

DIVE EXPERIENCE
PADI 5 * Instructor Development Center
Offering Instructor Training and Instructor Continuing
Education in St. Croix, USVI for over 35 years

PADI PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 2022
General Information

GENERAL IDC INFORMATION

The Instructor Development Course (IDC) focuses on preparing qualified candidates as PADI Open Water Scuba Instructors.

The entire IDC is divided into two portions—Assistant Instructor (AI) course and Open Water Scuba Instructor (OWSI) course. Candidates who have successfully completed the OWSI course are eligible for the two day Instructor Exam (IE). The Dive Experience IDC combines both these AI and OWSI into one program.

The Dive Experience IDC program also contains the complete Emergency First Response Instructor program (EFRI).

After successful completion of the OWSI or complete IDC candidates qualify to take the Instructor Exam (IE) conducted over at least two days by a PADI Instructor Examiner.

Pre-requisites:

To enroll in an **AI course or IDC** an individual must:

Be certified as a PADI Divemaster or hold a leadership level certification with another recognized* recreational diver training organization.

To enroll in an OWSI course an individual must:

Be certified as a PADI Assistant Instructor or as a **current** instructor member in good standing with another recreational diver training organization for at least 6 months including BSAC (Club Instructor or higher), CMAS (two star Instructor), FAUI, IDEA, Los Angeles County, MDEA, NAUI, PDIC, SSI, SAA (Instructor Grade 2 or higher) or YMCA (others may qualify – contact PADI for verification).

In addition, all candidates must:

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Have been a certified diver for at least six months and have completed and logged at least 60 dives and have documentation of experience in deep, night and navigation diving. Note: logbooks

- must be brought to the first class.
3. Be fit for diving and submit a Medical Statement for a diving medical examination within the past 12 months.
 4. Submit proof of CPR and First Aid Training within the last 24 months.
 5. Submit documentation of any equivalent (non-PADI) certifications for entry level, advanced, rescue and leadership-level issued by another recreational diving organization.
 6. Be an Emergency First Response Instructor (a class will be held prior to the IDC) or equivalent.
 7. If not a PADI Divemaster, successfully complete the PADI Divemaster Course diver rescue skills assessment.

IE Pre-requisites:

1. Have successfully completed all portions of an IDC or OWSI Course within 12 months of IE start date.
2. Be fit for diving and submit a Medical Statement for a diving medical examination within the past 12 months and have had no medical condition changes.
3. Have completed and show proof of at least 100 logged dives.

IE Exit Requirements:

1. Emergency First Response Instructor (or qualifying certification)

Required Candidate Materials:

- ◆ PADI Instructor Manual 2022 (free download with PADI membership in early 2022)
- ◆ PADI's Guide to Teaching **
- ◆ PADI IDC eLearning**
- ◆ PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy and Project Aware Specialty Course Instructor Guides.**
- ◆ PADI Open Water Diver Manual or eLearning
- ◆ Recreational Dive Planner—RDP Table and eRDPml including Instructions for Use booklets
- ◆ PADI Skill Practice and Dive Planning Slates**
- ◆ PADI Advanced Open Water, Rescue and Divemaster Manuals or eLearning
- ◆ Open Water Quizzes and Exams**
- ◆ Rescue and Divemaster Exams**
- ◆ Aquatic Cue Cards for Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water Diver, Rescue Diver, Divemaster and Discover Scuba Diver**
- ◆ Skill Development Preparation slate**
- ◆ The Encyclopedia of Recreation Diving

- ◆ Diving Knowledge Workbook (digital)** or eRecord for Dive Theory online completed
- ◆ Pocket Mask
- ◆ Emergency First Response Instructor Start-Up Pak
- ◆ Open Water Diver Course Prescriptive Lesson Guides**

Recommended

PADI Diver Videos
PADI Specialty Diver manuals or eLearning
Rescue Diver Course Prescriptive Lesson Guides
Divemaster Course Prescriptive Lesson Guides

**Included in the full IDC digital Crew pack

About Dive Experience and your Course Director

The name says it all. **Dive Experience** was founded in 1984 by Michelle Pugh (a member of the Women Divers' Hall of Fame). She is an owner who actively teaches and dives. Dive Experience became a PADI 5* Instructor Development Center in 1986 and has been training Instructors since then.

Michelle works tirelessly on environmental issues that affect both St. Croix and the Caribbean in general.

To learn more about Dive Experience visit the web page: www.Divexp.com.

Your Course Director is **Barbara DeClerque**. Barbara started teaching divers in 1984 and became a PADI Course Director in 1995. She has been conducting Instructor programs for Dive Experience since 2000.

Where is St. Croix and How do I get there and other questions?

The US Virgin Islands are located in the north-eastern Caribbean, just to the east of Puerto Rico. St. Croix is the largest of the US Virgin Islands.

The United States Virgin Islands are under the US flag and therefore subject to US laws. The currency is the US \$ and it is served by the US Mail.

When entering St. Croix it is just like flying to another state, if you are coming from the US. However when returning to the mainland you go through customs and immigration. A passport **or** other proof of citizenship/residency is required for US residents. Non US residents must have a passport and valid visa/legal residency documents.

If you are coming from another country you have to go through US immigration the same as if you were entering the States on the mainland

GETTING THERE

FROM NORTH AMERICA:

American, Delta, JetBlue and Spirit currently fly into St. Croix from the US, depending upon day and location. There are also connections via other airlines connecting in . Check airlines because schedules change. NOTE PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED OF US CITIZENS (see below).

FROM EUROPE:

Via the US mainland, San Juan Puerto Rico, or St. Thomas. Between the islands you can fly American (from San Juan), or Cape Air (San Juan, St. Thomas).

CLIMATE/WATER TEMPERATURE:

Water temperatures range between 78 and 84 degrees F. Days are sunny and tropical throughout the year but always cooled by the constant trade winds.

CURRENCY:

US dollar. Credit cards accepted in most places and there are several ATMs on the island.

ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS

St. Croix is a US island and therefore US residents and citizens are not required to have passports to enter or leave, however proof of entry requirements for non-US citizens are the same as entering the mainland.

US residents and citizens just must show legal proof of residency or citizenship to return to the mainland.

COVID 19 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 3 2022 all visitors to the US Virgin Islands and returning residents must show proof of a negative Covid test taken within 3 days of travel. Check with usvitavelportal.com since requirements can change.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Your class will take place in Christiansted. There are many Airbnb's available in the area. If you stay in town you will not need a car. If you stay out of town you will need a car. You will need a car for the Instructor Exam.

We recommend Hotel on the Cay which is situated on a small island in the harbor. Portions of the IDC will be conducted here. Car not required. Mention Dive Experience when you check availability and prices.

We are happy to put you in touch with other candidates to plan on shared accommodation.

Check with us when you are ready to book because we are constantly checking with hotel availabilities and possible discounts.

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