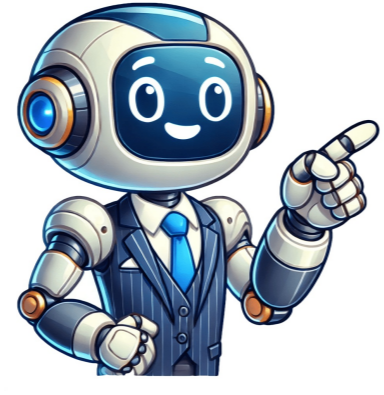


I'm not a bot



Home • Learn To Dive • Entry-Level NAUI's global reputation for the best in training and educational products reflects our core values of quality dive training through education. Many organizations specifically choose NAUI for their diver education programs including Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, United States Navy SEAL Teams and NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory in Houston, Texas (USA) where astronauts train for their space walks. While NAUI has long been respected for having the highest training standards in the recreational diving industry, we are also highly regarded for our Technical Diver Training. Many of our technical developments have been adopted by other agencies; our Technical Diving Division leads in the development of new theories and research that keeps NAUI on the cutting edge of technical diving. To be the global leader in dive safety education, ensuring every diver is equipped with the knowledge and skills to explore the underwater world responsibly. Our mission at NAUI is to empower divers with top-quality training, while championing conservation of the aquatic world, fostering a global community of responsible divers, and promoting underwater exploration, education, and enjoyment for all. We prioritize the safety of divers and promote responsible diving practices to ensure the well-being of our members and the underwater environment. NAUI's primary focus is on providing comprehensive dive safety education. By prioritizing safety in all aspects of diving, NAUI aims to equip divers with the necessary knowledge, skills, and mindset to ensure their safety and well-being underwater. Our Guiding Principle remains to ensure ALL NAUI leaders meet the "Loved One" Concept - would I allow this person to teach and lead someone I love? Joining NAUI means becoming part of a vibrant community of explorers and adventurers who share a passion for discovery and a deep connection to the underwater world. Our local NAUI Dive Centers provide opportunities to forge new friendships, explore exciting destinations, and deepen your understanding of the planet we call home. Stay connected with NAUI on social media - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Engage with fellow divers, share your photos, stories, and videos about scuba diving, and dive into discussions on various aquatic topics. Opportunities to connect and share your passion for diving are always just a click away. Beginner level courses are designed to introduce new divers to the fundamentals of diving. These courses provide the necessary skills and knowledge to dive safely and comfortably under supervision or independently within the scope of their certification. Experience the underwater world with confidence through the NAUI Supervised Diver Course. Explore dive sites safely while building your skills and knowledge. Dive into adventure with expert supervision and enjoy the beauty of the ocean like never before. Embark on new underwater adventures with NAUI's entry-level programs, designed to open up a whole new world underwater! With each course, you'll receive the highest quality of training, supplying you with the confidence to take more advanced course work that enables you to explore new environments. NAUI training continues far beyond the basics! NAUI has the highest training standards in the diving industry and NAUI divers enjoy a worldwide reputation for being accomplished underwater explorers where each breath turns a new page in a journey into the unknown. Continue your education to explore new dive sites and equipment configurations undertake activities under the supervision of a NAUI Instructor. These courses allow you to build even more confidence and skill as a diver or learn a new configuration such as sidemount or full face mask while allowing you experience the excitement of learning more about the underwater world. Deep Diver Night Diver NAUI Instructors teach a wide range of specialized types of diving like deep diving, night diving, underwater archaeology, digital imaging, and much more. Just about any area of underwater interest is taught in a NAUI Specialty course. Safety and Support courses train divers in the essential skills to rescue, first aid, oxygen administration, and other skills that support diving operations like mixing breathing gases. These courses train divers in the knowledge and skills needed to manage risks and effectively handle limited in-water problems and diving emergencies. Included are: assists, transports, surface rescues and rescues from depth involving both boat and shore-based skin and scuba divers. Equip yourself with essential life-saving skills. Learn how to effectively respond to, diving and medical emergencies as a lay provider. Be prepared to make a difference when it matters most. Enhance your diving proficiency with NAUI's Support Courses. These courses provide you with the vital skills needed to safely handle high-pressure gases, prepare oxygen-enriched air and helium-based mixes, and ensure scuba equipment is ready for oxygen service. Leadership and Professional Training prepares divers for roles such as dive instructors and dive masters. These courses focus on leadership, teaching techniques, and advanced diving skills, enabling divers to guide and educate others. The leadership and instructor levels of certification are: Skin Diving Instructor Assistant Instructor Divemaster Instructor The minimum age is 18 years for all leadership programs. Certifications as a NAUI Open Water Scuba Diver, NAUI Rescue Scuba Diver, NAUI Nitrox Diver, NAUI Master Scuba Diver, NAUI First Aid for the Diving Professional, NAUI Oxygen Provider (or equivalent) are required. The Skin Diving Instructor certification (formerly Skin Diving Leader) has long been unique to NAUI. It qualifies individuals to train and certify skin divers and conduct snorkeling experience programs. Certification as a NAUI Skin or Open Water Scuba Diver or the equivalent is a prerequisite for this program. Both the Assistant Instructor and Divemaster ratings allow individuals to attend an Instructor Training Course (ITC) to be trained and qualified as NAUI Instructors. NAUI's Familiarization-Instruction-Testing (FIT) Program is an optional non-certification program that may be used as a prerequisite for enrollment in the NAUI Assistant Instructor course, NAUI Divemaster course, or NAUI Instructor Crossover Course (ICC). The program includes both instruction and evaluation. Enrollees receive the information needed to prepare for NAUI membership and NAUI leadership training. Participants are given knowledge, water skill and other performance evaluations, critiques and counseling to ensure they are aware of their state of preparedness for NAUI membership and continued leadership training. Divemaster Instructor Specialized Training encompasses niche area of diving that require specific skills and knowledge beyond the basics. This includes Technical, Public Safety, apnea (Freediving) diving programs, which focus on unique diving disciplines and achievements. Technical diving is a form of scuba diving that exceeds the typical recreational limits imposed on depth and immersion time (bottom time). Tec diving involves accelerated decompression and/or the use of variable gas mixtures during a dive. Therefore, this advanced method of diving requires additional experience, training, and equipment. Public Safety Divers are a special breed! Many start as recreational divers, but still have their intense desire to serve their local communities! Many of these divers join local volunteer and/or paid Public Safety Diver teams to provide emergency, rescue, and investigative services to the public. The NAUI Public Safety Diver program introduces the fundamental skills needed by Public Safety Divers during underwater search, rescue, and recovery operations. The NAUI Public Safety Diver course is an entry-level course in public safety diving for current or future members of PSD teams. The NAUI Apnea training, also known as NAUI Freediving training, teaches the techniques to allow you to comfortably enjoy the underwater world and improve your breath-holding ability. Given its commitment to quality instruction, NAUI ensures students receive the best and safest freediving instruction available. The NAUI International Diver Recognition program offers divers the chance to enhance their open water experience in diverse environments under the supervision of leadership-level instructors. Unlike a traditional training course, this is a participatory activity designed to expand your diving horizons. Participants will receive official NAUI recognition materials upon completion, which serve as verifiable proof of their supervised diving experience. We are happy to announce the latest Revision of our diving Standards and Policies for 2024. These updates are a testament to NAUI's unwavering commitment to Dive Safety Through Education. Please take some time to read the NAUI Standards and Policies Manual v1.0 January 2024, before conducting any NAUI courses. Current Standards are available via NAUI Core or NAUI App under Member Resources. As usual, a record of change form is available in the standards and any changes are in red. For directions on how to access the standards, review the below presentation for a step by step guide! The following is a brief overview of some of the most impactful changes from the updated 2024 Standards and Policies²: Revision of the Membership Review Policy in the bylaws. Removal of the Advanced Rescue Scuba Diver course. Any existing NES Activation Codes are being converted to Rescue Scuba Diver Codes. Modifications to the NAUI Rescue Diver Course: Prerequisites: The inclusion of BLS CPR, First Aid, and Emergency Oxygen certification as prerequisites fortifies the foundation of life-saving skills for each diver. Academic Topics: Delving deeper into critical topics such as barotrauma and decompression illness, the course provides divers for a broader understanding of diving maladies. Practical Application: Increasing open water dives from one to two allows time for the expanded skill requirements. The added skill requirements strengthen practical rescue skills in real-world conditions. Focused Training: Adjusting the maximum depth limit to 18 meters (60ft). The reduced depth ensures the course stays focused on the core value of rescue skills and reduces physiological stress on instructors and students during the course. Improvements to specialized courses: Master Scuba Diver: Added prerequisite of Rescue Scuba Diver. Adaptive Diver and Mermaiding Adjustments: Changes in instructor qualifications for these courses ensure that qualified professionals lead these specialized sessions. Technical Diving: Integration of the CCR Mixed Gas content into the existing technical mixed gas courses and revisions aligns with the newly published ISO CCR Standards. The No-deco CCR and SCR courses have been relocated to the continuing education section of the standards. No other changes were made to the CCR/SCR courses. ³This is not a complete list, please read the currently published standards record of changes. Always fully read the standard of the course before conducting it. Reflecting on Our Collective Growth Consider how these changes can positively impact your diving experiences and instructional practices. How can you leverage these new standards to inspire and educate the next generation of divers? Let us dive into this new era, confident that NAUI Worldwide is here to support your journey in promoting Dive Safety Through Education. Stay safe and keep exploring, as we collectively embrace this exciting evolution in diving education and safety. Home • Services • Locate Dive Centers & Professionals Regina Bier (#10602), ChairUSA Todd Shannon (#10986), Vice ChairCanada Wong Kokyew (#18820L), SecretaryMalaysia Nelson P. De C. Pereira (#30441), TreasurerAustralia Katie Shultz Cooper (#56577)USA Alyssa Bellamy (#61270)USA Mahmoud Zahran (#55835)Saudi Arabia Danny Grizzard (#3550L)USA Franke Yu (#49657)Hong Kong In the face of widespread coral bleaching and marine disease, the recent success of Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire (RRFB) offers a powerful reminder that restoration efforts are making an impact. In May 2025, RRFB's science team successfully bred over 236,000 grooved brain coral larvae after observing a rare and critical coral spawning event across four sites on the island of Bonaire. RRFB Science Officer Sanne Tuijten counts coral embryos in petri dishes to estimate fertilization success. (Photo courtesy of Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire) RRFB Chief Operating Officer Ernst Noyns checks on mixtures of coral sperm and egg during the fertilization process. (Photo courtesy of Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire) On a Friday night in May, 14 colonies of grooved brain coral released their gametes in synchrony. With careful coordination and expert handling, RRFB scientists collected and fertilized the eggs and sperm in a temporary land-based lab, resulting in over 236,000 genetically unique coral larvae. This effort marks the first spawning event of the year for the RRFB team and reflects the growing importance of assisted coral reproduction in the fight to restore the world's reefs. Natural coral reproduction has become increasingly rare due to bleaching events, diseases like Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD), and widespread population decline. Many coral colonies are now so far apart they can no longer reproduce effectively in the wild. By facilitating fertilization in controlled settings, conservationists are overcoming one of the biggest barriers to coral survival: Ensuring that genetic diversity is preserved and propagated, which is vital for species resilience. Freshly collected bundles of sperm and egg from 14 colonies of grooved brain coral across 4 sites on Bonaire. (Photo courtesy of Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire) Research supports the power of coral breeding. A recent study found that assisted coral recruits show high thermal tolerance to extreme heat events like the 2023 Caribbean mass bleaching event¹. That means the coral larvae produced during this spawning are not only diverse but potentially more resilient to rising ocean temperatures. With each successful spawning, RRFB is building a healthier reef system! At NAUI, we believe education and conservation go hand in hand. This success story from Bonaire is more than just good news for our oceans, but is also a call to action. As professional divers, recreational divers, and advocates for the ocean, we have a unique role to play in supporting reef restoration efforts by participating in local projects, educating others, or simply ensure you are following sustainable dive practices. Explore our NAUI Events Page for upcoming coral or ocean conservation projects looking for volunteers! Are you looking for volunteers for Coral Restoration or Beach clean ups by clicking here. Our Mission is to empower divers of all levels with high-quality training, while advocating for the conservation of the aquatic world, fostering a global community of responsible divers, and promoting underwater exploration, education, and enjoyment for all. Connect with fellow divers in our NAUI Community Forum, where our mission of promoting Dive Safety Through Education comes to life. Become a NAUI Affiliate or dive shop and gain access to exclusive resources, professional support, and a global community dedicated to excellence in diving! Transition to the forefront of diving education by becoming a NAUI Professional. Enhance your skills, expand your opportunities, and be a part of the elite team that sets the standard in dive instruction. NAUI charcoal adjustable hat with the dive flag NAUI logo embroidered on the front and NAUI slogan, Dive Safety Through Education on the back. 20oz and 32oz Bottle Silicone Boots. Exclusively available from NAUI. Available in: Navy Shark or MK. White Shark or Turtle This heavyweight NAUI towel feels extra lush to the touch as it features a polyester facing, and a cotton loop backing for durability. 36"x72"