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**PADI**

## **Open Water Diver Course Outline**

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Goat Island is the perfect place to begin your adventure under the sea. Our team will ensure your experience will be one you will never forget. We offer Safe, Professional, and most of all Fun in-depth training to help you explore the underwater realm, with a certification recognised anywhere in the world!

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PADI (Professional Association of Dive Instructors) is the world's largest and most recognised dive training organisation. PADI was introduced to ensure high standards of Recreational Diving are met, equipping you with the skills and knowledge to dive independently with a buddy anywhere in the world.

For divers and instructors this means a high level of quality and safety are guaranteed. It also provides the opportunity to have their qualifications recognised internationally.

For Goat Island Dive this means we follow safety-related guidelines, describing how the typical activities of a service provider should be carried out. These guidelines include high standards for training, equipment hire, and dive trips.



We are a family owned and operated PADI 5 Star Gold Palm Resort. Over the last 10 years we have successfully taught over 1200 people how to dive safely and confidently. Diving is our passion.

#### **Our mission**

To consistently deliver superior scuba education, exciting dive trips and memories that last a lifetime.

#### **Our Guarantee**

We will give you all the information and training you need to complete your course to a safe and very high standard. We will only use fully qualified Instructors chosen for their professionalism and ability to teach scuba. If weather hampers completion of your course we can re-book you, available space permitting according to our course schedule. We won't leave you hanging.



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## Open Water Diver



### 4 Day Beginner's Course - Qualifies you to dive to 18 metres anywhere in the world!

#### Course schedule

The Open Water Diver courses are run regularly throughout the warmer months of the summer. You can choose from our convenient schedule. The courses run over 2 consecutive weekends or 4 consecutive days.

Basic dive knowledge is imperative in laying the foundations for confidence in scuba diving. In the classroom your Instructor will be expanding on your pre course studies. Subjects include Dive theory and physics, Equipment, The Underwater Environment and Planning dives.

We first train you with the basic skills needed to scuba dive. The initial learning is done within the confines of our pool until you have mastered your skills.

By day 3, your confidence has grown. We take you to Goat Island where you refine those skills in the world's first temperate Marine Reserve, up close and personal with New Zealand's friendliest fish.

Day 4 is the big day! We head around to the remarkable dive reefs at the back of Goat Island (weather permitting) on Apollo, our custom design dive boat. By this stage it's all about refining your dive planning, buoyancy control and equipment for comfort.

#### Benefits of Learning to Dive with Goat Island Dive

- You learn to dive in a world first Marine Reserve, up close and personal with New Zealand's friendliest fish
- Your boat diving is done from our stable 13m dive boat, Apollo with easy entry and exit points, hot water shower, coffee and tea and toilet
- We are located in Leigh, with a world of diving at our doorstep – See page 12
- Our instructor to student ratios maximum of 1:6 ensure you are taught to dive properly and safely
- Choose from our convenient course schedule. Weekend or weekday courses available
- You can keep diving with us once you are certified. We offer you a world of diving opportunity with our regular dive trips to the stunning Outer Gulf Islands
- We have access to an unmatched range of scuba equipment and every major brand imported into NZ. Price will not be beaten on any item, you will get the best deal on equipment purchases
- If you wish to pursue your diver education and training past the Open Water level you can continue with Instructors you know and trust with our PADI Continue Education courses

#### Included in the course

All PADI Crew Pack materials. Including Manual, Recreation Dive Tables & Log Book, your certification card and wall certificate. Quality instruction, all boat charter costs and equipment hire for the duration of the course.

#### Course Investment

NZ\$600 including gst - **No hidden extras** (students under the age of 15 \$550)

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## Student Prerequisites

- Minimum age of 12 years
- Able to swim 200 metres
- All students must sit a basic dive medical within the last 12 months. Please see the attached medical form. Print and see your local physician. Ask our staff for local physicians if you are from out of town
- Willing to set time aside for Self-study preparation

## So what's the Open Water course really like? Ask our customers

*"Fantastic 4 day course, good value for money and sense of achievement once completed". Nyaiqa Kamurasi, London, UK*

*"My partner and I attended the PADI Open Water four day course and can highly recommend using Goat Island Dive Centre. Our Instructor put us at ease from the very moment we arrived, he presented the course clearly, and all the dives were undertaken with professionalism and care. Once again, thank you to everyone for being so friendly, we are looking forward to joining you on a dive to the Mokohinau's soon." Brent and Calley, Puhoi, NZ*

*"The staff made our entry into scuba diving a fun and rewarding experience. Solid group, very attentive, highly recommended!" Jon Slason, United States*

*"Hi guys, don't know if you remember Sue and I - we did our open water with you back in November last year. Just wanted to let you know we were definitely bitten by the bug and have been diving all around the world on our travels (Belize, Zanzibar, White Shark cage diving in Capetown, fresh water altitude dive in Lake Malawi). Currently we are in Koh Tao Thailand, Sue has just finished her advanced open water and I have become a rescue diver (frightening eh), we wanted to thank you guys for doing such a great job with our first course, when we see others who are certified it is quite frightening they are allowed in the water." Richard and Sue, Warkworth, NZ*

*"A very patient and committed team". Derrick Reynolds, Warkworth, NZ*

**Schedule** - Please choose which course suits you from the dates below. To book, see page 14

### 2009

#### October

OW1 - 2 weekends 03rd, 04th, 10th, and 11th

#### November

OW2 - 2 weekends Oct 31st, 1st, Nov 7th and 8th or 4 consecutive days 5th - 8th

OW3 - 2 weekends 28th, 29th, Dec 5th and 6th

#### December

OW3 - 2 weekends Nov 28th, 29th, Dec 5th and 6th

OW4 - 2 weekends 12th, 13th 19th and 20th or 4 consecutive days 17th – 20th

OW5 - 4 consecutive days 27th – 30th

### 2010

#### January

OW6 - 4 consecutive days 3rd - 6th

OW7 - 2 weekends 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th or 4 consecutive days 14th - 17th

OW8 - 2 weekends 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st or 4 consecutive days 28th - 31st

#### February

OW9 - *Waitangi weekend* - 2 weekends 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th or 4 consecutive days 11th - 14th

OW10 - 2 weekends 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th or 4 consecutive days 25th - 28th

#### March

OW11 - 2 weekends 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th or 4 consecutive days 11th - 14th

OW12 - 2 weekends 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th or 4 consecutive days 25th - 28th

#### April

OW13 - *Easter weekend* - 4 consecutive days 3rd - 6th

OW14 - 4 consecutive days 13th - 16th

OW15 - *Anzac weekend* - 2 weekends 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th or 4 consecutive days 22nd - 25<sup>th</sup>

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**We run regular trips to some of New Zealand's most exciting and diverse dive sites. The Outer Islands of Auckland's Hauraki Gulf offer spectacular scenery both underwater and topside.**

The day trips are a great way to improve your diving skills. The Dive masters and Skipper onboard will continue to coach you through your first dives without your Instructor, breaking the umbilical cord slowly. This really helps your confidence levels and polishes the skills you've learnt on your Open Water course. You dive with the Dive master who will no doubt pick out some of the marine life as an inexperienced diver you may not have noticed.

The trips are also a great place to meet like minded people of all diving experience levels. Divers onboard range from new to veteran underwater explorers.



**Leigh is perfectly situated in the centre of the most diverse diving options in New Zealand. The Great Barrier, Little Barrier, the Mokohinau Islands, the Hen and Chickens Group and 2 marine reserves Goat Island and Tawharanui lie on our doorstep.**

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## Your Equipment



**Scuba diving is an equipment intensive sport, as a qualified diver there are two options you are faced with, purchasing your own personal scuba equipment or hiring equipment.**

### Option 1 – Purchasing equipment

To those committed to diving as a sport or hobby, invest in your own equipment. To be confident as a diver you need to be familiar with your gear.

If you plan to travel and dive, you need to keep the luggage weight down. For your personal fit, comfort and hygiene you will need your own mask, snorkel and dive computer.

To offer you the ultimate choice, we stock world leading scuba brands and are in alliance with New Zealand's largest and most respected dive equipment retailer. We have access to an unmatched range of equipment and every worthwhile major brand imported into NZ. Price will not be beaten on any item for Goat Island Dive students.

Top international brands available: Aqua-Lung, U.S.Divers, SeaQuest, Suunto, Technisub, Oceanic, Sherwood, Apollo, Tusa, Pro Dive, Trident, Cressi-Sub, Dolphin Drysuits, Underwater Kinetics, Sea & Sea cameras, DUI Drysuits, Apeks, Pelican and Ikelite

Remember: Your equipment is your lifeline, we advise you don't substitute quality for price.

*For competitive finance packages, you will need to be over 18 years with suitable employment. Ask your Instructor to know more.*

### Option 2 - Hire

Our dive courses all have the option of hiring equipment inclusive in the price. This service is for those people still simply deciding whether diving is for them or planning to build into their gear in stages.

Our hire equipment is regularly maintained and of a high quality. The equipment is hygienically washed.

For your safety and comfort during your training with us, our company policy requires you to use our hire equipment only.

## Accommodation and Food

**Leigh boasts a range of accommodation all within 3 minutes drive of the Dive Centre. Food options include the Sawmill Café, Leigh Motel and the humble Fish and Chips shop. If you prefer to prepare food yourself you can shop at the Leigh General Store.**

### Budget

**Leigh Sawmill Cafe & Accommodation** - Conveniently located next door to dive centre. Your choice of shared backpacker's dorms at \$25 or en-suite units at \$125. Great dining at the Café. Visit [www.sawmillcafe.co.nz](http://www.sawmillcafe.co.nz) - Phone (0064) 9 4226 019

**Goat Island Camping & Accommodation** – Fantastic option for travellers with tent or campervan. Stunning setting overlooking Goat Island Marine Reserve. 20 minute walk to dive centre. Visit [www.goatiscamping.co.nz](http://www.goatiscamping.co.nz) – Phone (0064) 9 4226 185 – email [goatiscamp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:goatiscamp@xtra.co.nz)

**Leigh Fishing Lodge** - Chalet accommodation - cooking facilities. Fish cleaning. Nice backpacker accommodation. Price range approx \$35 per night. 10 minute walk to dive centre. Visit [www.leighfishinglodge.co.nz](http://www.leighfishinglodge.co.nz) - Phone (0064) 9 4226 780 - email [leighfishinglodge@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leighfishinglodge@xtra.co.nz)

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### Self Contained and Motel

**Leigh Motel** - Studio Units, Cottages (1 - 2 bedroom self contained, sleeps 5), Cottages (2 bedroom self contained, sleeps 6), quiet location. Varied prices depending on cottage size. Fully licensed restaurant/cafe for bar snacks and meals. Phone (0064) 9 4226 179 – email [leigh.motel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leigh.motel@xtra.co.nz)

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### Bed and Breakfast

**Tera del Mar** - Luxury Victorian Villa Bed & Breakfast. Expansive views, four guestrooms, library & lounge, outdoor spa pool & sauna, fireplaces, gardens and much more. Need own transport. Visit [www.teradelmar.co.nz](http://www.teradelmar.co.nz) - phone (0064) 9 4226 090 - email [be@teradelmar.co.nz](mailto:be@teradelmar.co.nz)

**Island View Bed & Breakfast** - Large queen size bedroom plus own lounge, dining area and bathroom. Double room with 2 KING single beds also available. Fully self contained. Sea views forever. 2 minutes drive to Goat Island Dive. Accommodation \$150 per couple per night. With cooked breakfast \$190 per couple OR Continental Breakfast for \$170 per night. Phone (0064) 9 4226 225 - email [shirleyr@internet.co.nz](mailto:shirleyr@internet.co.nz)

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For more options visit [www.leighbythesea.co.nz](http://www.leighbythesea.co.nz)

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## Dive Course - Booking form (1 per person)

### To book

1. First phone us on 0800 348 369 to ensure space is available on your chosen course.
2. Print and complete this form.
3. Either fax completed form to (0064) 9 4226 926 or attach a scanned copy to [dive@goatlanddive.co.nz](mailto:dive@goatlanddive.co.nz).
4. A \$200 deposit will be taken from your credit card. The balance to be paid at the start of your course.
5. We will post your PADI materials with the receipt to the postal address given.

### Student details

Full name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile ph \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home ph \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ years                      Male     or    Female   
 Course start date    \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

### Why did you decide to do this course at Goat Island Dive?

### How did you hear about this course?

Website                       Goat Island Dive shop                       Staff member                       Word of mouth   
 Advertisement \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Please supply your credit card details for the \$200 Course Deposit.

Credit card #    \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_                      exp \_\_ / \_\_                      Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms and conditions

#### Our Guarantee and Commitment to you

- We will give you all the information and training you need to complete this course to a safe and very high standard
- We will only use fully qualified PADI professionals chosen for their professionalism and ability to teach scuba
- If weather hampers completion of your course we can re-book you, available space permitting according to our course schedule. We won't leave you hanging

#### Your Commitment to us

- To avoid classroom hold-ups, all knowledge reviews must be completed before the course start date.
- Your Course fee is non-refundable and valid for the 2009/10 course season ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. If your physician decides you are not fit to dive we will only refund your Course fee if the PADI materials have not been opened or used. For full refund, leave the materials sealed until you have passed your medical. There is a charge of \$100 for used PADI materials
- Re-booking for any reason will incur a \$100 charge. If you have to re-book, we require a minimum of 1 weeks notice
- In the event of course non-completion on the part of the student, the course cost is non-refundable.
- For your safety, during your training excessive consumption of alcohol and/or drugs is prohibited. You are required to arrive at the required time for the duration of the course
- To avoid costly disappointment, please speak to one of our specialists before buying your equipment
- For your own safety our company policy requires any equipment used during training to be inspected and approved by our Training Manager

#### I have read the above commitments and agree to these terms and conditions

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

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