

NAUI External Survey Wreck Diver

OVERVIEW

This course is to provide the diver with the skills and knowledge needed to gain experience and minimize risks in wreck diving. Wreck diving (external survey) is defined as diving around a sunken vessel, aircraft or debris field.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Coverage is to include safety, hazards and cautions, special risks of overhead environments, entanglement, limited visibility, deep diving, equipment (additions and modifications), location of wrecks, sources of information, search methods, underwater navigation, legal aspects, artifacts, treasure, salvage, archaeology and appropriate material from other specialty courses. If altitude diving is involved, altitude procedures and flying after diving shall be covered.

SCOPE OF COURSE

- No penetration into overhead environments
- Dives shall be planned to a maximum depth of 130 fsw or 1.6 ata (***Maximum PO2 of 1.2 is to be taught with 1.5-1.6 as contingencies.***)

SKILL REQUIREMENTS

The course shall be conducted over a series of six (6) dives on at least three different wrecks where the following skills will be covered: navigation, use of a guideline reel, search and recovery, anti-silting finning techniques. The course will culminate with a team-based project dive where a wreck site will be documented and mapped.

PREREQUISITES FOR ENTERING THE COURSE

Age. Minimum is 18 years. **Minimum Certification:** NAUI Advanced Scuba Diver and EANx certification or the equivalent is required. This course may be combined with EANx certification. A screening dive may be required for candidates with limited diving experience. Please note – we consider this course appropriate for recreational and technical divers alike as it addresses fundamental skills needed in wreck diving.

For pricing see the NAUI Training Rate Sheet.