



Definition of a Dive Leader

A Dive Leader is defined as a diver who:

- Can plan and lead a range of dives including those requiring detailed dive, air and decompression requirements planning.
- Has the skill and level of knowledge to progressively extend his/her skills to take part in a wide range of adventurous dives.
- Has rescue management skills.
- Is competent to manage and supervise branch dives to locations well known to the branch, or using experienced skippers, or in conditions not normally described as 'challenging'.
- Can dive to depths, which can be further extended from those experienced earlier in diver training. All diving to be conducted within safe diving practices.
- Can conduct dives with divers of any grade, to expand their experience beyond that previously encountered by those divers, under the supervision of a Dive Manager.
- Can conduct experience building dives with trainee Ocean Divers, within the restrictions of the conditions already encountered by the trainee Ocean Diver, and under the super vision of a Dive Manager.

Experience dives

The Dive Leader syllabus includes open water lessons and experience dives which should total a minimum of **20 dives** and 600 mins. Underwater time since qualifying as a Sports Diver.

To ensure that students receive experience in a range of conditions, the open water dives must include at least 5 conditions from the following, appropriate to the local conditions in which they will subsequently be diving.

Only one of the conditions may be logged per dive.

Of the twenty dives:

- At least six should be carried out from boats.
- On at least eight the student should act as dive leader.
- At least ten should show experience of diving at depths considered to be extension diving and greater than those primarily reserved for skills training purposes.

	Planned Dates	Dive Dates
Planned decompression dive Dive involving at least 5mins. planned decompression, using an appropriate equipment configuration and decompression technique.		



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	Planned Dates	Dive Dates
Navigation dive Dive requiring navigation around a site, involving multiple changes of direction throughout, and returning to the entry point. Compass and/or pilotage techniques used as appropriate. Minimum duration 30mins..		
Low visibility dive Dive in visibility in the range between 1.5 and 3 metres.		
Night dive Dive during the hours of darkness, using artificial light as the sole source of illumination.		
Wreck dive Dive in tidal waters, involving a direct descent to the wreck following a shot line, to dive on the wreck in a slack water window. Ascent either via shot line or under DSMB as appropriate to tidal conditions at end of dive.		
Drift dive Dive in moving water in the speed range between 1.0 and 1.5kn.		
Wall dive Dive along a vertical or near vertical wall, with deep water below the divers.		
Boat Dive 1		
Boat Dive 2		
Boat Dive 3		



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	Planned Dates	Dive Dates
Boat Dive 4		
Boat Dive 5		
Boat Dive 6		
Act as Dive Leader 1		
Act as Dive Leader 2		
Act as Dive Leader 3		
Act as Dive Leader 4		
Act as Dive Leader 5		
Act as Dive Leader 6		
Act as Dive Leader 7		
Act as Dive Leader 8		
Depth to 25 mts		
Depth to 30 mts		
Depth to 35 mts		
Depth to 40 mts		
Depth to 45 mts		
Depth to 50 mts		



Classroom lessons

	Planned Date	Lesson Date
DT1 The Role of the Dive Leader		
DT2 Basic Life Support or O2 Administration course		
DT3 Oxygen and Diving Incidents or O2 Administration course		
DT4 Casualty Assessment or O2 Administration course		
DT5 Oxygen Administration Equipment or O2 Administration course		
DT6 Oxygen Administration in Practise or O2 Administration course		
DT7 Use of Oxygen Administration Equipment or O2 Administration course		
DT8 Dive Planning		
DT9 Rescue Management Part 1 or PRM course		
DT10 Helicopter Operations		
DT11 Rescue Management Part 2 or PRM course		
DT12 Dive Management		

Practical Lessons or Instructional Dives



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	Planned Date	Lesson Date
DP1 Dive Management Part 1		
DP2 Dive Management Part 2		
DO1 DSMB Use		
DO2 Dive Leading Demonstration		
DO3 Dive Leading Practice		
DO4 Shot Recovery by Simple Lift		
DO5 Rescue Management Scenarios or PRM course		
DO6 Diving and Rescue Skills Review		
DO7 Rescue Skills Review		