



# SPECIALTY DIVER

HOW FAR DO YOU WANT TO GO? 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 certain benefits and gets 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 economical 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 of 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.

**Proper Knowledge:** With SSI, learning is fast, easy, and convenient! SSI Training is designed so you can define your learning rhythm. Your instructor will support you and supplement your knowledge.

**Proper Skills:** Under the guidance of an SSI Instructor, you will learn the correct skills and techniques associated with the specialties of your choice, to make you a more comfortable and confident diver.

**Proper Equipment:** The safest way to dive is in your own personally fitted Total Diving System. For all

SSI Continuing Education programs, you may need additional equipment to perform these dives.

**Proper Experience:** Knowledge, skills, and equipment is only part of the journey. Going diving is the only way you can gain the actual experience needed to become a comfortable and confident diver.

## GET INVOLVED

1. Review the specialty program menu with your SSI Dive Center or Dive Resort. Choose the programs that best fit your interest and schedule your training!
2. Review your program materials.
3. Get out there and dive!
4. Reward yourself with the recognition you

deserve. Get an SSI Specialty Card, and earn credit towards your Continuing Education Ratings!

## ADVANCED ADVENTURER

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 tried, the dive you took can be applied to your advanced certification.

# SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS



**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!



**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.



**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. 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!



**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.



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



**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 for you, care and maintenance of your equipment, and how to properly store it; to ensure performance and extended lifetime of your equipment.



**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!



**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.



**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!



**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 and Recovery program will teach you different search patterns for use in various conditions and the proper techniques to lift objects.



**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 for this outstanding program.



**Waves, Tides & Currents:** Water motion can have a tremendous effect on your enjoyment during your 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.



**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!



**Wreck Diving:** Exciting diving experiences await. These dives and exploring the past is 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!  
... and many more





# 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 in which you can be involved. 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.



## EXTENDED RANGE

Interested in More Extreme Diving? Check out our Extended Range programs, which are menu-based and convenient:

**XR Program:** Advanced Nitrox, Advanced Wreck, Cavern Diving, Extended Range Diver, Intro to Cave Diving, Limited Trimix

**TXR Program:** Advanced Decompression Procedures, Basic Cave Diving, Cave Diving, Decompression Procedures, Hypoxic Trimix, Normoxic Trimix, Technical Wreck Diving

**Emergency Training:** (Currently offered by SSI Cooperative Partners) First Aid & CPR, Oxygen Provider, Automated External Defibrillation (AED)



## HOMESTUDY

Learn to dive with state of the art media and comprehensive content, wherever and whenever you want! Enjoy the convenience of studying at the place of your choice.

## DIVE ONLINE

To make sure all of your diving experiences are the best no matter where you are around the world, SSI has created a user-friendly online service. Available 24/7, absolutely free! All you need is an active internet connection and your personal login code.

**myProfile:** Store your photo, address, and contact information, as well as view your most current certification data.

**myC-Cards:** View and print out all of your SSI Certification Cards. Forgot, misplaced, or lost your certification card? No problem. This area displays all of your training achievements.

**myDocuments:** Store the various documents you may need during your dive travels.

**myPictures:** Share pictures with your dive buddies and your SSI Dive Center. You can store your pictures here and share them with other divers or add them to the dives in your logbook.

**myDiveLog:** Fill your profile with life! Record all or your best dives in digital format and share your diving dreams with your dive buddies or your SSI Dive Center/Dive Resort.

**myEquipment:** Enter all the pieces of your diving system. For each item you can enter the purchase dates, serial numbers and the authorized Dealer address you purchased the item from. You can also share this information with your SSI Dive Center so they are ready to take care of you.

**myEvents:** Travel, Programs, Training, Events or simply a Get-Together at the Dive Center - Check myEvents for all activities globally! Not just about, but always related to, diving.

**myBuddies:** Use to store the addresses of your favorite dive buddies. Keep the contact information current and email your buddy any time you want to plan a dive with them.

**myNewsCenter:** Keep your knowledge current! Check here for the latest trends, products and news from the SSI World.

**myControlCenter:** Only the Information you want! You will not be bothered with information you do not need! You decide what you want to receive!

**myQuality:** We Love Diving! Therefore we want your feedback to make sure the quality we provide is at the level you deserve! Send us your experiences and your opinions regarding your training and SSI Services. We are looking forward to receiving your comments.

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**Advanced Adventurer:**  
5 Specialty Dives



**Specialty Diver:**  
2 Specialties + 12 Dives



**Advanced Open Water Diver:**  
4 Specialties + 24 Dives



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

## EVERYTHING DIVING

Everything Diving is the new SSI App. – Free, easy to install, intuitive and “everything” a diver needs at home and abroad:

- Your SSI certifications
- Important Checklists
- Equipment
- Buddy Check List
- Dive Planning
- First Aid
- Hand Signals Review
- First Aid and Neuro Assessment Flow Charts – just in case of an emergency!
- SSI Dive Center & Resorts near you and worldwide – all with a detailed description of their services offered.



Dive Center: