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Training Bulletin Required Reading

This update is the primary training communication from your PADI Regional Headquarters to you. It announces PADI training standards and procedures changes and their implementation date. Your PADI Membership commitment requires you to keep abreast of PADI standards by reviewing and putting into practice the information in this quarterly update.



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Revised PADI Open Water Diver Online

The revised PADI Open Water Diver Online (English) has a fresh, new look with imagery and graphics that add to the learning experience. Similar to the revised *PADI Open Water Diver Manual* and *Open Water Diver Touch™*, the online content focuses on teaching the eLearner how to plan and manage dives using a dive computer. As with the Open Water Diver Online classic version, the revised online program requires eLearners to learn to use either the RDP Table or eRDPML™.

New RDP Table and eRDPML tutorial videos guide eLearners through each step of dive planning. These videos, along with the associated RDP instructions for use booklets, are located in the Tools area on the PADI eLearning interface. The step-by-step instructions make it easy to quickly learn and become proficient at using the RDP.

Guide the eLearner's RDP Choice

Open Water Diver Online prompts eLearners to contact you (PADI Dive Center, Resort or Instructor) to ask you which RDP to select. To avoid delay or confusion, let your eLearners know which RDP version to select as soon as you receive notification of their Open Water Diver Online registrations. If you don't, your eLearners will choose on their own, which may not be your RDP preference.

Even if your eLearners use dive computers for dive planning during the course, you still need to tell them which RDP version to select for online learning, because they need to answer quiz and final exam questions using the RDP. In this case, the eRDPML is a good choice, as its multilevel function makes it a better back up to a dive computer. Also make sure these eLearners have the same RDP version when taking the Quick Review.



Which version of the program?

As announced in previous *Training Bulletins*, you'll know which PADI Open Water Diver Online version (revised or classic) the student diver completed by looking at the eRecord. The revised eRecord has a large graphic across the left side and is simply titled – PADI Open Water Diver Online. Also, the classic Open Water Diver Online had an introduction and *six* sections, and the revised online program has an introduction and *five* sections, so you can note this additional difference. You can also identify which online version your eLearner registered for by reviewing the Student Reports in your virtual classroom.



The nine other language versions of the classic Open Water Diver Online will continue to function until translations of the revised program are completed. Continue to have student divers take the [Quick Review*](#) in the appropriate language. Remember that you can finish the course using the revised confined and open water dives, as explained in previous *Training Bulletins*.

*Pros' Site/Toolbox/eLearning/Teach with PADI eLearning/Open Water Diver Course Quick Reviews

PADI Open Water Diver Touch™

The PADI *Open Water Diver Touch* iOS format launched early this year for use on the Apple iPad. The new Android version is compatible with Android OS 4.0.3 (Ice Cream Sandwich) or later systems. The Android version is optimized for viewing on seven-inch (or larger) Samsung tablets, which represent the largest portion of the Android market. Android users download the free PADI Library App from Google Play Store. As when using the iPad version, the PADI Library App on Google Play includes access to the free PADI *Open Water Diver Touch* Introduction section.

If you have the iOS version, you can also download the Android version.

You and your student divers who previously purchased the iPad version can download the Android version (on an Android tablet) without any additional registration/redemption steps. After downloading the Android version of the PADI Library App, just sign in with the same email and password used to sign in to the iPad version. Next, download the PADI *Open Water Diver Touch* and the mRDPML.

Though you can download the *Touch* onto both devices, your account is only associated with a one-time-purchased *Touch* code, and, therefore, a single PIC online certification credit. Likewise, although users may access the online Knowledge Reviews from either device, the user's score will be recorded online in a single Knowledge Review eRecord.

For more information about using *PADI Open Water Diver Touch*, please refer to the Second Quarter 2014 editions of *The Undersea Journal* and *Training Bulletin*. There is also a useful [reference page](#)* on the PADI Pros' Site where you'll find links to a *Touch* demonstration video, FAQs, and a number of useful marketing tools.

*PADI Pros' Site/Toolbox/Marketing/PADI Open Water Diver Touch

Open Water Diver Course – Dive 3 Neutral Buoyancy

In the Open Water Diver course, Open Water Dive 3 neutral buoyancy skill underwater, the standard states: **Become neutrally buoyant and hover by inflating the BCD orally.**

The intent of the skill is to ensure that the student diver can use BCD oral inflation to attain neutral buoyancy in open water, as was mastered first in confined water. You may also conduct this skill by

1. having student divers demonstrate neutral buoyancy via oral BCD inflation (fin pivoting, for example). This demonstrates that the student can use controlled manual inflation underwater in the event of an inflator freeze or malfunction. Once the student is neutrally buoyant, then
2. having the student demonstrate hovering – using either BCD oral inflation, BCD LPI inflation, or dry suit inflation.

This offers a practical option in areas where student divers dive in dry suits that you can use now. The amendment will be included in future editions of the Open Water Diver Course Instructor Guide.



PADI Scuba Diver to Open Water Diver Upgrade Using the Revised Course

What do you do when a PADI Scuba Diver, trained using the classic version of the Open Water Diver Course, wants to upgrade to Open Water Diver, and you're using the revised course curriculum?

As you normally would, follow the steps outlined for Upgrade to Open Water Diver in the PADI Scuba Diver Instructor Guide. Because the PADI Scuba Diver program is a subset of the Open Water Diver course, it has also been revised. So you'll want to be sure that anything covered in the first segments of the revised course are covered during the upgrade.

Here is a teaching plan to help you do that:

Knowledge Development

- Have diver review sections 1-3 of the revised PADI Open Water Diver Manual, Open Water Diver Online, or Open Water Diver Touch and corresponding video segments. This serves to refresh diving knowledge, and is a reminder of skills already mastered.
- Have diver complete Sections Four and Five, including Knowledge Reviews.
- Administer Quiz 4 and Final Exam.

Confined Water

As outlined in the instructor guide, assess skills learned in the PADI Scuba Diver Course before progressing to Confined Water Dives 4 and 5. Conduct all remaining Dive Flexible Skills (i.e. loose cylinder band and emergency weight drop skills) and the 200 metre/yard continuous surface swim or 300 metre/yard swim with mask, snorkel and fins. Introduce and incorporate these new requirements into your confined water sessions:

- Stay within reach of your buddy.
- After ascent, keep the mask on and continue breathing from the regulator while using the low pressure inflator to attain buoyancy.
- Clear a fully-flooded mask.
- Hover using buoyancy control for at least 30 seconds without kicking or sculling. This skill is in Confined Water Dive 3 in the revised program; PADI Scuba Divers will not have mastered this skill in the classic course version. Conduct this skill before the revised Confined Water Dive 4 hovering using oral inflation skill.



Open Water

- Conduct revised Open Water Dives 3-4, as well as all remaining Dive Flexible Skills.
- Also include the “Deflate BCD, then orally inflate it until positively buoyant in water too deep in which to stand” skill from revised course Open Water Dive 2. PADI Scuba Divers who took the classic version of the course will not have mastered this new skill.

Using the revised PADI Open Water Diver Course materials and standards allows the diver to become familiar with the most recent innovations in dive education while furthering personal continuing education goals.

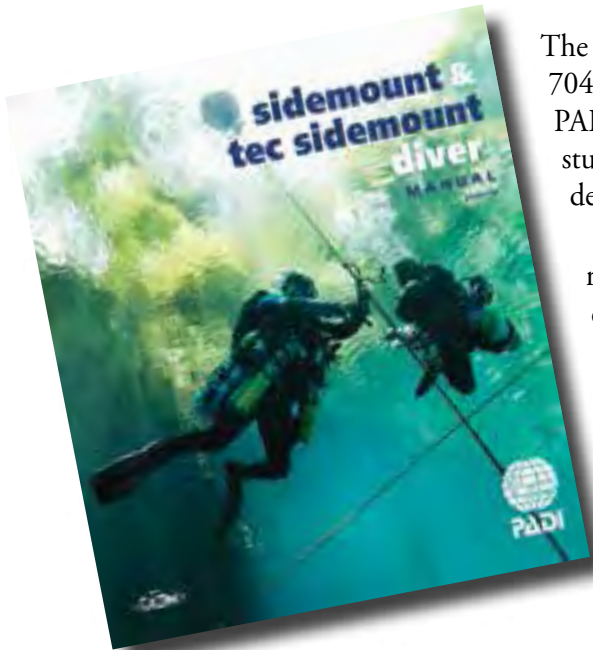
Revised PADI Discover Scuba® Diving Video

The Third Quarter 2013 *Training Bulletin* announced some changes to the PADI Discover Scuba® Diving (DSD) program, including that the new PADI *Discover Scuba Diving Participant Guide* (Product No. 72200) becomes required material as of 1 July 2014. To complete the update of Discover Scuba Diving materials, the PADI *Discover Scuba Diving* video has been revised. It has fresh, new imagery and correlates to the *Participant Guide*. The video is expected to release on DVD (Product No. 70863) midyear in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish, and includes English subtitles for the hearing impaired.

The video enhances your PADI DSD programs when participants view it before they get in the water. While it doesn't replace your required briefing, the video allows you to more prescriptively cover the necessary information before participants complete the Discover Scuba Diving Knowledge and Safety Review. It also encourages participants to continue toward PADI Open Water Diver certification.



PADI Sidemount & Tec Sidemount Manual Now Available



The PADI *Sidemount & Tec Sidemount Manual* (Product No. 70491) is now available in English. Using the new manual, PADI Sidemount Instructors can incorporate independent study into their courses and allow more time for inwater skills development.

The new diver manual contains the content for and is required for both the recreational and technical levels. Divers enrolled in the recreational level course read Chapter One and complete the corresponding Knowledge Review. PADI Sidemount Divers who wish to upgrade to Tec Sidemount, read Chapters Two and Three and complete the Knowledge Reviews. PADI Tec Sidemount student divers who do not hold a sidemount certification, complete the entire manual.

Type R Rebreather Scrubber Canister Packing Practical Application

PADI Rebreather Type R requirements have been updated to allow the use of manufacturer approved user-packable scrubbers, in recognition of the fact that they are now suitable for recreational divers. As a result, there is a new PADI Rebreather course and Advanced Rebreather Diver course requirement to teach Type R rebreather divers how to pack scrubber canisters on units where a manufacturer user-packable option exists. This takes the form of an additional practical application session, which can also be conducted separately to update certified PADI Rebreather Divers.

Effective immediately:

- **The Scrubber Canister Packing Practical Application is required for students completing the PADI Rebreather Diver or PADI Advanced Rebreather Diver course using a Type R unit that offers user-fillable CO₂ scrubber cartridges (instead of, or in addition to, prepacked scrubber cartridges from a manufacturer approved source).**
- **Rebreather Instructors must have and follow the Scrubber Canister Packer outline to teach this module.**
- **Rebreather Instructor Trainers must confirm that Rebreather instructor candidates are trained in the Scrubber Canister Packing skill on Type R rebreathers with a manufacturer approved user-packable option. Either:**
 1. **Confirm and document previous scrubber canister packer training on the specific rebreather** (for example, factory training, Tec CCR training, diver or instructor level training through another organization), or
 2. **Complete and document the Scrubber Canister Packer Practical Application as part of the Rebreather Instructor/Crossover or Additional Unit course.**

PADI Rebreather Instructors and Instructor Trainers may download the [Scrubber Canister Packer outline](#)* from the Pros' Site. For more information, contact PADI TecRec Training staff at rebreather@padi.com.

*PADI Pros' Site/Training Essentials/TecRec/Revisions and Teaching Tools.

Tec Statement of Understanding Updated

As of April 2014, there is a revised [PADI Standard Safe Technical Diving Practices Statement of Understanding](#)* available on the PADI Pros' Site, Product No. 10517, version 1.01. The change informs the diver of the required medical evaluation as follows (underlined text added):

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving, and have this confirmed by receiving written verification of my fitness to dive from a physician within 12 months of any TecRec training dive (beyond Tec 40 Dive 1).

*PADI Pros' Site/Training Essentials/Forms and Applications/Tec/ PADI Standard Safe Technical Diving Practices Statement of Understanding



Japanese Pros' Site Updates Available Globally

The PADI Pros' Site Japanese is now available to all members living and working outside of Japan. You access updates and other information in Japanese, including the following:

- *Training Bulletin*
- *The Undersea Journal*
- PADI Asia Pacific Japan Dive Chek
- Employment board posting

Use this site as an additional tool to the PADI Pros' Site. [Access the site*](#), and create a new account. Your existing Pros' Site log in – user ID and password – will not work on this site.

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- トレーニングブルティン
- アンダーシー・ジャーナル
- PADI Asia Pacific Japan登録のダイバー検索
- 求人情報の掲載依頼

[PADI Pros' Site**](#)と合わせてご利用下さい。ご利用いただくにはまず[このリンク*](#)より新規登録が必要になります。

(padi.comのプロサイト用 ID -パスワードはご利用いただけません)

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Errata

Rescue Diver Cue Cards Misprint

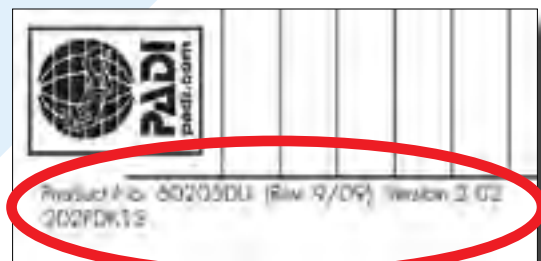
Please note that there has been a version number misprint on the Dutch, French and German Rescue Diver Course Instructor Cue Cards:

Product Numbers: 60205DU

60205F

60205G

The version number on the first side is printed as 2.02, however, it should be 2.03 version. All content is correct. The only cue cards affected have Production Code 202PDK13 located on the bottom left corner of the top slate.





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