

FAQ for OPEN WATER 2012

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SDi & OTHER BRANDS LIKE PADI?
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR OPEN WATER – OW COURSES?

- BOTH SDi & PADI OW COURSES CONFORM TO **RSTC STANDARD**
RSTC STANDS FOR RECREATIONAL SCUBA TRAINING COUNCIL. MORE DETAILS ON THE INTERNET
- BOTH SDi & PADI OW ARE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED DIVE CERTIFICATION
- BOTH SDi & PADI ARE AMERICAN DIVE CERTIFICATION AGENCIES
- BOTH SDi & PADI USE THE DIVE TABLES OF THE UNITED STATES –US NAVY
- BOTH OW CERTIFICATION ENABLE YOU TO DIVE TO 18M WORLDWIDE WITH A BUDDY
- WITH BOTH SDi & PADI OW YOU CAN GO ON TO DO EACH OTHER'S ADVANCED COURSES
- THE SDI ADVANCED ADVENTURE COURSE IS EQUIVALENT TO PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER COURSE
BOTH CERTIFICATION ARE RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY

PRAGMATIC PHILOSOPHY

A COMMON PHILOSOPHY OF THE AMERICAN DIVE EDUCATORS IS TO GET THE STUDENT INTO THE WATER AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. SAFETY & ENJOYMENT OF THE SPORT IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN.

PADI HAS ROOTS IN THE 1960'S WHEN ITS FOUNDERS LEFT THE UNITED STATES - US NAVY. PADI RAN BIG & SUCCESSFUL MARKETING PLANS. PADI'S MARKETING EFFORTS HELPED THEM TO BUILD UP MARKET SHARE. IN RECENT YEARS OTHER DIVE AGENCIES INCLUDING SDI HAVE BEEN COMPETING VIGOROUSLY IN THE DIVE INDUSTRY. SDI STARTED IN THE 1990'S AS THE RECREATIONAL DIVING SISTER COMPANY OF THE HIGHLY REGARDED TECHNICAL DIVING INTERNATIONAL - TDI.

SDI DIVE CERTIFICATIONS ARE USER-FRIENDLY & ARE RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY.

INNOVATION & USE OF TOOLS

SDI IS A VERY FORWARD-LOOKING ORGANISATION. IT IS THE FIRST DIVE CERTIFICATION AGENCY TO PROVIDE ENTRY-LEVEL SCUBA INSTRUCTION THAT INCORPORATES THE USE OF DIVE COMPUTERS.

WHY LEARN TO DIVE WITH A DIVE COMPUTER?

COMPARED WITH MANUAL DIVE TABLES, DIVE COMPUTERS ARE MORE ACCURATE FOR DIVE PLANNING & MANAGEMENT.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO THE SDI OPEN WATER COURSE WITH SABAH DIVERS, YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE FREE-OF-CHARGE USE OF A PERSONAL DIVE COMPUTER – PDC DURING THE COURSE. SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

LEARN TO DIVE WITH SABAH DIVERS

ULTIMATELY, IT IS THE DIVING INSTRUCTOR AND THE QUALITY OF TEACHING STANDARD OF THE DIVE SCHOOL YOU ENROL WITH THAT MATTERS. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SABAH DIVERS' QUALITY SDI OW COURSE CURRENTLY ON A LOW PROMOTIONAL OFFER!**

AS PER RSTC REQUIREMENTS, SDI REQUIRES THE OW STUDENT TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM:

EITHER	SWIM	200M	NON-STOP	WITHOUT ASSISTANCE
OR	SNORKEL	300M	NON-STOP	WITHOUT ASSISTANCE

AFTER SWIM OR SNORKEL, **10 MINUTES** WATER-TREADING / FLOAT / SURVIVE IN THE WATER WITHOUT ASSISTANCE