



News and announcements

## Important Program Updates

A Lead Diver is required on all dive operations:

A Lead Diver is an experienced Scientific Diver that has been approved by the DSO to supervise dives.

- Lead Divers are only qualified to supervise dive operations in which they have experience, i.e. a Lead Diver qualified to supervise shallow warm water dives is not automatically qualified to supervise altitude or ice diving.
- Lead Diver training is hands-on, if you would like to qualify as a Lead Diver, consult the DSO to establish a training plan.
- Plan ahead! Depending on experience level, it may take time for a Scientific Diver to gain the experience necessary to qualify as a Lead Diver.

## Training Schedule Updates

Be sure to register before the cutoff date!

[Register for Dive Training!](#)

<p><b>Dive Training Camp</b> August 9<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backplate/Wing Configuration</li> <li>• Underwater Navigator</li> <li>• Rescue Diver</li> <li>• Nitrox</li> <li>• Hookah</li> <li>• Confined/Open Water Evaluations</li> <li>• Checkout (Scientific) Dives</li> </ul>
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Upcoming Training:

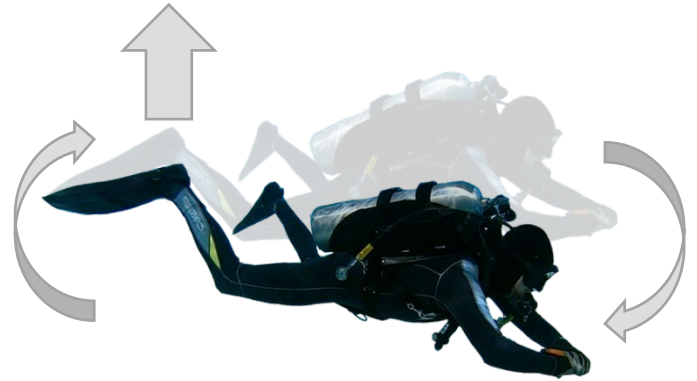
<b>Course</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Registration Cutoff date</b>
Pool Proficiency Dive	July 22nd	July 8th
Confined Water Evaluation	July 23rd	July 9th
Open Water Evaluation	July 27th	July 13th
Open Water Proficiency Dive	July 29th	July 15th
<b>Dive Training Camp</b>	<b>August 9th</b>	<b>July 26th</b>
Confined Water Evaluation	August 24th	August 9th
Pool Proficiency Dive	August 25th	August 10th
Open Water Proficiency Dive	August 27th	August 11th
Open Water Evaluation	August 30th	August 13th

## Tech Tip



### Monoprene Fin

- Less weight on the feet
- "Pulls" feet up



## Fins make a big difference

Your choice of dive fin can make a big difference in your propulsion, as well as your balance and trim. Use a short, stiff bladed fin to provide maximum maneuverability and thrust. Avoid gimmicky fins and be skeptical of newer designs. Avoid split fins as they are not designed to allow efficient frog kicks. The fin material will make a big difference in the weight of the fin. Fins constructed from monoprene are typically lighter and will be either neutrally buoyant or slightly positive. Choose monoprene if your feet tend to sink. Fins constructed from rubber are typically heavier and will sink. Choose a rubber fin if your feet tend to float. Lastly, stainless steel spring heel straps are recommended for their durability, and ease of fin removal. If you use plastic or rubber fin straps, always carry extras as they will eventually wear out and a broken fin strap can end your diving for the day. Consult the DSO if you need help replacing your fin straps.

### Rubber Fin

- More weight on the feet
- "Pushes" feet down

