

# Buddy Dive Academy

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## Academy

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# Welcome

Thanks for your interest in Buddy Dive Academy which is located at Buddy Dive Resort on the lovely island of Bonaire, Divers paradise. We offer a wide variety of courses so if you are just about to start your recreational diving adventure or chasing your dream to become a dive professional, we are sure we can help you achieve your goal!

Our fully equipped dive operation features 6 boats, a retail shop, a digital photo center and the only drive thru air fill station in the world. For many years, Bonaire has been awarded with the prestigious Reader's Choice Award for several categories by Scuba Diving Magazine.

But, of all of the assets at Buddy Dive, there is no doubt that it is our incredible dive team that makes the difference at Buddy Dive. They go out of their way to make every course or dive a safe and enjoyable experience you won't forget. It's this friendly, personal service that has been the trademark of Buddy Dive for over 30 years!

This brochure will help you to select and decide which will be the right course or courses for you. We hope to see you soon at Buddy Dive.

Kind Regards,

Pepe Mastropaolo

Course Director, Buddy Dive Academy





# About Buddy Dive Academy

*“Scuba Education from DSD to IDC”*

At Buddy Dive Academy, we offer scuba education courses from the recreational level to the professional level and everything in between. We start with introductory courses such as Discover Scuba Diving (DSD) and Open Water Scuba certification and offer professional level Instructor Development Courses (IDC) as well. In addition, we offer a variety of continuing education classes for recreational diving and pro-level divers.

We have several professional level continuing education packages that integrate and accelerate recreational diving courses with professional level programs. Internship activities are also available to provide real world on the job experience to further accelerate your professional level education.

## **More than 30 Years Experience in Dive Training**

With as many as 60 officially listed dive sites on Bonaire and another 20 dive sites on Klein Bonaire, the Buddy Dive Academy at Buddy Dive Resort is ideal for you to make the most out of your dive vacation or dive training course. With a fleet of 6 custom dive boats and a well stocked ‘Drive Thru’

offering air and Nitrox tanks, every diver or student need can be satisfied. Buddy Dive Resort has been doing this successfully for more than 30 years!

## **Buddy Dive’s Waterfront Location in Diver’s Paradise, Bonaire**

With its gentle underwater topography, crystal clear and calm waters, beautiful marine life and fascinating variety of multi-colored tropical fish, Bonaire is the ideal location to conduct all levels of dive courses.

Year round, Bonaire features clear, warm water (average temperature is 80 degrees F (27 degrees C.) The fringing reef begins close to shore, usually a short 30 feet (10 meters) swim or less, making Bonaire world renowned for its easy shore diving. Buddy’s house reef is just 15 feet away from your classroom which puts you right in the center of all the diving activity.

Bonaire’s waters offer something special for every diver and student. Novice divers will appreciate the calm waters, the reefs that run parallel to shore, and the minimal currents. These conditions offer great surroundings to really work



on improving your buoyancy skills! Buddy's Reef features abundant marine life. The drop-off begins at 12 feet (4 m) and slopes gently to 120 feet (36 m). Experienced divers can enjoy maximum bottom time while new divers have the opportunity to develop a level of comfort and confidence with their newly acquired skills.

### **Full Dive Facilities on Location**

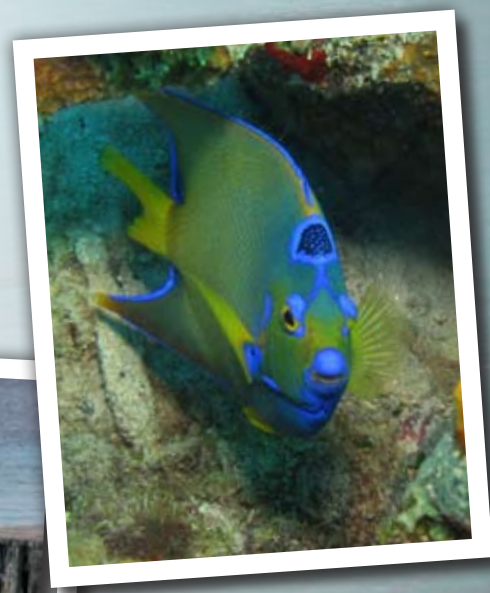
All divers can enjoy the freedom of our unlimited shore diving package, making as many dives as they want each day, according to their own safe dive profiles. There are plenty of 80 and 63 cubic foot air and Nitrox tanks available at either the Drive Thru or on the dock. On the dock you will find convenient benches for equipment set-up and two sturdy ladders that provide easy access to the water. Rinse tanks and equipment storage rooms are located at the Drive Thru as well as on the dock. This simply makes diving at Buddy's easy and enjoyable. As a full service dive center, we also have a complete inventory of rental equipment available. Buddy Dive guests who prefer to purchase instead of rent, will enjoy shopping at our well stocked retail shop. The on-premises shop carries a wide range of dive and snorkel gear and accessories, as well as t-shirts, sandals, caps, dive lights, and souvenirs galore!

### **Start Your Career in Diving!**

The Buddy Dive Academy is a PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Center, Member of DAN, and a Universal Referral Center. The Universal Referral designation enables Buddy Dive instructors to offer Open Water completion courses to SSI and NAUI students as well as a host of other training organizations. In fact, Buddy Dive Academy offers every level of instruction imaginable, conducted in several languages. In addition to all the standard PADI specialties, we also offer you the chance to become a Tech Diver or even become a Dive Instructor or IDC Staff Instructor!

### **Experienced Staff**

As mentioned earlier, we are very proud of the incredible dive team here at Buddy Dive. Professional and personable, they go out of their way to make every dive or course a safe and enjoyable experience you won't forget. Our staff is multilingual. English, Spanish, German, French, Italian and Dutch are common spoken languages.





# About Bonaire

*"The only real choice"*

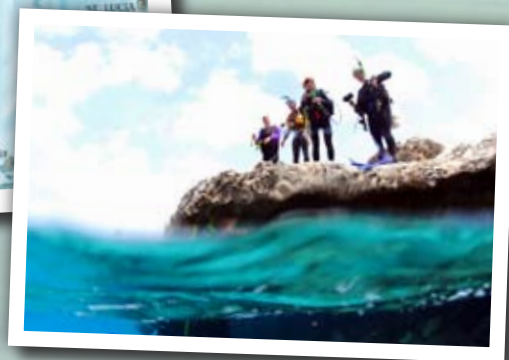
Bonaire is a small island, but filled with dynamic opportunities for diving and eco-adventures. But also if you simply want to enjoy the laid back way-of-life, slow pace, and tranquility, you are in the right place.

Located in the southern Caribbean, outside the hurricane belt and just over 500 miles from Miami or a nine-hour flight from Amsterdam, Bonaire is part of the ABC Islands, along with Curaçao, and Aruba, which are only respectively forty and eighty miles (64 and 129 kilometers) away. Bonaire used to be part of the Netherlands Antilles but since October 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 this country, which was part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, no longer exists. As from this date Bonaire is part of the Netherlands as a special municipality.

Constantly rated as the top dive destination in the world and as a pioneer in preserving nature, Bonaire is indeed the dream for every diver. Over eighty dive sites, many of which are easily accessible by shore, truly make Bonaire the "shore diving capital" of the world. But this boomerang-shaped island,

24 miles (39 kilometers) long by five miles (8 kilometers) wide, also offers a variety of activities for those who do not dive.

The eastern mangroves, the "nursery of the reef", are best discovered by kayak, while on the western part of the island, several caves are open for guided tours to explore this unknown and mystic side of Bonaire. Lac Bay in the south has near-perfect windsurfing conditions, making the area ideal for beginners and advanced windsurfers alike, whereas the hilly landscape in the north is every mountain biker's dream. Klein Bonaire, a small deserted island a mile off Bonaire's coast, is a well known turtle hatching area and its beaches and clear waters are ideal for snorkeling and sunbathing. Diving, kayaking, caving, snorkeling, mountain biking, wind- or kite-surfing, bird watching, hiking, or just relaxing and re-energizing from the real world's stress: you name it and Bonaire will make it happen.



Constant trade winds from the east ensure a pleasant breeze over the 112-square mile (290 square kilometers) island. Although influenced by a dry climate, Bonaire has three distinctive land types. The central region is semi-arid, while the southern region is flat and wide open with a unique mangrove system and salt pans. The northern part is more green and hilly. With a height of 714 feet (218 meters), Brandaris is Bonaire's highest point. An average annual rainfall of 22 inches (56 cm), an almost constant water temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit (27 degrees Celsius), and a slightly higher air temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 degrees Celsius), makes Bonaire a pleasant environment in which to vacation.

Bonaire's population is a rich mixture of several cultures and goes back to around 1000 AD, the era of the Awarak Indians, when the Caiquetios sailed across from what is now Venezuela. Traces of their culture still can be found on various archaeological sites. Most of today's population is a direct result of slavery. Slaves were brought from Africa in the early 1600s. Historical landmarks from this dark period in the Dutch history are still visible on the island. Most eye-catching and impressive are, of course, the slave huts on the southern tip of the island. Although defined by diversity, Bonaire's rich culture is heavily influenced by African elements. Songs and dances of the slaves, created to deal with their inhumane treatment, are kept alive by the people

of Bonaire. African styles have been successfully mixed with cultural influences of the island's occupants, such as the Spaniards and the Dutch. Friendliness and an almost pleasant shyness are the best ways to describe the persons behind the smiles for which Bonairians are so famous.

While Dutch and Papiamentu are the official languages, English and Spanish are widely spoken by the majority on the island. Till Januari 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 the Antillean Florin, also called the Guilder, is the official currency and has a fixed ex-change rate against the US Dollar, which makes dollars widely accepted in shops, bars, restaurants, and hotels. After Januari 1<sup>st</sup> the dollar will become our official currency.

There is no public transportation system on the island and renting a car is highly recommended. Taxis are available at the airport or can be arranged by your hotel as well.

For many years, Bonaire's government has played a leading role in preserving and protecting the nature on the island, both under and above the water. Most significant and well known, of course, is the Bonaire National Marine Park, initiated over thirty years ago at a time when marine parks were unknown.





# Recreational Diving Courses

“Get certified!”



## **Discover Scuba Diving (DSD)**

For those who would love to try out, but are not yet ready to take the plunge into the certification course we offer the Discover Scuba Diving course. Experience the world underwater under the supervision of our experienced instructors, with this ½ day introduction in scuba diving.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must be 10 years of age or older

## **PADI Open Water Diver Course**

While taking your first breath under water you are opening the doors to the underwater world. You are about to see things most people will never see and go places where most people will never go. Great adventures lie ahead of you! If you like nature you've come to the right place. As a PADI open water diver you will be free to explore the wonders of the underwater world together with your buddy, and independent of a PADI professional.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must be 10 years of age or older

Students younger than 15 years old, who successfully complete the course, qualify for the PADI Junior Open Water Diver Certification which will be upgraded to PADI Open Water Certification upon the age of 15.

The PADI Open Water Diver Course can be completed in 4 to 5 days.

## **PADI Open Water Referral Course**

Have you already finished your pool session and your theory at your local dive shop, but would like to finish up the course by doing the 4 open water dives on the beautiful reefs on Bonaire, the referral course is perfect for you!

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be 10 years of age or older
- have proof of successfully accomplishing the theory and pool session in the last 12 months. Please bring your referral form submitted by your initial PADI instructor

The PADI Open Water Referral Course can be completed in 2 days.

## **PADI Adventure Diver Course**

Are you wondering which fish you saw during your dive, what it would be like to dive from a boat or a kayak, or maybe what the reef looks like at night? Increase your confidence and underwater skills by participating in the PADI Adventure Diver Course. Your instructor will introduce you to new scuba diving adventures during this course. You will be certified as a PADI Adventure Diver after successfully completing 3 adventure dives.





### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be certified as a PADI (Junior) Open Water Diver or have qualifying certification from another training organization
- be 10 years of age or older to participate in the following Adventures dives: Altitude, AWARE-Fish Identification, Boat, Digital Underwater Photography, Dry Suit, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Underwater Naturalist & Underwater Navigation.
- be 12 years of age or older to participate in all other Adventure Dives
- be 15 years of age or older to participate in the Enriched Air Adventure Dive.

Students younger than 15 years old, who successfully complete the course qualify for the PADI Junior Advanced Open Water Diver Certification which will be upgraded to PADI Advanced Open Water Certification upon the age of 15.

The PADI Adventure Diver Course can be completed in 1 day.

### **PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course**

Upgrade your PADI Adventure Diver course to the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course by adding 2 more Adventure Dives. After successfully completing 5 adventure dives, 2 of which need to be the “underwater navigation” and “deep diving” level, you are also completing the prerequisites to participate in the PADI Rescue Diver Course.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be certified as a PADI (Junior) Open Water Diver or have qualifying certification from another training organization
- be 12 years of age or older.
- be 15 years of age or older to participate in the Enriched Air Adventure Dive.

Students younger than 15 years old, who successfully complete the course, qualify for the PADI Junior Advanced Open Water Diver Certification which will be upgraded to PADI Advanced Open Water Certification upon the age of 15.

The PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Course can be completed in 2 days.

### **Master Scuba Diver Course**

Reach the highest level of recreational diving by taking the Master Scuba Diver Experience. Become one of the best by completing 5 PADI Specialty Diver courses.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be 12 years of age or older
- need to be certified as a PADI Rescue Diver
- need to have a minimum of 50 logged dives

The PADI Master Scuba Diver Course can be completed in 4 days.

# Specialties

*“Experience the fun and adventure”*

## **PADI Search & Recovery Specialty Course**

From a wedding ring or a weight belt to a lost diver the PADI Search and Recovery Specialty course gives you the basic theoretical knowledge and practical experience to help you find it.

## **PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty Course**

Participating in the PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty course has big benefits and advantages for you as a diver. Good buoyancy increases your comfort in the water as well significantly reducing your air consumption allowing longer and more enjoyable dives. And very important, by having good buoyancy you will avoid negative contact with the environment.

## **PADI Project AWARE/Underwater Naturalist Specialty Course**

The underwater world needs heroes. You can be one of them by championing the causes of the world's most fragile and important aquatic ecosystems. During this specialty you will learn about, the ocean commons and coastal zone issues, fisheries challenges and sustainability, coral environment overview and its inhabitants, and the role of the scuba diver in protecting aquatic environments

## **PADI Wreck Diver Specialty Course**

The PADI Wreck Diver Specialty course introduces divers to the skills required to plan and execute safe and enjoyable wreck dives including limited wreck penetration and line laying as well as the buoyancy techniques to avoid disturbing any silt.

## **PADI Underwater Navigator Specialty Course**

The PADI Underwater Navigator Specialty course teaches you to navigate underwater more effectively which increases confidence, reducing exertion and air consumption allowing you more time underwater to enjoy your dive.

## **PADI Kayak Diver Specialty Course**

By completing the Kayak Diver Specialty course, you can learn the techniques and procedures for diving from kayaks and save all your energy for what's underneath rather than surface swimming to the far location. In this course you'll learn about; kayak diving planning, organization, procedures, techniques, problems and hazards.

How can you find back that wedding ring you lost during your dive? What is there to see underwater at night? What is Nitrox? How do you reduce your air consumption allowing longer and more enjoyable dives? These and many more questions can be answered by joining a specialty course. Take the adventure of your dives a step further and get to know more about your underwater possibilities. Most specialty courses can be completed in 1 to 2 days.

## **PADI Night Diver Specialty Course**

Experience the excitement and exhilaration of diving at night for the first time or complete the PADI Night Diver Specialty to enhance your night diving experiences.

## **PADI Deep Diver Specialty Course**

How many of you have been diving abroad and encountered the possibility of doing dives beyond 100ft/30 meters? It happens far too often and it should not be undertaken without proper training. When you complete the PADI Deep Diver Specialty course you will be trained to plan and execute dives to a depth of 130 feet/40 meters.

## **PADI Enriched air (Nitrox) Diver Specialty Course**

The PADI Enriched Air Nitrox Specialty course is one of our most popular scuba diving specialty courses. Scuba diving with Enriched Air/ Nitrox can significantly increase your dive time.



# Safety Diving Courses

*"Be a safer diver, be prepared"*

## **PADI Rescue Diver Course**

The PADI Rescue Diver Program prepares you to help prevent, and if necessary, manage dive emergencies, minor and major, with a variety of techniques. The Rescue Diver Course will improve your skills and confidence as a diver, which will prepare you for the road towards the PADI Master Scuba Diver and PADI Divemaster level. This is one of the most challenging – sometimes demanding – and therefore most rewarding programs. It is a serious subject, but a fun course.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- have a PADI (Junior) Adventure Diver Certification and completion of the underwater navigation adventure dive
- be 12 years of age or older
- have valid primary (CPR) and secondary (First Aid) care training which has been completed in the last 24 months.

The PADI Rescue Diver Course can be completed in 3 days.

## **Emergency First Responder (EFR) Course**

This program teaches CPR and First Aid, meaning you will learn the steps and techniques for handling minor and serious injuries; from a minor cut in the kitchen to aiding patients who aren't breathing, have no heartbeat, or who have serious bleeding. You will learn how to apply the ABCD'S to a patient's lifeline, so you can take the necessary steps to increase the chance of survival in the case of the most serious emergencies.

### **Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites.

The EFR Course can be completed in 1 day (8 hours).

## **PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider Course**

Providing oxygen is a skill recommended for every diver and non-diver. Learning to use oxygen is not difficult, but it does require proper instruction and practice with the equipment under the direction of a qualified PADI instructor

### **Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites.

The duration of the PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider course is 1 day.





# Kids Programs

*"It is all about fun"*

## **Buddy Rangers**

This 5 day program keeps children in the water every day. They will experience the rich aquatic life and friendly environment that Bonaire waters can offer. The conditions are ideal for a variety of activities including: boats snorkeling trips, field trips to explore the east coast of the island, kayaking, and more.

### ***Prerequisites:***

To take this course, you must be 5- 12, and able to swim.

## **PADI Bubble Maker**

This 3 hour course introduces children to scuba diving in a safe and fun way. Children get to experience what it feels like to breathe and swim underwater and will get to experiment with dive equipment in the pool and in the very shallow water of our house reef. They will learn what is to be a diver.

### ***Prerequisites***

To take this course, you must be between the age of 8 and 10 years old and able to swim.

## **PADI Seal Team**

This PADI program introduces children to a variety of diving activities, developing new interests and skills, every day over 5 days. This is a great way for children to get ready to take the next step toward becoming a certified scuba diver. They will learn skills in the swimming pool in order to get comfortable with the diving equipment and diving procedures. When comfortable they will dive in the ocean and they will participate in instructional sessions such as fish ID, search and recovery, peak performance buoyancy, and much much more.

### ***Prerequisites***

To take this course, you must be between the age of 8 and 12 years old and be able to swim.





# Professional Diving Courses

*“Go Pro at Buddy Dive Academy”*

## **PADI Divemaster Course**

Just meeting the prerequisites for the PADI Divemaster Course alone is a great accomplishment. By the time a diver is ready to enroll in the Divemaster Course, he or she has learned a great deal about diving through training and practical experience. The Divemaster Course elevates the candidate's knowledge and experience to a level that is expected from a diving professional. By earning the PADI Divemaster certification, you will have taken your first solid step into diving's leadership ranks.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be certified as a PADI Rescue Diver
- be 18 years of age or older
- have completed and logged at least 20 dives
- be fit for diving and submit a medical statement signed by a physician within the last 12 months

The PADI Divemaster Course can be completed in 7 days.

## **PADI Assistant Instructor Course**

The teaching skills you will develop during the PADI Assistant Instructor Course will allow you to independently conduct several PADI Programs and with some further training from the PADI Course Director you can also teach non-diving specialty courses. Assistant Instructors are Dive Educators who assist with the knowledge development of the student. Taking the PADI Assistant Instructor Course will take you one step closer to becoming a PADI Open Water Instructor.



### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be certified as a PADI Divemaster or hold a leadership level certification with another recreational diver training organization
- be 18 years of age or older
- have been a certified diver for at least 6 months and have completed and logged at least 60 dives
- be fit for diving and submit a medical statement signed by a physician within the last 12 months

The PADI Assistant Instructor Course can be completed in 4 days.

## **PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor Development Course (IDC)**

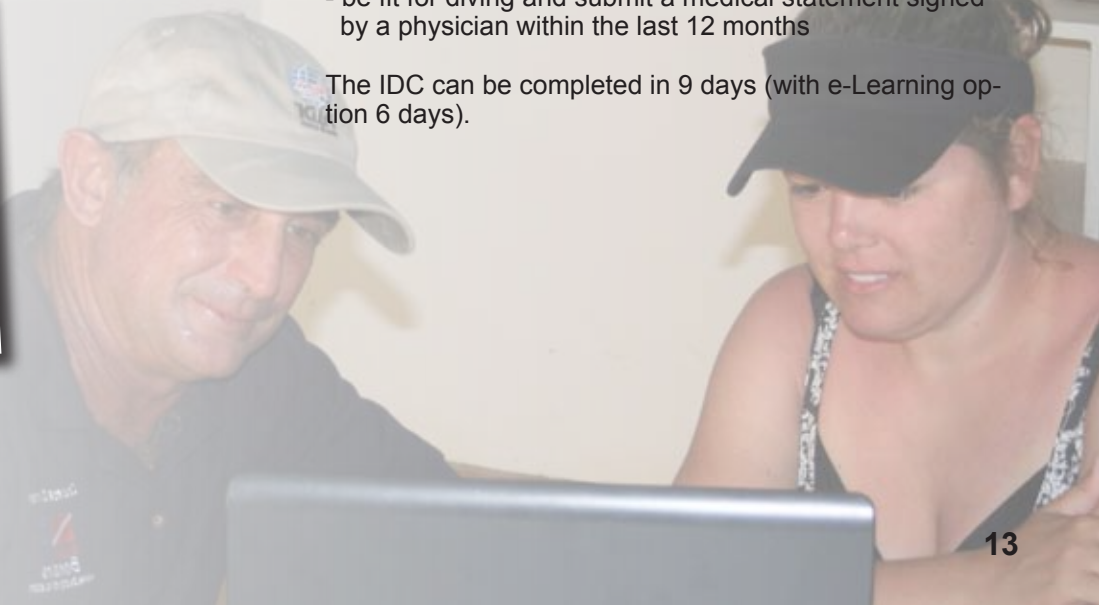
The PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) rating is the first PADI instructor level attained by dive professionals. During this training you will review PADI Standards, procedures, philosophy and teaching methods as well as hone your practical teaching abilities, watermanship, and diving knowledge. As a PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor you may conduct the entire range of PADI programs, from Discover Scuba Diving to Divemaster

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be certified as a PADI Divemaster or hold a leadership level certification with another recreational diver training organization
- be at least 18 years of age
- have been a certified diver for at least 6 months and have completed and logged at least 60 dives
- be fit for diving and submit a medical statement signed by a physician within the last 12 months

The IDC can be completed in 9 days (with e-Learning option 6 days).



## **PADI Specialty Instructor Course**

Become a PADI Specialty Instructor and teach about your favorite scuba diving subject. Choose your favorite specialties and a PADI Course Director will teach you how to teach the PADI specialty courses by providing you valuable teaching tips and techniques. It is highly recommended to participate in Instructor Specialty Courses as it provides hands-on training, demonstration techniques, course marketing information and information about the current PADI Standards as well as accelerates your qualification to teach the particular specialty.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- have done 10 experience dives in each particular specialty
- minimum number of certification not required
- be a renewed PADI Assistant Instructor, a PADI Instructor or have completed an IDC program within the past 12 month.

The PADI Specialty Instructor Course can generally be completed in 1 day (depending on the particular specialty).

## **PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer Course**

Become a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT) and show your commitment to continuing your dive training and be prepared to help others continue their training as well. As a MSDT you can help other divers reach the highest level of recreational diving so they can become one of the best of the best.

### **Prerequisites**

To become a MSDT, you must

- be a renewed PADI Assistant Instructor, a PADI Instructor or have completed an IDC program within the past 12 month.
- have five PADI Specialty Instructor certifications
- have certified at least 25 PADI Divers

The PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer Course can be completed in 2 days.

## **PADI IDC Staff Instructor Course**

During this training you will overview the entire PADI Instructor Development program and learn to act as an assistant during the Instructor-level training Courses and will work with a PADI Course Director to develop the Instructor candidates' teaching abilities. Together with the Course Director, you will be evaluating the knowledge development and the confined and open water presentation of the IDC candidates.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must be a renewed Teaching Status PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer

The PADI IDC Staff Instructor Course can be completed in 9 days.

## **Emergency First Response Instructor Course**

The Emergency First Response Instructor course provides qualified individuals with the additional training necessary to teach the Emergency First Response Primary Care (CPR), Secondary Care (First Aid) and care for children courses. This course builds on the candidates' skills as primary and secondary care providers and focuses on developing their instructional abilities

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

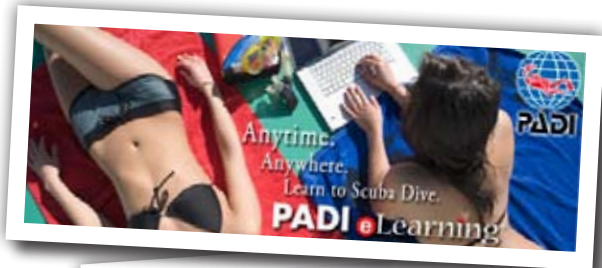
- have completed a sanctioned course in adults and child/ infant CPR within the past 24 months
- have completed a sanctioned course in basic first aid within the past 24 months
- be 18 years of age or older

The Emergency First Response Instructor Course can be completed in 1 day.





# PADI E-Learning



In order to optimize your vacation time and your bottom time, the Buddy Dive Academy has introduced the E-Learning program. The program is a partnership with PADI and offers you the possibility to study your theory and knowledge development part of your scuba diving course at home and do the underwater training in Bonaire

Using this program will save you time with your course at the resort and will make you able to finish your Open Water Course in about 2 days. This will leave more time to fully enjoy the underwater world of Bonaire.

To sign up for this PADI E-Learning program and register, or to start studying and to log-in, please visit [www.padi.com](http://www.padi.com) and click on e-Learning

The E-learning program is available for the following courses: PADI Open Water diver, PADI Scuba Tune up, PADI Advanced Open Water diver, PADI Rescue diver, PADI Enriched Air diver, PADI Digital Photographer, PADI Instructor Development.



# GO Pro Packages

Our Go Pro I & II packages are ideal for divers who have the Advanced Open Water or the Rescue Diver rating, and want to become a PADI Instructor. Go Pro III is the most complete package we offer at Buddy Dive Academy and is ideal for people who have decided to change their career and moreover their life style.

## **Go Pro I (Rescue Diver, Divemaster, Open Water Scuba Instructor)**

The Go Pro Package I can be completed in 19 days. 3 days for Rescue Diver, 7 days for Divemaster and 9 days for OWSI.

Please see description of individual courses in this document for prerequisites and requirements.

## **Go Pro II (Divemaster, Open Water Scuba Instructor, Master Scuba Dive Trainer)**

The Go Pro Package II can be completed in 18 days. 7 days for Divemaster, 9 days for OWSI and 2 days for Master

Scuba Dive Trainer.

Please see description of individual courses in this document for prerequisites and requirements.

## **Go Pro III (Open Water course, Advanced Open Water course, 5 Specialties, Rescue Diver, Divemaster, Open Water Scuba Instructor)**

The Go Pro Package III can be completed in 29 days. 4 days for Open Water diver, 2 days for Advanced diver, 4 days for Master Scuba Diver, 3 days for Rescue Diver, 7 days for Divemaster and 9 days for OWSI.

It is important to know that according to PADI standards there need to be 6 months between your Open water certification and the start of your Instructor Development Course.

Please see description of individual courses in this document for prerequisites and requirements.

# Introduction Course Dive Operations Management

If you want to get a quick glimpse about how to run a Dive Operation, this will be the course for you! We will show you the ins and outs of one of the best dive operations in the Caribbean and teach you the basics about running an operation like Buddy Dive Resort. The hands-on and real life experience you will get during this course will prepare you for the future and will, with no doubt, give you a better understanding how to run a dive operation in a very efficient way! Join us and learn the essentials you'll need to be successful in the dive industry.

The subjects we will cover are:

- The operation and maintenance of compressors.
- The operation and maintenance of dive boats.
- The duties of the dive staff; being a dive master on board, the duties on dock, giving a correct dive operation and marine park orientation & renting out equipment.
- The infrastructure of the resort; Drive thru, Photo shop, Rental Area and Equipment, Retail Shop, Tanks Room

and filling & the Classrooms.

- An overview of the following PADI programs: Discover Scuba Diving, Open Water Diver, Referrals, Adventures in Diving and Advance Open Water.
- The management of the dive operation; scheduling staff, boats and guests; follow up of reservations and forecasts; evaluating and guiding the staff and dealing with complaints of staff or guests.
- The administration behind the dive operation; Retail Shop, Charging Procedures, Pricing, Sales, Products and Items.

### **Prerequisites**

To take this course, you must

- be 18 years of age or older
- be a Dive professional

The Master Class can be completed in 4 days





# Internships

## **Divemaster Internship**

### ***What should I expect to gain from my internship experience?***

You can expect hands-on training with the opportunity to learn every aspect of the operations of the dive center and to learn the ins and outs of a professional Divemaster career at one of the finest resorts in the Caribbean. Hone your diving skills to a pro level, and have fun on the beautiful island of Bonaire as you complete your PADI Divemaster course and internship with Buddy Dive Resort. At the end of your internship, and after successfully completing all the requirements of the course, you will be a fully certified PADI Divemaster.

### ***What will be expected of me?***

When you commit to a Divemaster internship you will be working in the scuba industry. Divemaster interns are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and help out in any way they can throughout the internship. In addition to the internship, you will be expected to successfully complete all requirements for the Divemaster course.

### ***What sort of work will I do during my Divemaster internship?***

You will work in the retail shop at Buddy Dive Resort; helping customers, stocking shelves and scheduling courses.

You will work on the dock with a Buddy Dive Divemaster; learning about filling tanks, renting out and maintaining scuba dive equipment and keeping the boats, rinse tanks and locker areas clean and safe.

You will work on the boat; helping certified scuba divers prepare for a dive, assisting them on and off the boat, han-

dling minor gear issues and questions, and chatting about all the cool stuff you saw on the dive. Divemaster interns are expected to take the initiative to observe the divers on board, while paying special attention to those who appear nervous or have difficulty with their gear. If necessary you are expected to alert a Divemaster if you observe potentially dangerous situations.

You will work with the Buddy Dive instructors; assisting as they teach courses and get new divers excited about the underwater world.

## **Open Water Scuba Instructor Internship**

Once you've completed the IDC and the IE, you're fully qualified to teach from the DSD course all the way up to the Divemaster course. But you may still be a little insecure of the structure of the courses, the logistics of what equipment is needed for which dives, or the best techniques for controlling a large group of students underwater.

The Instructor Internship lets you "team-teach" with highly experienced instructors who can give you valuable tips and tricks on teaching, organizing your time and keeping your students happy.

Furthermore, the Instructor Internship greatly increases your chances of employment. You will have practical experience of real-life teaching, rather than being an instructor who has simply completed the IE. Watching experienced instructors teach is as valuable as the IDC itself. Our instructors are happy to provide their insight in the most effective teaching methods. By team-teaching with several different instructors through the internship, you will have a large collection of different approaches to adapt to your own teaching style.

# Where to Stay

## *Buddy Dive Resort, Caribbean Club Bonaire & Belmar Oceanfront Apartments*

### **Buddy Dive Resort** *“Eat, Sleep, (Buddy) Dive”*

Welcoming, friendly, and fun are just a few words that roll off the tongue when thinking about Bonaire’s premium dive resort. Buddy Dive is known for our casual atmosphere, personable staff and spacious accommodations.

The 78 hotel rooms, studios, one-, two and three-bedroom apartments offer the comfort and privacy you desire. All our apartments have fully equipped kitchens complete with stove, microwave, and refrigerator, while the living rooms are comfortably furnished with cable TV, phones, and fan. You will have direct access to your own private balcony or porch with an astonishing view over the crystal blue ocean or lush tropical gardens.

The bedrooms have twin-, queen-, or king-sized beds, air-conditioning, a safety deposit box (free-of-charge) and a spacious closet. Each and every bedroom has its own bathroom with toilet and comfortable shower

### **Caribbean Club Bonaire** *“Dive, Relax & Explore”*

Located north of Kralendijk at the foot of Bonaire’s hills and just steps away from the most pristine dive sites, you’ll find Caribbean Club Bonaire. This friendly 39-unit resort combines affordable accommodations with full resort facilities, a restaurant, bar, two swimming pools, an on-site Buddy Dive dive shop/activity centre, front office and security services.

A wide range of room types make Caribbean Club Bonaire a unique resort. Guests may choose from basic studios to luxurious, newly build two-bedroom cottages overlooking the crystal blue waters of the Caribbean Sea or from a penthouse to comfortable one-bedroom cottages. All units have air-conditioned bedrooms while the living rooms and porches feature ceiling fans. Kitchens in the one-bedroom

cottages and studios are equipped with the utensils and equipment you need to prepare a good meal, while in the two-bedroom cottages, the kitchens provide you with all the luxury you can wish. Cable TV and safes complement the convenience you need.

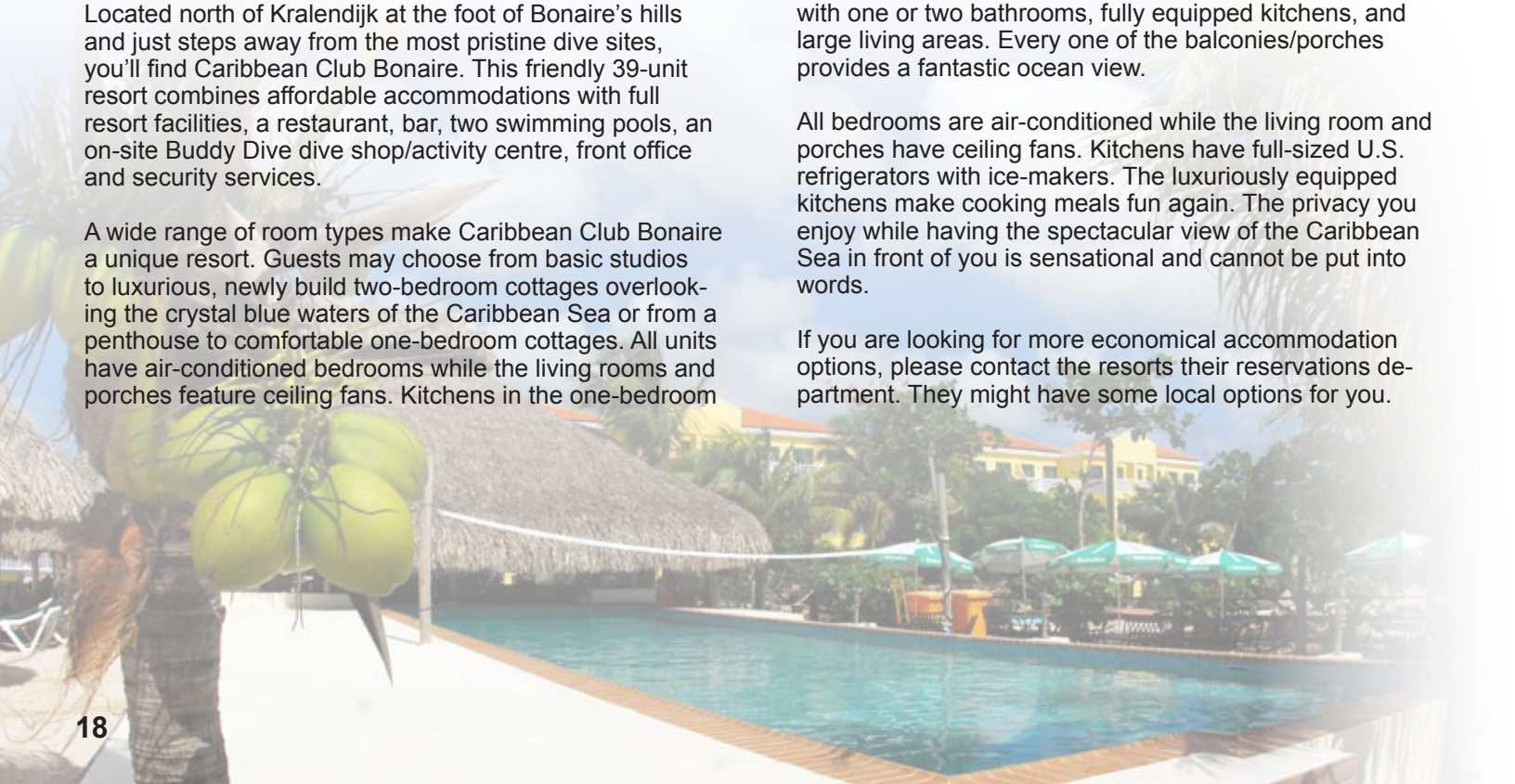
### **Belmar Oceanfront Apartments** *“Independent, Intimate & Inspirational”*

Those are words that go hand-in-hand with this place of tranquility that combines the rugged individualism of the well traveled soul with the comfort befitting a luxury resort. Each of the 22 condos is stylishly decorated and playfully detailed with individual Caribbean touches. Luxury oceanfront condos, set amid lush tropical gardens at the ocean’s edge, personal and top service, with wireless Internet access: these are a few of the amenities that make this PADI 5-Star resort with its own full-service Buddy Dive dive shop a very special place. Everyone is invited to escape from the hectic every day life and enjoy the sun on the swimming/dive docks or at the oceanfront swimming pool with an amazing panorama. This is truly the ultimate way to relax.

Spacious condos feature one-, two- or three-bedrooms with one or two bathrooms, fully equipped kitchens, and large living areas. Every one of the balconies/porches provides a fantastic ocean view.

All bedrooms are air-conditioned while the living room and porches have ceiling fans. Kitchens have full-sized U.S. refrigerators with ice-makers. The luxuriously equipped kitchens make cooking meals fun again. The privacy you enjoy while having the spectacular view of the Caribbean Sea in front of you is sensational and cannot be put into words.

If you are looking for more economical accommodation options, please contact the resorts their reservations department. They might have some local options for you.





# FAQ's

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q .Can I participate in an internship right after the IDC, what is the price for an internship?

A. YES, you can participate in an internship right after the IDC. Because you got graduated at Buddy Dive Academy your internship is for free

Q. What are the benefits that an internship will offer me?

A. You will assist our instructors with different levels of courses, and learn all the important tips and details about HOW to teach these courses beside all the activities and logistics in one of the best dive shops in the world.

Q. Do I have time during the Instructor Development Course to do some dives?

A. During the IDC you have to dive on the house reef numerous times, there will be an adventure dive workshop at the wreck of Hilma Hooker, after the workshop we will dive the wreck for pleasure.

Q. Can I do my presentations during the Instructor Examination in my mother language?

A. YES if you mother language is: Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese, our staff will simultaneously translate your presentation to the evaluator.

Q. If I have some needs during the learning process in the IDC, can I get some help?

A. YES, the Course Director or the IDC Staff Instructor will assist you with all your needs, for us it is routine to stay after our classes to make sure you are 100% comfortable with all the information. That is why we can guaranty your success in the Instructor Examination.

Q. In case I need to purchase some PADI material or diving gear, can I do it at Buddy Dive?

A. YES, we have all the PADI material in stock that you require for your learning process, no matter at which level, and a retail shop with a large selection of diving gear.



### Employment and Working

During your IDC training here at the Buddy Dive Academy, you will have the opportunity to discuss your diving goals with your PADI Course Director. We would like to know how you imagine your scuba career 5 years from now and how you would like to get there. Also we would like to know what you dream of for your future travel- and work destinations.

Together we will take a look at possible positions that would be suitable for you. The Buddy Dive Academy will try and match you with our world wide network, the PADI job listings, and of course our Dive Center, which sometimes has open positions right here at our Buddy Dive locations on Bonaire and Galapagos.

Just to be clear, we don't "get you a job"! You will have to earn it with your own credentials and skills, which you developed during your IDC. When you graduate from the Buddy Dive Academy, our contacts know you are well qualified, and have the potential to become a well rounded instructor. They won't "give" you a job just because they are our contact; they will hire you because they know you have the quality and expertise they are looking for.



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# Galapagos

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Galapagos

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The two new ships will be 120 feet long and consist of four decks, including a sun deck and Jacuzzi. All suites (minimum of 161 square feet, or 15 square meters) are air conditioned, have their own private bathroom and are serviced multiple times per day. They are equipped with regular beds and an entertainment system that includes a flat-screen monitor and a DVD player. The comfort of the furnishings makes these suites very inviting after a beautiful day of diving. The spacious dive deck consists of two parts of which one part can be closed of and heated after many exciting dives. Not to forget the warm towels, 4 showers, custom designed camera tables and direct access to the outside bar for those much needed liquids! The beautiful lounge and restaurant area will be the perfect setting for a tasty breakfast, lunch or dinner, briefings and photo shows on the huge TV accompanied by the all inclusive beverages served by the on-board crew.

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