

A diver in a black wetsuit and white fins is swimming upwards and to the right, leaving a trail of bubbles. In the background, several sharks are swimming in the deep blue water.

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

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GET MORE EXPERIENCE AND MORE ADVENTURE WITH SSI.

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CONTINUE YOUR **ADVENTURE**

If you have decided that diving is a sport you want to really immerse yourself in, then it is time for you to discover SSI's Continuing Education program. Enrolling in a specialty course is a great way to hone your skills and learn some new ones. Continuing Education is exciting and limitless. Choose your personal combination of training and diving experience to reach your diving goals today! Each Specialty Program will provide you with certain benefits and get you one step closer

to your Ultimate Dive Experience. Our goal is to prepare you for the adventure that lies ahead, as well as make sure you have a good time doing it! The SSI Continuing Education Program uses a flexible, menu-based, streamlined, and economic approach. With SSI, you only need to take the Specialty Programs that are of interest to you. You'll be confident and comfortable so you can dive independently from your SSI Instructor, and really enjoy yourself.

Each of our Specialty Programs is based on our Diver Diamond methodology, which focuses on the proper knowledge, skills, equipment, and experience required to help you become a proficient diver.



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Altitude Diving: If you dive in a body of water 300 to 3000 meters (1000 to 10000 feet) above sea level, you call this Altitude Diving. Most algorithms have been designed to plan dives up to 300 meters (1000 feet). During your Altitude Diving program, you will find everything you need to safely plan dives at a higher altitude.



Dry Suit Diving: Make diving a year-round activity by learning the basics of using a dry suit. The Dry Suit Diving program will teach you how to select and properly use your personally fitted dry suit. Aside from your comfort underwater, proper insulation and protection is also important for your safety.



Boat Diving: Boats allow you the opportunity to explore spectacular dive sites far from shore. This program covers the additional knowledge you need to make your first boat diving vacation a true success, and the techniques necessary to dive properly from all sizes and types of boats. Enhance your dive trips!



Enriched Air Nitrox: You no longer have to make a choice between safety and longer dive times - nitrox is the key. Enrolling in SSI's most popular specialty program will teach you everything you need to know about Enriched Air Nitrox. This program is also a prerequisite for getting involved in Technical Diving.

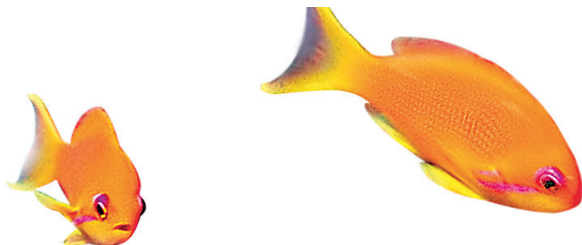


Deep Diving: Many of the more exciting and intriguing dive sites are located in deeper water. Without proper training, this kind of diving can put you at risk. The Deep Diving program will provide you with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to make these types of dives safely and comfortably. Explore the big blue!



Equipment Techniques: Your Total Diving System is like a buddy underwater who you need to be able to rely on at any time. You will learn about equipment selection best suited to you, care and maintenance of your equipment, and how to properly store it; ensuring the performance and longevity of your equipment.





Full Face Mask Diving: Enjoy the ability to breathe naturally through your nose and never care about a fogged mask again! Diving with a Full Face Mask is enjoyable and provides some added benefits, some models even allow you to mount an underwater communication system, so you can talk to your buddy and/or those on the surface.



Ice Diving: Diving under ice adds a whole new adventure to diving! You will have the ability to experience the underwater world from a whole new perspective while facing an overhead environment at the same time. In this program you will learn all safety aspects and the use of mandatory ropes while diving under ice, because your safety is the highest priority.



Independent Diving: Independent Diving should not motivate you for Solo Diving in general, it simply adds another layer of safety to your diving adventures in case you get separated from your buddy. Learn effective self rescue techniques including the necessary equipment to have a proper redundancy in case you ever need it.



Navigation: To become a safe and confident diver, it is critical to develop an understanding of navigation. You will learn how to navigate with a compass, and how to apply natural navigation skills, estimate distances, navigate different search patterns, find your way to marking points, and be able to get back to the exit point.



Night and Limited Visibility: Whether it's day or night, limited visibility can be an adventure. Just because the visibility is limited, doesn't mean the opportunities have to be. This program is filled with information about planning and conducting night and limited visibility dives for fun, adventure, and exploration.



Perfect Buoyancy: Proper buoyancy control can only be mastered with proper training. The Perfect Buoyancy program will improve your swimming position and reduce your effort which will lead to less air consumption. In addition, proper buoyancy control is the best skill for environmental protection.



Photo & Video: Learn everything you need to know to be a successful underwater photographer! Photo & Video will teach you proper photography techniques to get better results instantly and teach you how to optimize your camera system with valuable accessories.



Recreational Rebreather: Experience true silence under water and get close to marine life like never before! Rebreather Diving makes it possible, along with the cool factor of using a Rebreather paired with a complete new feeling of buoyancy. Do something extraordinary which may lead you into more challenging dives beyond recreational diving limits in the Extended Range programs.



Recreational Sidemount Diving: This kind of diving is already common practice for a lot of wreck and cave divers. Now the benefits are being discovered by more and more recreational divers. The ease of movement without a heavy tank on the back and a new feeling of buoyancy are enticing advantages of the program. Get involved!



Science of Diving: Science of Diving addresses all the areas of diving knowledge in a detailed and comprehensive manner: Physics, Physiology, Decompression Theory, Aquatic Environment, and Diving Equipment. If you are simply interested in diving or plan to become a Dive Professional - The Science of Diving program is what you need!

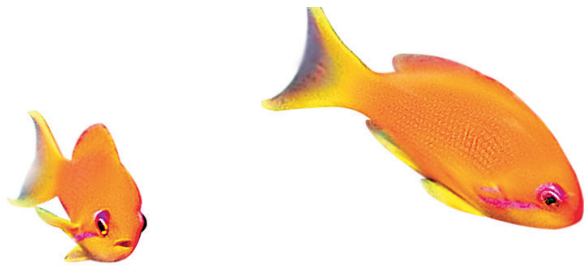


Scooter/DPV Diving: Did you ever dream of gliding effortlessly through the blue? Scooter/DPV Diving provides you with the option to dive in currents without getting exhausted and to explore huge areas within one single dive. Apart from that, it is simply pure fun! The Scooter/DPV program teaches you all necessary diving procedures and specialized equipment knowledge to truly enjoy a complete new diving experience with your buddy.



Search & Recovery: Whether it's the gold of a sunken ship or that your buddy lost his/her dive light, there are times when knowing how to search for lost objects would be very beneficial. The Search & Recovery program will teach you different search patterns for use in various conditions and the proper techniques for lifting objects.





ADVANCED ADVENTURER SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Shark Diving: Sharks have always captivated the attention of mankind. This program will help you to separate fact from fiction and learn the truth about these fascinating creatures. You will also learn how to react properly when diving or snorkeling with sharks. Caring for nature is also key to this outstanding program.



Waves, Tides & Currents: Water motion can have a tremendous effect on your enjoyment during dives. Adequate training is critical to handling the various water motion conditions you may encounter. You will learn to interact with waves when entering from shore, how to act in a rip current and other water conditions.



Wreck Diving: Exciting diving experiences await. These dives of exploring the past are exhilarating but there are some risks involved. However, with the proper training and knowledge you get all you need to have the "Ultimate Diving Experience". Start exploring history and unknown sites!



If you still can't decide which Specialty program is the best choice for you, you'll have the chance to try some Specialties with the Advanced Adventurer program. SSI's Advanced Adventurer program was created so that you can try out a variety of specialties before you commit to completing a full program.

It's a great way to experience what advanced training is all about and how valuable it can be to your diving adventures. During the Advanced Adventurer Program, you will have the chance to try out 5 different specialties. You will complete one open water training dive per specialty, and if you decide to take a full program in any of the specialties you have tried, the dives you completed can be applied to your advanced certification.



EMERGENCY TRAINING

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Diver Stress & Rescue: Be prepared for those unexpected emergencies. The Diver Stress & Rescue program will teach you about accident prevention and how to handle situations that might occur. You will learn how to avoid, recognize, and solve problems on the surface and underwater. Enhance your safety!



React Right: First aid techniques are constantly being improved, making this course valuable to both new and experienced SSI React Right Providers. This course has two parts. In part one, you will independently study the course materials and complete the knowledge review questions at your own pace, in whatever learning environment works best for you.





EXTENDED RANGE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Extended Range Nitrox Diving: This program qualifies you to dive to 40 meters using nitrox and 15 minutes of accelerated decompression using a one stage decompression gas. The program can be completed wearing your standard total diving system, a large cylinder with H or Y valve or even a full twinset.



Advanced Wreck Diving: This program allows limited penetration into wrecks with an overhead environment. The training required for this type of diving is overhead buoyancy control, new fining techniques, laying safety line and the proper use of a light. The program can be completed wearing a single cylinder with either a pony cylinder or H/Y valve or a technical total diving system.



Cavern Diving: This program allows limited penetration into caverns. The training required for this type of diving is the same as Advanced Wreck Diving - overhead buoyancy control, new fining techniques, laying a safety line and the proper use of a light plus a more thorough understanding of the environment.



Gas Blender: Gas Blender qualifies you to blend all Nitrox and Trimix gases with any oxygen content. You will learn the mathematics physics and skills to confidently blend breathing mixes. This program is open to anyone, even non divers.



Learn more about our full Extended Range program and have a look at the new XR brochure.



HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO GO?

SSI CONTINUING EDUCATION RATINGS

Taking a specific number of SSI Specialties and continuing your pursuit of dives, allows you to earn higher levels of diver ratings. SSI's ratings are the only ratings in the industry that combine training and experience requirements, proving that SSI ratings are truly earned. It is up to you to decide how far you want to go. And the best part is recognition at SSI is FREE! Complete your Specialty Programs with the applicable SSI Specialty certification card and receive the SSI Recognition Ratings: Specialty Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, and Master Diver - FREE.

SSI's certifications are recognized worldwide so your diving experiences will be limitless. The fun doesn't need to stop here! With just a little more training, you can go even further and become a Dive Professional. Imagine sharing your love of diving with others! Check out all of the exciting Dive Professional programs which you can be involved in. It's your chance to move to the next level in your diving adventures. SSI will be a reliable buddy accompanying you on your way.

SSI Specialty Diver: To earn the certification for Specialty Diver, you must complete 2 specialty programs and have completed a total of 12 dives. This is higher than any other agency's advanced programs - for your fun and safety!



SSI Advanced Open Water Diver: SSI's Advanced Diver rating stands alone in the industry with the highest combination of diving knowledge, skills, and experience. No other agency's advanced diver level compares. To earn the certification for Advanced Open Water Diver, you must complete 4 specialty programs and have completed a total of 24 dives.



SSI Master Diver: SSI's Master Diver is one of the most elite ratings in diving today. Divers that have completed this level have combined the knowledge and experience to call themselves Master Divers. To earn the certification for Master Diver, you must complete 4 specialty courses, Stress & Rescue, and have completed 50 dives.



DIGITAL LEARNING. REAL DIVING.

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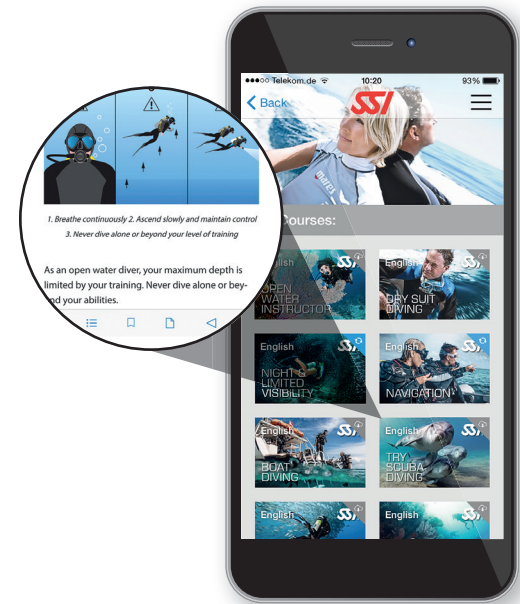
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THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SSI DIGITAL SYSTEM

SSI's Digital Learning truly is a whole new standard in diver education. It's DIGITAL LEARNING. REAL DIVING - Comprehensive, first rate videos, illustrations, animations and photos to stimulate learning. Digital Learning is fully responsive and scales to fit any device. The digital multi-media

platform makes learning engaging, interactive and fun - one package and one price, transparent, without hidden costs.

- Eco-friendly and convenient, print versions are still available if you prefer.
- Watch videos, read text, view animations and graphics on one platform.
- Add personal notes (either voice notes or written) to discuss questions with your SSI Dive Professional.
- Bookmark subjects to review anytime during the course.
- Interactive review questions that will truly test what has been learned and retained.
- Keep current with regular updates and new information at no extra charge.
- Free online training trial for Snorkeling, Try Scuba or Scuba Diver.



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Specialty Diver:
2 Specialties + 12 Dives



Advanced Open Water Diver:
4 Specialties + 24 Dives



Master Diver:
4 Specialties + Stress&Rescue
+ 50 Dives



Advanced Adventurer:
5 Specialty Dives
OPTIONAL

Dive Center:

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THE DIVESSI APP

Free, easy to install, intuitive and everything a diver needs at home and abroad:

- **myTraining:** learn whenever and wherever you want in over 30 languages on any device.
- **myCards:** never leave home without your certification.
- **myDives:** log your dives digitally, use a picture of the dive site or your buddy and have them sign right on the device.
- **Dive Center Search:** find any SSI dive center or resort around the world.

And many more helpful tools, like first aid flow charts, checklists and hand signals.



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