form to SDI or registering the students online through member's area of the SDI website

9.8 Required Equipment

Basic open water scuba equipment as described in section two of this manual. Personal dive computer (PDC) is required.

9.9 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

Although one, in-water training dive is required, the instructor may use their discretion with reference to the skills needed to complete the dive. SDI offers the following outline:

1. Plan Dive
   a. Equalization techniques
   b. Communication signals
   c. Lung over-expansion problems
2. Review of dive computer
3. Scuba system assembly
4. Weight adjustment
5. Mask defog
6. Don scuba system
7. Adequate entry for site conditions
8. Controlled descent
9. Computer check
10. Regulator clearing
11. Regulator recovery
12. Mask clearing
13. Fin use
14. Buoyancy control; hovering
15. Underwater tour
16. Computer check
17. Controlled ascent; computer assisted
18. Air sharing ascents
19. Exit
20. Disassemble scuba system
21. Log dive

In order to complete this course, students must:

1. Demonstrate mature and sound judgment concerning dive planning and execution
2. Complete all open water requirements safely and efficiently