



Dear Diver,

PADI OPEN WATER COURSE

Many thanks for signing up for your PADI Open Water course with us. You are now one step closer to join an exclusive group of people who can explore the underwater world. Once qualified you will be able to dive anywhere around the world to 18m.

There are three parts to completing your course:

1. Theory

You should receive your 'PADI Open Water Digital e-learning', by e-mail directly from PADI within 48 hours of signing up to your course (please check your Junk Mail if you haven't received it before contacting us). Once received you can register it using your e-mail address.

This eLearning is browser-based and uses Flash player, which is not compatible with quite a few browsers on mobile devices. However, if you wish to study on your mobile device, you can download the Puffin Web Browser app (a link for this below) – this will allow you to access the materials and view the pages which use Flash player.

Please note you will still need to be connected to the internet to do this. There is no option to download the materials and access them offline!

https://www.puffinbrowser.com/mobile/

Below is also a direct link to the eLearning login page. Once you have created your account, following the instructions in the registration email, then go to this site and enter your details to access the materials.

http://elearning.padi.com/10.cfm

Could you ensure that the knowledge reviews at the end of each of the 5 sections of the theory are completed in time for the pool. Please be aware that











the theory normally takes around 8-10 hours to complete but it can be split up in to several sessions – don't leave it until the last minute!

Please bring a copy your knowledge development summary to the pool and hand it to your instructor (this has all of your scores on it). If you do not have a printer then <u>e-mail</u> it to us in advance and we can print it out on your behalf. If you have any technical difficulties then PADI customer services will be glad to assist, you can call them on 0117 300 7234.

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please download and complete the **PADI forms** found here and bring them with you on the day. Please note that if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions on the medical statement then we would need a note from your doctor saying that you are okay to dive. If you answer 'yes' and do not have a note from your GP then your instructor is not allowed to let you dive. No note is required if you answer 'no'.

2. Pool dive

Your instructor will meet you at the pool at 9am on the day shown on your booking confirmation. **See below** for details and directions to the pool.

What to bring – PADI forms, knowledge reviews, swimwear, towel and any diving equipment you may own (will have everything there anyway if you don't). It's also a good idea to bring a bottle of water and you can wear contact lenses inside your mask if you wear them (just keep your eyes closed when doing the mask skills!).

It's also a good idea to bring a bottle of water and some snacks as diving can make you hungry and thirsty. If you wear contact lenses these can be worn inside your mask but just keep your eyes closed when doing the mask skills!

3. Open Water Dives

The open water dives will be conducted at <u>Wraysbury Dive Centre (directions below)</u>. If you are not sure of the dates you have booked then you can find them on your booking confirmation that you will have received by e-mail on the day you booked the course. Directions to the dive site can be found at the foot of this document.

We will meet you at the dive site at 9am and aim to be finished around 3pm both days. If you need to change your dates please drop us an e-mail us at info@oysterdiving.com (subject to availability).

Please bring along £10 entry fee, log book, swimwear, warm clothes and some money for air (£3.50 per fill), food and beverages. Please note that the lake owner only accepts cash!

Once certified you will be qualified to dive to a maximum depth of 18 metres. It normally takes around 2-3 weeks for your PADI card to arrive but in the interim



you will receive an e-mail from PADI within a few days of your course with details of how to download an App containing a temporary e-card that can be stored on your smartphone (IOS and Android). The temporary e-card is valid for 30 days and can be shown to any PADI dive centre as proof of your certification. As a back-up PADI keep details of your certification on their global database which can be accessed by any PADI dive centre. If you ever lose your card then you can arrange a replacement through www.padi.com.

If you haven't done so already then we do recommend purchasing your own boots and fins. These are available through our <u>dive shop</u> and can be bought along to your first session.

Thanks again for booking your course with us and we look forward seeing you soon and starting your underwater adventures.

See you soon,
The Team at Oyster Diving
The UK's premier PADI Diving and Travel Centre

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Wraysbury Dive Centre



Wraysbury Dive Centre, Station Road, Wraysbury, Middlesex TW19 5ND

Facilities

Cafe - serving classic dishes such as bacon sarnies, sausage & egg, chips, chocolate bars nachos, coke, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. You can bring your own food & drinks with you but they insist you take your own rubbish home.

Toilets
Changing facilities
Entry Fee & Parking - £10 (cash payable on entry)
Air to fill scuba tank - £3.50 per fill
Don't forget – swimming costume, towel, warm clothes and money

Please be advised that this is a cash only site and if you arrive before 08.50 they are likely to turn you away.

Directions

Five minutes from Heathrow Airport between J13 and J14 of the M25 Motorway, Wraysbury Dive Centre is within easy reach of London and the South West.

From M25 Junction 13:

Follow signs to the B376 (Wraysbury). Once in the village carry on through, pass the Perseveance pub on your left, 500 yards further on will be Douglas Lane also on your left, after a further 50 yards you will find our entrance on the left hand side. If you come to the station/bridge you've gone too far.

From M25 Junction 14:

From Junction 14 (Heathrow Terminal 4 and Poyle) follow signs to Poyle. Go straight over a round-a-bout following a major reservoir on your left. After approximately a mile make a left turn into Coppermill Road. Follow this until you go over a railway bridge. We are on your right 100 yards after the bridge.

Train



There is a direct train from London Waterloo to Wraysbury, to check the latest train times please visit www.thetrainline.com.

If you haven't done so already then we do recommend purchasing your own mask, snorkel, boots and fins. These are available through our <u>dive</u> shop and can be bought along to your first pool session.

We receive many questions about "should I own my own equipment" so to make it easy we have written a <u>short blog to help you</u>.

If you are interested in hearing about any trips we are running, special offers or would like to keep in touch then please like our <u>Facebook page</u>.

If you would like to qualify to dive deeper then you can talk to your instructor about our <u>Advanced Open Water course</u>.

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North London & Hertfordshire, Barnet Pool Location

Directions



Rimon Villa 148 Barnet Road Herts EN5 3LJ

The Location

Depending on which way you are coming from, we are about 15 metres before / after (on the opposite side of the road) a big sign for a garage called Murphy Motors and a Hand Car Wash. We also share an entrance with 150 Barnet Road.

Parking

Shortly after you come in the road forks in two. We are on the right hand side, please keep to this side. The left side is our neighbour's and it is their private land. You can park anywhere on the right hand side. There is a gravel area next to the pool building that a lot of people park on.



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