

PADI ADVANCED OPEN WATER

Become a Better Diver & Qualify to 30m

Dear Diver,

Thanks for signing up to the PADI Advanced Open Water course with us.

Please read this document carefully as it contains valuable information for your course.

The Advanced Open Water course will qualify you dive to 30m, make you a better & safer diver and teach you exciting new skills. There are five 'Adventure Dives' which include a Deep and Navigation dive, due to the local diving conditions we will do 3 of the following dives:

- **Peak Performance Buoyancy or Dry Suit** – this will help you be a much better diver and means that you get to see more and make your air last longer. Or the dry suit course is useful if you wish to dive in the UK year round or you want to stay warmer in the water. This is mandatory in the winter months
- **Wreck** – there are several interesting wrecks at the dive site including planes, boats and helicopters
- **SMB (surface marker buoy)** – this simple yet lifesaving piece of equipment requires some practice to master.



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If you would prefer to do a different Adventure dive to those listed above (such as photography if you own your own underwater camera), then we would be happy to try and accommodate you. A list of these can be found in the e-manual you will receive.

Theory

You should receive your Advanced Open Water Diver online learning code within 1 working day of booking the course. If you don't receive it then please check your spam folder before letting us know. For the start of the course could you please read the sections that correspond to the adventure dives you are doing (above) and complete the knowledge reviews found at the end of each section. You don't need to read the whole manual but some divers enjoy reading about the other types of adventures dives.

Typically it takes around 4-5 hours to complete the theory depending on how many sessions you break it up in to. Please don't leave it until the last minute!

What to bring

- The PADI Medical Statement which can be found [here](#). Please note that if you answer 'yes' to any of the medical questions then we require a COPY of a note from your GP saying that you are fit to dive.
- The [PADI Liability Form](#), which can be found here.
- The e-learning record showing you have completed the theory
- Your open water (or equivalent) certification card
- Log book
- Money for entry (£20 per day), air fills (£5 each – CASH ONLY. Maximum of 25£pp for the weekend), food and drinks

Dives

Your instructor will meet you at the [Mercers Lake](#) at 9am on the Saturday and [St. Andrews Lake](#) at 9am on Sunday and we aim to finish around 3pm both days. You can find directions attached (below).

There is a £15 & £20pp entry fee payable on arrival which also includes parking.



The 5 adventures dives will be split across both days and if you are also doing the dry suit specialty course then you will complete a 6th dive on the Sunday.

You will wear a dry suit throughout your course so please bring along something warm and thin items to wear underneath the dry suit as well as normal swimwear. Thermals are ideal but if you don't have them then sweatshirt / warm leggings / tracksuit bottoms will suffice.

If you have any of your own equipment such as mask and fins then please feel free to bring them along.

Once you have completed your certification PADI will e-mail you your e-certification which is stored in the PADI app. Please ensure that you have this saved on your smartphone/device.

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, special offers or would like to keep in touch then please 'like' our [Facebook page](#).

Thanks again for booking your Advanced Open Water course with us and we look forward to seeing you soon and continuing your underwater adventures.

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Mercers Lake

After years of searching for the perfect inland diving location we have finally found it. We have partnered with www.aquasports.co.uk to use this huge lake. With clear fresh water, an abundance of fish including perch, pike and huge carp there is plenty to see.

Other attractions include the front of a cessna plane and a meander through the underwater forest.

The lake is perfectly located between the M25 and M23, with easy access from London and Gatwick Airport

Nearest **Rail** Stations: Merstham or Redhill (direct from London Victoria)

Bus: Take to 430 from Redhill bus station Platform 4 to Mill Lane in Merstham (opposite Watercolours Housing) then it's a 12 minute walk around the lake.

Facilities / Benefits

- Cafe
- Hot showers in men's & women's changing rooms
- Plenty of parking
- Diving is exclusive to Oyster Diving so there are no large groups from other dive schools
- There are multiple dive sites including boat dives

Mercers Country Park, Nutfield Marsh Rd, Redhill RH1 4EU.

[You can view a map here](#)



St. Andrews Lake

Set within 122 acres of parkland, St Andrews Lakes boasts a 70-acre lake of fresh, crystal-clear water that slow-filters down from the Chiltern hills. With beautiful blue water and depths of over 30 metres, St Andrews Lakes is the newest inland fresh-water scuba diving site in the UK.

Nestling in a perfect countryside location, you'd be surprised St Andrews Lakes is only two miles from Junction 2 of the M2 and four miles from Junction 4 of the M20. It also has good rail connections.

St Andrews Lakes is a nature park first and foremost, which also provides water sports and fishing facilities. In the future, we hope to offer glamping and other high-quality outdoor activities too.

Please note there is a £17 entry fee and £6 to refill your cylinder.

Address: Formby Rd, Halling, Rochester ME2 1FF



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