

# Burton's Dive Service Statement of Understanding and Student Learning Agreement for Advanced Scuba Diver Program

The diving course you are about to begin is an exciting and demanding challenge. It will allow you to further explore the "other three-fourths" of our planet that is underwater. To accept the call of underwater adventure, you must be aware of the risks involved in the sport and be willing to study and practice to achieve success.

This course will require heavy physical exertion. You will need to be able to equalize pressure in your ears and sinuses. Your breathing and circulatory systems must also be in good health. You will need to complete a medical history form and may be required to have it signed by a licensed physician granting you approval for diving. You will also need to read, discuss and sign a waiver, release and indemnity agreement, and this document. If you are a minor, (under the age of 18) you will need to have this form and your medical form signed by a parent or guardian. These forms are returned to the instructor for the course files. **NOTE:** You cannot be registered as a Deep Diver unless you are at least 18 years of age.

**The cost of this course is:** \$460 (plus GST/HST) **and includes** 3 to 4 sessions of classroom instruction, NAUI Advanced Scuba Diver Education System, NAUI Nitrox Diver Student Kit and all instructor time to complete the course. Certification cards and NAUI registration fees are also included in the course fee. Transportation to and from classes and dive sites is the responsibility of the student. (Course fees may be reduced if the student already has a nitrox certification.)

**Additional costs in order to complete the course will be** approximately \$70-\$80 per boat charter (minimum 2 charters), any equipment rentals, cylinder fills, meals, transportation, accommodation, park entrance fees and any other expenses not outlined in the course fee in the previous paragraph.

**You will need to provide or purchase the following equipment:** Mask, snorkel, fins (open heel), wet suit boots, gloves, hood, weighting system, wetsuit or drysuit providing enough insulation for water temperatures ranging from about 48F to 65F, cylinders, regulator with backup (octo), submersible pressure gauge, depth gauge and a timing device (dive computer recommended). A dive light is required for night dives and a compass is required for navigation. A dive knife or cutting tool is not required but is recommended. All of your equipment should be safe and in good working condition.

Important information is included in every course session. Because diving is built from a few basics to more complex concepts, you must attend every session or your training will be incomplete. You will be required to schedule and make up any missed sessions. Bring paper and pencil to take notes in class. Your notes will help you study for the classroom evaluations. You will need to successfully complete a final examination and successfully demonstrate all required skills in open water in order to be certified.

**The course meeting times are:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Open water training sessions** are subject to the instructor's assessment of environmental conditions and will be announced during the course. Transportation for local dives is the responsibility of the student. There is a minimum of 8 dives required for this program, but additional dives may be required by the instructor based on their evaluation of you diving skills, attitude and progression. A typical course takes about 12-14 dives for most students.

NAUI Worldwide has developed diver education systems to help you study and become familiar with diving terminology and understand the concepts and physical laws that apply to skin and scuba diving. Complete education systems have been packaged for each level of training. For example, the *NAUI Advanced Scuba Diver Education System* for the *NAUI Advanced Scuba Diver Course* contains a textbook, a DVD and an Air Consumption Rate calculator. Everything you need to pre-study or review the academic material, in a format that is consistent with your dominant learning style, is contained in the system. Whether assigned in conjunction with scheduled classroom sessions or as a whole, the education systems approach to diver training will help you be a better diver.

**You may purchase yours at:** Textbooks are provided for the course and are yours to keep.

I understand and agree that by enrolling in this course I am incurring obligations for attendance, skill performance and financial responsibility. I understand and agree that mastering the subject matter and skills of skin and scuba diving are largely dependent on me, that my instructor is only able to assist and guide me as I proceed through the training process and that my accounts with the facility and/or the instructor must be settled before I will receive my NAUI certification card. I also understand and agree that learning to skin or scuba dive requires a commitment of time, money, cooperation and practice in order to be certified. I am willing to accept the risks and responsibilities for my own actions. I understand that the instructor must make the final judgment as to my competency to be a safe diver and be awarded certification.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Minor (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_