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Dear Enquirer,

Thank you for your enquiry about a diving course.

The club's instructors teach PADI diving courses from complete beginner to Assistant Instructor at Kingswood Leisure Centre on Sunday evenings between about 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Our club has a web site at www.aquaventure-scuba-club.co.uk with full details about all our diving activities past and planned.

The PADI Open Water Diver course is the entry level course that qualifies you to dive safely anywhere in the world, with PADI being by far the largest and most recognised diver organisation both here and abroad.

The course is open to anyone from the age of 10yrs upwards. Our club has successfully taught 10, 11 and 12yr olds to dive with those as young as 8yrs being able to participate in taster sessions in the pool so it really can be a family enterprise.

The Open Water Course consists of 3 sections:-

1. Self Study. From either a manual or interactive DVD, at your own pace in your own home in your own time. There are 5 sections to complete that tie in with the pool work and you learn the basic safety aspects of diving that will make your diving both safe and fun. At the pool we collect in the knowledge reviews you complete as part of the self study, you complete a short quiz then we elaborate on any aspects you are unsure of. At the end of the study there is a multi choice exam to ensure that you have understood all the various aspects of the dive theory; all very simple.
2. Pool work. Here you put the theory into practice and learn to scuba dive in the comfort of the superb 4m deep pool. Again there are 5 modules to complete. Your course is just that: Yours, so it progresses at your pace dependent on your abilities, not to some timetable more suited to the instructor. We don't progress from this section until we are both entirely happy. Class sizes are small, no more than 2 unless you specifically request it, this maximises the benefits to you.
3. Open Water Dives. The culmination of your course where you put all you have learnt into practice in the open water for 4 separate qualifying dives, all under the direct supervision of an instructor, with no more than 2 of you in the water at any one time.

You can then go off and dive independently or start the Advanced Open Water course immediately to benefit from training in 5 distinctive areas such as navigation, deep, night, boat, wreck, underwater photography to name but a few, more details during your course.

The course costs £350p.p.

This isn't the cheapest around; you can certainly find much cheaper courses that lead to the same qualification. However I encourage you to shop around and check out what you get for your money and then think of your training as a future investment in your own safety and enjoyment.

This includes all training materials, registration of your qualification with PADI, all pool sessions, instruction, insurance and kit. You will need to buy your own mask, fins and snorkel after the first session so you have the important bits that are specifically fitted to your own requirements. You can use these for snorkelling and diving for years to come and you will feel much more confident with your own personal kit.

When we conduct the open water training you will need to hire semi-dry suit for about £5-10 per day.

That's it, there are no hidden costs at all, and you can soon join the many divers we have trained in enjoying UK diving and opening up so many more travel options abroad to you.

We have enclosed required forms for you to complete. If you are interested complete them and return them together with your shoe and jacket size and we will sort out a date for you to start! Please note that the medical form is important. If you answer yes to any question then you will need medical clearance to dive from either your own GP or a diving doctor, again there is a visiting one to a Bristol dive shop. This is for your safety and anyone that you will dive with.

We hope to see you soon, in the meantime have a browse of our site at www.aquaventure-scuba-club.co.uk

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on behalf of the Aquaventure Scuba Club Instructors