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SO,YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE THRILL AND FREEDOM OF SCUBA DIVING!!

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE WITH 'SSI' AND 'BAY OF FIRES DIVE' !!

Thank you for your interest in the SSI Open Water Scuba Diving Course. *Scuba Schools International (SSI)* is one of the largest and most respected diving organisations in the world, certifying hundreds of divers worldwide each year. Our open water course is your passport to the underwater world. Here you will encounter excitement, adventure, mystery and breathtaking beauty that cannot be found anywhere else.

The sport of Scuba Diving is a fun, easy to learn activity. With the professional instruction offered at *Bay of Fires Dive*, you will also discover learning to dive is a safe, challenging and positive experience. You will meet people who, like you, share a passion for the ocean and its' treasures. The course opens the door to new friendships, new adventures and a lifestyle that can only be described as addictive and incredibly fulfilling. Together, you will enjoy many great dives to new and exciting places.

Once you have completed your basic open water scuba course, you can participate in many exciting types of diving. Some involve extra training, while others simply involve going to new and exciting dives sites. Try night diving and gain a totally new perspective of the underwater world. There is also deep and boat diving, to enable you to access those dive sites unreachable from the shore.

Imagine the exhilaration you will feel as you dive with dolphins, whales or seals. Picture yourself exploring a dive wreck, gliding through a kelp forest and encountering sea-horses or weedy sea-dragons. It will be hard to wipe the smile off your face when you try to explain to your family and friends how much fun it was. Your diving will become one endless adventure.

Who is Bay of Fires Dive?

Bay of Fires Dive is a newly established, SSI affiliated, dive charter/instructional/retail facility operating out of Binalong Bay, on Tasmania's stunning north east coast (the Bay of Fires). Our 6m Haines runabout takes divers to the many sites along the coast. Most dive sites are no more than 15 minutes from Binalong Bay boat ramp. For those divers travelling with their own gear, Bay of Fires Dive has tank filling facilities. We also have a good selection of new Sonar, Aqualung, SeaQuest, US Divers and Suunto dive gear for hire by certified divers, as well as for use in our open water classes. New gear purchases can also be arranged.

Bay of Fires Dive proprietor, Peter Paulsen and dive instructor Bruce Annear, have a wealth of diving experience and knowledge. Peter is a long time resident who has an extensive background in abalone diving/fishing. He has dived the area extensively and knows the Bay of Fires coast like the back of his hand. Bruce has been involved in diving for over 25 years and instructing for 10 years. He has dived



extensively along Australia's eastern coastline and several locations overseas; and has been actively diving the Bay of Fires area since moving south from Melbourne.

Our Open Water Course

Requirements

- Complete a Diving Medical (Australian Standard AS4005.1)
- Payment of 50% of fees prior to commencement, with full payment before course end.
- Two (2) passport size photos
- Swim 200 metres in 10 minutes (any stroke) & tread water for 10 minutes.
- Sense of Adventure
- Sense of Humour

Cost Our Open Water course costs \$495, including all hire gear, course materials & instruction.

Content

- **One mid-week night (Wednesday – 6.30pm to 10.00pm)**
Meet your fellow students; be introduced to the course content and complete initial course paperwork.
Workshop OW video and review first 1-2 chapters of OW manual
- **1st Weekend - Confined Water (Saturday & Sunday – 9.00am to 4.00pm)**
(Pool session each morning on both days)
Completion of water skills (200m swim & 10min tread water)
Snorkeling skills overview
Introduction to Scuba skills (includes scuba training session)
(Practice and refine scuba skills in a pool or calm confined sea water)
(Class session each afternoon both days)
Review and discuss remaining chapters (3-6) of OW manual.
Complete and hand in Question & Answer Sheets from OW Manual.
Complete OW exam (80% minimum pass requirement)
- **2nd Weekend - Open Water (Saturday & Sunday – 9.00am to 4.00pm)**
Practice and refine Scuba skills in the ocean.
(2 scuba training dives each day including 1 boat dive to approx. 12m)
- **Certification**
At the end of the second (ocean training) weekend, if all skills have been completed to the satisfaction of the instructor, he will sign your certification papers and issue your temporary SSI certification card. Please allow approx. 3 weeks for your permanent photo certification card to be issued by SSI headquarters.



An SSI Open Water certification is recognised and respected worldwide. Anywhere you desire to go Scuba Diving, it is your underwater passport to a new life of adventure.