



Dear Scuba Student or Interested Person,

HERE IS IMPORTANT INFO concerning our National Association of Underwater Instructors Open Water Scuba Diver Course held at the Beaufort Rec Center BFT Pool (35 Youmans Drive). The first ZOOM class at home is 6:30 – 9:30 pm Wednesday, April 18. The pool sessions will be 8 am to 1 pm May 10 and 17. Zoom classroom sessions will be 6 – 9:30 pm after each pool session or re-arranged according to class preference. **PLEASE BE ON TIME IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AND RIG GEAR.** I look forward to providing you with training that will enable you to be skillful, knowledgeable, and safe divers. To do that, I meet and exceed certification requirements for a course you will find interesting and enjoyable.

If you haven't yet, these are things you need to do:

1. Register and pay tuition as follows: go to www.bcscrec.com, select Aquatics, select Scuba and register. The tuition of \$380 INCLUDES pool rental and instruction, Zoom classes, tank with airfills, regulator with octo and gauges, buoyancy compensator, weights and weight belts, and wetsuits for long pool times. Please pay me \$105 for online education packet and one certification fee. Payments to me can be done by Venmo (Kenneth-mccracken-6) or by Zelle (970-319-5747).

2. Provide me with the address where you want your online packet(s) delivered. Don't worry about this if I have given or sent you one already.

4. Open Water dives are scheduled for the weekend of June 14– 15 at Ravenel Quarry OR you can do them on our Key Largo Florida Dive Trip June 21 - 22 when you can do boat dives in clear, warm water with plenty of sea life. You are welcome to continue to dive with us for the rest of this dive trip June 23 - 25. Open Water training is \$75 or \$50 for family members in the same course and this INCLUDES Scuba gear. Tanks and airfills are provided by Rainbow Reef Diving as part of the charter fee. The charter fee is \$80 per day of diving for two boat dives. The site fee for Ravenel Quarry is \$25 per day.

These are payable to Ken before the Open Water dives. We will provide accommodations recommendations for those going to Key Largo.

4. You need personal snorkeling gear adequate for ocean diving in time for the first pool class. I suggest Second Chance Scuba Shop in Charleston where my students receive a 15% discount. Call or text Omar at (843) 573-7573 for directions and to let him know you are coming. You will need mask, snorkel, open heel fins, booties for the fins, and octopus necklace holder. I also suggest you have a breathable dive bag.

5. Let me know if you have medical problems that may preclude diving, such as asthma, insulin-dependent diabetes, lung/breathing problems, cardiovascular problems, seizure disorder, inadequate physical fitness for moderate physical activity, other potential medical history.

6. Due to COVID 19, regulators and BCs will be issued for the student to use for the entire course and buddy breathing with a SHARED second stage won't be presented.

7. Bring lunch or snack for the pool training sessions. Meet at the pool on time before the pool session. Do not enter the pool area until given the word to enter by an instructor.

8. Please fill out the forms, including Medical History and Waiver, attached to this Info Letter. I have to have these completed, signed, and witnessed forms before you can go in the water. If you are under 18 years old, please have a parent co-sign the forms including the Waiver and Medical History. I will bring extra forms if you are sharing a packet.

Divers under 15 years old will earn Junior Open Water Diver certification which requires them to dive with a certified adult diver. I make arrangements for Junior divers I certify to transition to adult Open Water certification when they reach the age of 15.

You will be certified after you complete your Open Water training dives PROVIDED you have finished the online training, the ZOOM classes, and passed the written test.

The course tuition includes regulator with octo and gauges, buoyancy compensator, weight belt with weights, tank with airfills, and wetsuit. The student needs to provide snorkeling gear adequate for ocean diving as noted earlier. It is recommended that you complete the online instruction on snorkeling gear before you purchase this equipment. However, you can trust Omar and his staff to give you good advice. Please note that I DO NOT receive any money or commission for gear sales.

I look forward to teaching you to enjoy the amazing underwater world. We have a lot of education and training to accomplish and enjoy. Please try to complete the online training before the course and, if you haven't yet, **let me know your address so that I can have NAUI**

send it to you. Please complete, sign, and witness the Waiver and the Medical History Questionnaire and bring to class. Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions.

Ken

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