

# Drift Diver

## The PADI Drift Diver Course

The PADI Drift Diver Specialty course introduces you to the coolest magic carpet ride you'll ever experience. This course shows you how to enjoy rivers and ocean currents by "going with the flow," staying with your dive partner, communicating with the dive boat and knowing where you are the whole time.

## The Fun Part

Drift Diving is nearly effortless and relaxing. You simply glide along and enjoy the rush of flying underwater while the current does the work.

## What You Learn

During your PADI Drift Diver certification course, you learn about:

- Planning, organization, procedures, techniques, problems and hazards of drift diving
- An introduction to drift diving equipment -- floats, lines, reels
- Buoyancy-control, navigation and communication for drift diving
- Site selection and overview of aquatic currents – causes and effects
- Techniques for staying close to a buddy or together as a group



## The Scuba Gear You Use

You use all the [basic scuba gear](#) plus some [scuba accessories](#) such as [floats](#), lines and reels. Check with us about gear rentals and packages offered with this course. You can find most everything here at NOVA Dive Center.

## The Learning Materials You Need

The PADI Drift Diver CrewPak

## Prerequisites

You must be:

- A [PADI Open Water Diver](#) or Junior Open Water Diver (or have a qualifying certification from another training organization)
- At least 12 years old



## **Your Next Adventure**

The [Diver Propulsion Vehicle](#) course introduces you to scuba diving with underwater scooters, which can come in handy while drift diving.