

Dive Team Refresher Training

September 22 - 26, 2008

Training Syllabus



Emerald Bay State Park



Memorandum

Date : July 30, 2008

To : Selected Dive Team Members

From : **Department of Parks and Recreation**
Alex K. Peabody, Aquatic Safety Specialist
Diving Safety Board Chairman

Subject : **2008 Dive Team Refresher Training: September 22 - 26, 2008**

You have been pre-selected to attend State Park Dive Team Refresher Training beginning on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 1500 hours through Friday, September 26, 2008.

Please take the time to carefully read the course syllabus. The training program will include lectures, safety reviews, open water altitude diving skills, and practical exercises for NAUI Scientific Diver certification. Each diver will be participating and contributing to a project report that will be produced on the final day of the course.

For diver safety while engaged in repetitive diving at altitude, divers may not go UP in altitude for at least 24 hours following their last dive on Thursday, Sept. 25th.

Due to safety and fatigue, lodging is available for Friday night and participants are encouraged to spend the night prior to going on the road. Please confirm with the course coordinator, whether you will be spending Friday night.

A pre-training exam is included and must be completed prior to arriving at the refresher training.

Please bring all of your diving equipment including two (2) tanks and weight belt (unless you are flying). Also, bring any equipment or diving related materials that you would like to share with the class.

The course cost for the training will be covered by the State Park Training Center when you submit your travel claim. Your District must pay for the cost of travel to / from the training location.

All lodging and meals are provided at the Granlibakken Conference Center located in Tahoe City, California. Room assignments will be coordinated by Alex Peabody.

Please notify Course Coordinator, Alex Peabody immediately if you are unable to attend or if you have any questions at (831) 649-7132, or Cell phone (831) 402-7805. You can Email Alex at apeabody@parks.ca.gov .

**2008 Dive Refresher
September 22 - 26, 2008**

COURSE ROSTER

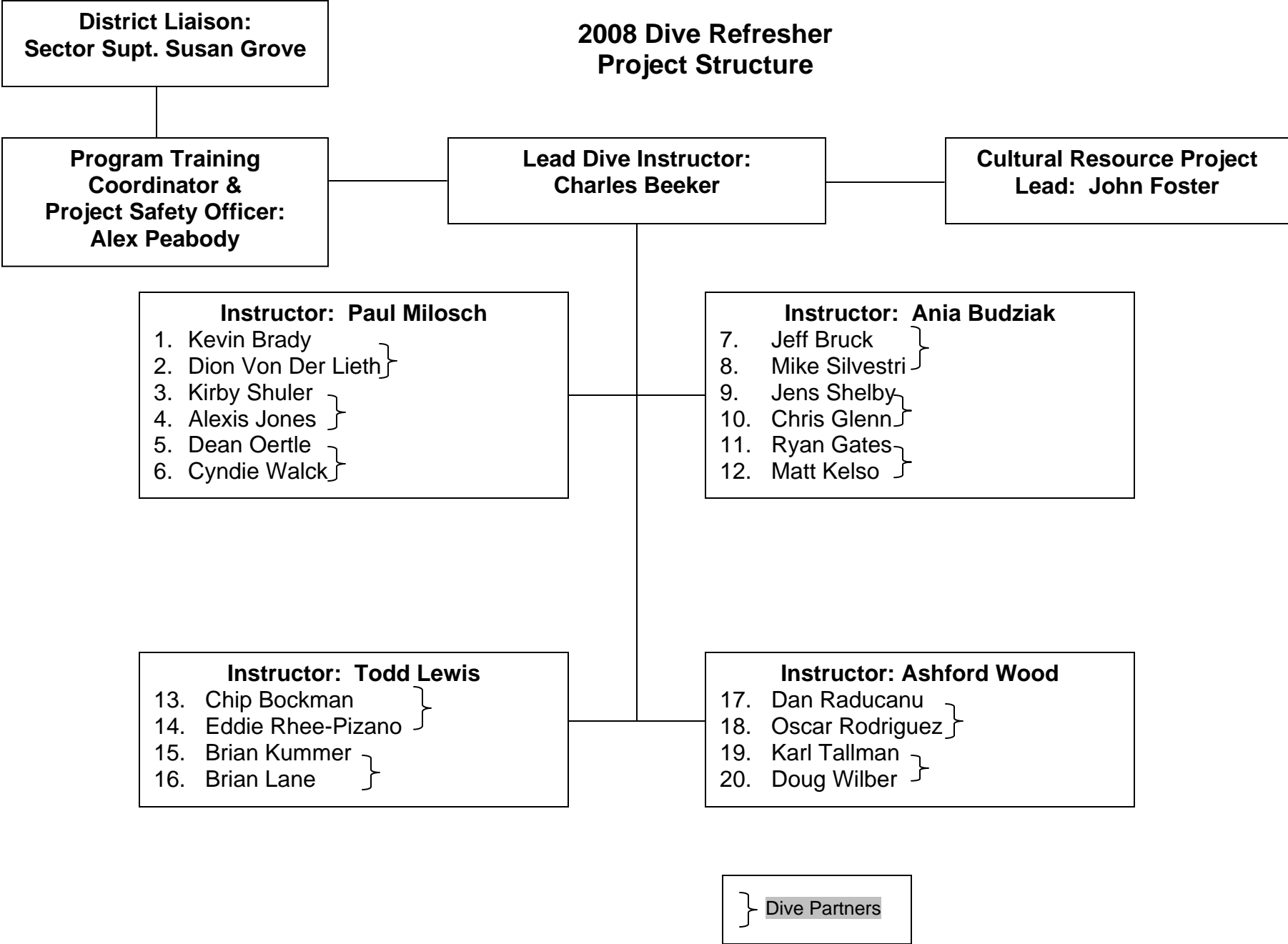
Instructors:

1. Paul Milosch, LGS, Orange Coast
2. Todd Lewis, SSPR, Mendocino
3. John Foster, Senior Archeologist, Sacramento HQ
4. Ashford Wood, SPR Russian River
5. Charles Beeker, Director, Underwater Science and Academic Diving Program, Indiana University
6. Ania Budziak, Research Associate, Indiana University and Marine Conservation Specialist, Project AWARE Foundation

**Program Coordinator and Safety Officer: Alex Peabody, Aquatic Specialist
Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Division**

STUDENTS	CLASSIFICATION	DISTRICT
1. Bockman, Charles	LGS II	Santa Cruz
2. Brady, Kevin	LG	Monterey
3. Bruck, Jeff	LG	San Diego Coast
4. Gates, Ryan	LG	Orange Coast
5. Jones, Alexis	LG	Orange Coast
6. Kelso, Matt	LG	Orange Coast
7. Schuler, Kirby	LG	Orange Coast
8. Kummer, Brian	Ranger	Orange Coast
9. Lane, Brian	Ranger	Orange Coast
10. Raducanu, Daniel	LG	Angeles
11. Rodriguez, Oscar	Maint. Chief I	Angeles
12. Rhee-Pizano, Eddie	LG	Santa Cruz
13. Shelby, Jens	Maint. Mechanic	Mendocino
14. Silvestri, Mike	LGS I (RA)	San Diego Coast
15. Tallman, Karl	Supt. II	Santa Cruz
16. Von Der Lieth, Dion	LG	Channel Coast
17. Wilber, Douglas	P&R Specialist	Headquarters
18. Glenn, Chris	Ranger	Mendocino
19. Oertle, Dean	Ranger	Sierra
20. Walck, Cyndie	Hydrologist/Geologist	Sierra
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2008 Dive Refresher Project Structure



2008 Dive Team Refresher Training

SYLLABUS

Monday, September 22

Location: *Granlibakken Conference Center*

Time:	Subject:	Instructor:
1200 – 1500	Check-in	
1500 – 1800	Classroom: Introductions State Park Dive Team Mission, Purpose, and Policy	Alex Peabody
	Diving at Altitude Lecture and NAUI Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effects of Altitude on the Human Body• Altitude decompression tables and dive computers	Charlie Beeker
	DPR Pre-Test Altitude Diving Review and Safety Reminders	Paul Milosch
1800	Dinner	

Tuesday, September 23

0715	Breakfast	
	Classroom:	
0800-0900	Underwater cultural resources in California State Parks	John Foster
0900-1000	Emerald Bay's Underwater Fleet & Moorings of Emerald Bay	Charles Beeker
1000-1100	Underwater Data Collection Techniques	Todd Lewis
1100-1200	Detection and reporting of Eurasian watermilfoil, Quagga Mussels, and other invasive species	Tamara Sasaki
1200-1300	Box Lunch and travel to Emerald Bay S.P.	
1300-1500	Emerald Bay State Park, Boat-in Campground: Safety Check of Equipment/Practical Skills Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dive computers and decompression tables• Proper weighting for fresh water• Basic Skills Review• Emergency Skills Review	Dive 1
1500-1700	Begin mapping and documentation of Boat-in Camp Vessel Moorings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dive groups to inspect and document assigned moorings	Dive 2
1700	Debrief and return to lodge	Charlie Beeker
1800	Dinner	

Wednesday, September 24

0715	Breakfast	
0800-1200	Travel to Dive Site at Emerald Bay S.P. Boat-in Campground <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete inspections and documentation of moorings• Dive groups to inspect and document assigned sunken vessels• Set-up PORTS for transmission at 1300 hours to Sacramento H.Q.	Dive 3
1200-1300	Box Lunch	
1300-1600	1 hour (1400 hrs.) P.O.R.T.S. transmission to Sacramento H.Q. and narration by John Foster on the sunken vessels and Emerald Bay S.P.	Dive 4
1700	Debrief and travel back to lodge	Charlie Beeker
1800	Dinner	

Thursday, September 25

0715	Breakfast	
0800	Travel to Dive Site	
0900-1200	Sunken Vessel Survey and Inspections	Dive 5
1200	Box Lunch	
1300-1600	Sunken Vessel Survey and Inspections	Dive 6
1600-1700	Debrief and travel back to lodge	Charlie Beeker
1800	Dinner	

Friday, September 26

0800	Breakfast	
0900-1200	Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Altitude Diving Review• Format and complete Boat Mooring Report• Format and complete Sunken Vessel Survey Report	Charles Beeker Charles Beeker John Foster
1200	Lunch	
1300-1600	Complete reports Dive logs P.O.S.T. and Instructor Evaluations Final course debriefing	All
1800	Dinner BBQ with Sierra District Staff and Dive Class	All

Saturday, September 27

0800	Breakfast	
0900	Check-out	

SAFETY GUIDELINES / PROCEDURES

1. Classroom emergency exits will be identified prior to classroom instruction.
2. There will be no more than a four (6) students to one (1) instructor ratio during any practical skills training.
3. A designated Safety Officer will be identified at all times. The Safety Officer will be responsible for all Safety Briefings.
4. All injuries (no matter how minor) will be reported to the Safety Officer or an instructor immediately. First aid will be provided by certified emergency medical personnel and will follow standardized medical protocols. Emergency evacuation and transport of injured divers is identified in the Dive Project Plan-Emergency Planning section.
5. Safety checks will be conducted on all persons, dive equipment, and vessel(s), prior to beginning dive operations. This safety check includes the readiness of the student and instructors for dive operations and their personal dive equipment.
6. Students will adhere to identified safety procedures, follow the theoretical depth at altitude tables, and document their dives throughout the training.
7. The practices of **SAFE DIVING** will be emphasized and followed throughout the training.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the safety guidelines and procedures for this training course. I understand that this training is physical demanding and that there are inherent risks from injury and I will be mindful of my personal safety at all times. I will follow to the best of my ability the safety guidelines and will contact the Safety Officer, or an instructor, immediately if I have any questions.

Print your name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions to Granlibakken Conference Center:

Getting to Granlibakken

Granlibakken Conference Center and Resort is located in a tranquil mountain setting with all the wonders of the Sierra at your doorstep. Whether you arrive by car or plane, getting here is easy.

We are located at:

725 Granlibakken Road
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Phone: Reservations: 800-543-3221

From Sacramento (100 miles)

From Interstate 80 take Highway 89 south from Truckee to the "Y" in Tahoe City. Follow Highway 89 south for 1/2 mile to Granlibakken Road. Turn right and continue for 3/4 of a mile to the deck overhang of the main lodge.

From Southern California

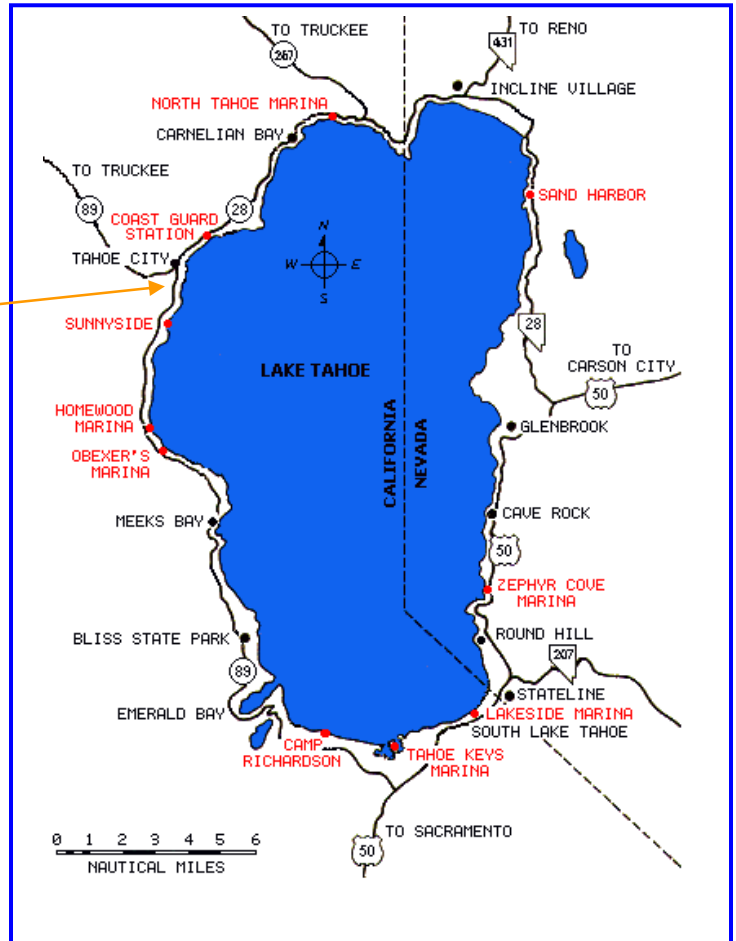
Follow Highway 395 to Highway 50 west in Carson City. Turn right on Highway 28 along the east and north shores of Lake Tahoe to Tahoe City. Turn left at the stoplight and continue 1/2 mile on Highway 89 to Granlibakken Road. Turn right and continue for 3/4 of a mile to the deck overhang of the main lodge.

From Reno/Tahoe International Airport (54 miles)

Take the Highway 395 north on-ramp from the airport, then exit to Interstate 80 west. Use directions from Sacramento (above).

Airport Shuttle Service

Granlibakken offers its own shuttle service to and from the Reno/Tahoe International Airport. Seven day advance reservations and pre-payment are required. Call (800) 543-3221 for details.



Diver Equipment Checklist:

1. **Two (2) tanks (air)**
2. BC, regulator, pressure gauge
3. Compass
4. Dive Computer (adaptable to altitude diving)
 - a. New Batteries (bring an extra!)
5. Wetsuit / drysuit
6. Weight belt
7. Gloves and booties
8. Mask, fins, snorkel
9. Dive light

Weather and Climate

The beauty and character of Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe Basin have been well known since its discovery in 1844. Few places on earth can claim a climate of such great variety and year-round enchantment as that which graces the Sierra. The four sharply defined seasons bring to the high country a continual round of variety and change.

The summer season, like the Tahoe winter, is quite extraordinary. Though easily as dry and sunny as anywhere in the arid desert Southwest, daytime highs rarely exceed 80 degrees. Because of the abundance of heavy pine forests and the moderating influence of the 193 square miles of Lake surface, the evenings do not turn cold. June, July and August average just one day of precipitation each and that can be as little as .10 of an inch. Picnic planning is not a problem in the Tahoe Basin at any time, but in the summer, sun probability is about 93% for the entire 90-day period.

Spring and fall temperatures are very similar, as are both seasons' rainfall figures, though the March/April/May period averages somewhat cooler temperatures and more precipitation than the fall. Rainfall is usually recorded 14 days out of Spring's 90-day period and on 13 days in Autumn. Spring's average high daytime temperature is 56 degrees, with May's record high 88 degrees and record low 12 degrees. In the fall, the daytime high average is 57 degrees, with September's record high 87 degrees and low 12 degrees. Tahoe in late September means generally warm and pleasant days with cold nights and mornings, but there is always the possibility of an early season snow storm—make sure to bring appropriate clothing.

During the 2007 dive refresher (September 24-28, 2007) we experienced beautiful, warm weather throughout the dive days, but on Saturday morning we awoke to 3 inches of fresh snow in the parking lot!

The surface temperature of the main body of the lake, in the summer, is about 67 degrees. Out in the shallow beaches, it is warmer, varying with the temperature of the air, and swimming is enjoyed by thousands. There is a significant thermocline when diving.

Diving in Lake Tahoe

- Maximum Depth: 1645 Ft. off Stateline Point (92 ft below Carson City).
- Lake level is 6225 feet above sea level.
- Surface temperature ranges from 75° F in summer to 37° F in winter.
- Life: Brown, cutthroat, rainbow, salmon, mackinaw trout, f/w sculpin, f/w shrimp, crawdads.

High Altitude Diving

THEORETICAL DEPTH AT ALTITUDE

ActualDepth	Theoretical Depth at Various altitudes (feet)									
Sea Level	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	10000
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	10	11	11	12	12	12	13	13	14	15
20	21	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	35	36	37	39	40	42	44
40	41	43	45	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
50	52	54	56	58	60	62	65	67	70	73
60	62	64	67	69	72	75	78	81	84	87
70	72	75	78	81	84	87	91	94	98	102
80	83	86	89	92	96	100	103	108	112	116
90	93	97	100	104	108	112	116	121	126	131
100	103	107	111	116	120	124	129	134	140	
110	114	118	122	127	132	137				
120	124	129	134	139						
130	135	140								

Safety/Emergency Decompression Stop Depth (feet)

Sea Level	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	10000
15	14	14	13	13	12	12	12	11	11	10

Rules For Altitude Diving:

ASCENT RATE AT ALTITUDE

- 30 feet per minute at all altitudes above sea level

HOW TO FIND YOUR PRESSURE GROUP AFTER ARRIVING AT ALTITUDE

- If your starting altitude is less than dive altitude then add 2 pressure groups for each 1,000 feet of altitude you increase. If starting at altitudes of 4,000' or higher, add 4 pressure groups for each 1,000 feet of altitude increase. If diving at an altitude of 8,000 feet or greater wait 6 hours before diving.

REPETITIVE DIVING

When diving at altitude it is recommended to limit your diving to no more than 2 dives per day. The PADI dive tables should be used when diving at altitude.

SAFETY STOP REQUIREMENT

A safety stop is required for all dives at altitude. The depth of the safety stop changes with altitude. Refer to the above chart for correct depth.

DEPTH GAUGES

Your depth gauge or computer must be adjusted for altitude diving. If you gauge cannot be adjusted then use the following formula to convert the closed bourdon tube gauge to get actual depth.

Depth Shown in feet + 1 foot + (1 foot per 1000 feet above sea level)=Actual depth

California State Parks Dive Team

REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE

PRE-TRAINING EXAM

Please complete prior to arriving at the refresher training.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 35 pts.

True or False:

1. T F Each individual diver is responsible for his/her personal safety.
2. T F The dive team leader responsible for the fitness inquiry, pre-dive briefing, equipment inspection, and debriefing during each dive.
3. T F Dives may be made in unsafe conditions if the majority of the divers agree.
4. T F Non-departmental certified divers may dive with department divers if they are certified and qualified to participate in the dive project.
5. T F Department divers may SCUBA dive alone if they do not exceed 15 feet in depth.
6. T F Repetitive dives should be plan so that the shallowest dives are first and the deepest dives are last.
7. T F The NOAA Dive Manual is the general procedural manual for all department divers.
8. T F A minimum of 12 dives per year must be made by each DPR diver to retain Departmental dive certification.
9. T F Dives requiring decompression should be avoided.
10. T F Department dive policies may be violated when danger to life exists.
11. T F The PADI Dive Tables should be followed when you are doing repetitive dives at altitude.
12. T F As volume increases, pressure and density decrease.
13. T F Saltwater is denser (weighs more) than freshwater.
14. T F Bubbles will come out of solution faster as temperature increases.
15. T F Breathing pure (100%) oxygen when scuba diving is extremely dangerous.

Multiple Choice:

16. Department divers are required to surface with at least _____ psi remaining in their tank.

- A. 1,000 psi
- B. 500 psi
- C. 300 psi
- D. 1500 psi

17. The maximum depth for recreational scuba divers is....

- A. 150'
- B. 100'
- C. 130'
- D. 60'

18. The most applicable physics law in scuba diving is....

- A. Kenny's Law
- B. The Milosch Rule of Diving
- C. Loren's Law
- D. Boyle's Law

19. Decompression sickness is caused when _____ is absorbed by the bodies tissues then released in the form of bubbles into the bloodstream.

- A. oxygen
- B. carbon dioxide
- C. helium
- D. nitrogen

20. When contact is lost with a dive buddy, what should you do?

- A. Continue diving on a reciprocal course.
- B. Make a quick 360 degree check, safely ascend to the surface and re-establish contact at the surface.
- C. Return to the beach, or boat as soon as possible and wait for your partner there.
- D. Call 9-1-1, or the Coast Guard immediately.

21. The proper ascent rate when diving is _____ feet per minute.

- A. 30' per minute
- B. 60' per minute
- C. 90' per minute
- D. 15' per minute

22. A depth of 99' is equal to _____ atmospheres absolute (ATA).

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 4

23. A balloon filled with 90 liters of air at 33 fsw will have a volume of _____ liters at 66 fsw.

- A. 4.5
- B. 6
- C. 12
- D. 18

24. 55 fsw is equal to _____ ATA.

- A. 3
- B. 2.6
- C. 6
- D. 1.5

25. A cylinder of air filled at the surface (sea level) will have _____ the volume of air at 33' feet.

- A. $\frac{1}{4}$
- B. $\frac{1}{2}$
- C. $\frac{3}{4}$
- D. the same

26. How many altitude dives should be made in one day if you are on a multiple day repetitive dive project?

- A. 1 dive
- B. 2 dives
- C. 3 dives
- D. 4 dives
- E. As many dives as you want.

Fill in the answer:

27. Define "altitude diving" and briefly explain why special dive table considerations are needed when diving at altitude.

28. Identify the main difference between flying after diving and diving at altitude.

29. List the recommendations for flying after altitude diving, or driving to a higher altitude after diving.

30. Aside from decompression sickness and air embolism, list two detrimental physiological consequences from diving at altitude and how to avoid them.

31. You have arrived at Lake Tahoe (6,225 feet) from sea level. According to the PADI dive tables provided, what is your pressure group upon arrival at Lake Tahoe?

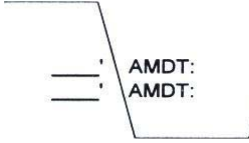
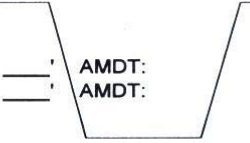
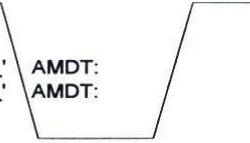
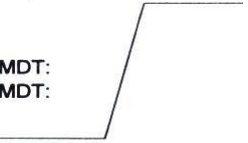
Altitude Dive Table Problems:

32. A buddy pair dives their first dive at Lake Tahoe (6225 feet above sea level) after arriving at Tahoe from sea level and being at lakeside for 8 hours. Their first dive of the day was to 75' for 15 minutes. They have a surface interval of 2 hours. Their second dive and final dive of the day is to a wreck that is located at 50 feet. What will be their maximum bottom time without having to decompress?

DIVE PROFILE INFORMATION			
DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.
____ : ____ ____ : ____ AMDT: ____ AMDT: ____	____ : ____ ____ : ____ AMDT: ____ AMDT: ____	____ : ____ ____ : ____ AMDT: ____ AMDT: ____	____ : ____ ____ : ____ AMDT: ____ AMDT: ____
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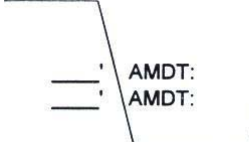
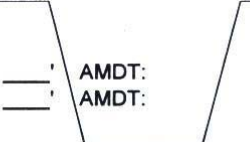

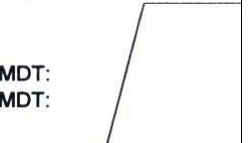
33. You are planning your first dive to an actual depth of 60 feet after arriving at an altitude of 3,578 feet from sea level. After a 45 minute surface interval you want to dive the same location to the same depth, what would your no-decompression time limit be for the second dive?

DIVE PROFILE INFORMATION

DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.
			
AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____
RNT: 0	RNT: _____	RNT: _____	RNT: _____
ADT: _____	ADT: _____	ADT: _____	ADT: _____
TNT: _____	TNT: _____	TNT: _____	TNT: _____

34. You and your dive partner are planning a dive project at an altitude of 4,023 feet. After spending seven hours at the dive site your first dive is to an actual depth of 80 feet with a bottom time of 15 minutes. What is your no-decompression time limit for a second dive to 60 feet if you have a surface interval of 1 hour 5 minutes?

DIVE PROFILE INFORMATION

DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.	DATE/DIVE NO.
			
AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____	AMDT: _____ AMDT: _____
RNT: 0	RNT: _____	RNT: _____	RNT: _____
ADT: _____	ADT: _____	ADT: _____	ADT: _____
TNT: _____	TNT: _____	TNT: _____	TNT: _____

35. Explain how altitude affects the following depth gauges and how you compensate for the effects on these gauges:

Digital depth gauge: _____

Bourdon tube depth gauge: _____

Capillary depth gauge: _____

Dive computer: _____

Notes: