

12. Master Scuba Diver

12.1 *Introduction*

The SDI Master Scuba Diver Development Program was created to make true master divers. The SDI Master Scuba Diver Development program requires a new open water diver to complete 4 SDI, TDI or ERDI Specialties (or equivalent), the SDI Rescue Diver Course (or equivalent), and logged 50 dives. SDI believes a diver will be a true master scuba diver after this is accomplished.

12.2 *Who May Teach*

An active SDI, TDI or ERDI Instructor qualified to teach specialties.

12.3 *Graduation Requirements*

Master Scuba Diver Certification procedures for students:

1. Completion of 4 SDI, TDI, or ERDI Specialty Courses or equivalent; only 1 course without dives may be credited toward the Master Scuba Diver. Nitrox counts as a diving specialty.
2. Provide proof of 50 logged dives.
3. Completion of the SDI Rescue Diver Course or equivalent.
4. After the previous requirements are met and verified by an instructor, the instructor must issue the appropriate SDI certification by submitting the SDI Diver Registration form to SDI Headquarters or registering the students online through member's area of the SDI website.

*** Note:** Requirements for divers under the age of 18 include the above provided the 4 specialty courses they have completed, are allowed by their age.