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INTRODUCTION

As a dive professional you want to make sure that you get off to the best start with your dive career and that means looking for the right dive facility and staff to undertake your PADI 'Instructor Development Course' and 'Instructor level' continuing education programs with.

Every dive operation differs from what it can offer and whether if it is best suited for you, to the philosophies behind its diver education programs, to its business principles, it's staff and it's conservation efforts within the dive community.

We composed this document to help you decide if 'Utila Dive Centre' is the place where you would like to be trained as a PADI Instructor and if our team, of dive professionals are the people you want to learn from.

We don't claim or boast to be the best or the biggest, there are other much more commercial, bigger and more business orientated dive schools where you can undertake your course but we prefer a more personalized, real world approach to instructor training.

We definitely aren't trying to give you the 'hard sell' but as all our Instructors and Divemasters were once in a similar position we just want you to be as fully informed as possible before making the decision to 'Go Pro'. We hope this gives you an idea of what you receive when you take your training with us in regards to our staff, experience, facility, reputation, attitude, ambience, atmosphere and training philosophies





OUR REPUTATION AND RECORD

Utila Dive Centre was established in 1990, the 1st on Utila, by several diving enthusiasts and PADI Instructors traveling throughout Central America and the Caribbean, who as PADI Instructors wanted to offer diving in a professional, safe and enjoyable manner to travelers visiting Utila. Since then Utila Dive Centre has grown to become a full service dive operation, with a beautiful hotel the Mango Inn complete with swimming pool, and has probably trained more divers than any other dive facility in the Bay Islands and Caribbean. Utila Dive Centre works closely with Divers Alert Network and Project Aware, to improve and educate divers about safety and has been awarded the rating of a PADI Career Development Center, only a few facilities worldwide have earned this coveted rating from PADI, and works on many community projects with the 'Bay Islands Conservation Association' and closely with PADI's Project Aware. 2009 sees UDC entering it's 18th year of training dive professionals.

In 2008 more than four times as many PADI Divemasters, particularly those living on Utila, chose to conduct their IDC with with us over any other facility in the Bay Islands and Central America. We take this as a tribute to the high quality of our staff, facility and their much deserved reputation. The fact that 80% of our Divemasters and Instructor candidates are referred to us by 'word of mouth' shows the commitment, comfort and quality that we put into our professional courses.

At Utila Dive Centre, a Career Development Center, our team guarantee your success, whilst other facilities sell certifications we pride ourselves on providing quality training. After all you are only as successful as the training program you enroll on and the Instructors who provide this.

We ensure that in addition to professionalism, safety, high standards, all our students, whether beginners or professionals leave UDC having had a rewarding, exciting, educational and fun experience with an open door to ever returning in the future. As a dive professional trained at Utila Dive Centre you have an open door to ever returning in the future.

OUR FACILITY

Our 3 classrooms are all modern, air-conditioned and lessons are given using the latest multimedia 'Microsoft PowerPoint' presentations. Every IDC candidate has their own 'work station' and access to the Internet.

We have 5 fully equipped dive boats, 24 hour back up power generator, a state of the art compressors system with over 8000 cubic foot of air banked, 60 sets of ScubaPro rental equipment, private locker rooms, quiet study areas, the most comprehensive dive retail outlet on Utila, and a beautiful dock area constructed over the water with social amenities.

Our 'swimming/training pool' is a shallow protected clear body of water lined with palm trees, white sands and will prepare you best for when you yourself come to teach diving in exactly this same kind of environment. The IDC is held in the Mango Inn hotel conference facility complete with swimming pool, this dedicated IDC centre ensures that your class time is free from distractions, there is a restaurant, wireless internet, and lunches are provided during the course. Our on site swimming pool ensures that we can have as much time as possible with you in the water to work on skill development and make you the best Instructor we can, particularly should weather conditions become adverse.



your new office!



THE UTILA CENTER FOR MARINE ECOLOGY AND BEAUTIFUL OCEANS

In 2007 the owners of UDC, our Instructors, and committed environmental researchers set up the 'Utila Center for Marine Ecology' (UCME), this is a dedicated non profit NGO, committed to the preservation of Utila's reef systems and research, education and awareness. The UCME is the only entity of it's kind in Utila, and the owners of UDC hired a marine biologist, with a Phd, Dr Stephen Box, to oversee the project and design research programs for divers and visitors to the island to gain a better understanding of Caribbean reef systems, particularly those around Utila. The UCME currently works with the 'University of Southern Mississippi', supports many other coral reef and Whale shark research groups. Unlike many other 'environmental companies', the UCME reinvests 100% of it's profits back into Utila's reefs and local community. As a dive professional, we encourage you to spend time with the UCME, and improve your own knowledge, understanding and gain valuable experience by assisting on many of our projects.

Today's dive professional also needs to have a thorough understanding of the marine environment, coral reefs and ecosystems, and the majority of divers and students want to receive additional training and education in marine science.

Beautiful Oceans programs are designed to help dive professionals better understand marine biology, ecology, species and ecosystems, and give them new skills which will make them more employable, knowledgeable and to provide better experiences that today's diver and snorkeller seeks from their adventures. These programs are taught exclusively by Beautiful Oceans Science Instructors and are open to all PADI Dive-masters & Instructors to qualify, you do not need to have been a diver for 6 months to take a Beautiful Oceans Science Instructor, as all learning is designed to take place in the classroom with optional application on discovery dives in the water.



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clean up*

OUR INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE CURRICULUM

Our IDC is 4 days longer than the industry standard of 7 days, that's 11 days of quality instructor training. The last 2 days of our IDC are conducted as a 'mock' Instructor Examination to give you better preparation and insight into the real IE. However from our experience as a dive centre that trains over 1500 divers a year, at all levels, we know how much more important it is to prepare a candidate for the real world of dive instruction rather than just to pass the Instructor Examinations.

We've extended our IDC program to cover more effective teaching techniques, discuss instructing in different worldwide environments, look at greater career opportunities in diving including 'diver safety' and 'technical diving' and resume preparation. As one of the most prestigious and awarded dive training facilities in the world we receive a lot of job applications everyday so we'll show you exactly what it takes to become a successful Instructor and what gives you the best chance of success as a professional in today's dive industry. As the only facility on Utila with 'rebreathers we'll spend extra time looking at future trends in diving 'rebreathers'.

All this is done in a low stress, relaxed and most importantly 'fun' environment. Although the actual number of hours per day on the IDC are about 8 we have our IDC facility open at least 12 hours per day so anytime our candidates need quiet study time signment preparation time, private discussion or career counseling they get it! Our staff are available outside of regular hours for any remedial tuition or 1 to 1 coaching, remember we want you to succeed as a first rate dive instructor, not just pass the IE!

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OUR INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

If you've been impressed with what you've read so far then what you're about to read will really make you smile and look forward to training with us. Our Course Directors and IDC Staff instructors have received recognition from PADI for their teaching efforts and numerous 'certificates of excellence' which you'll see immediately once you walk into our dive center on display, and between them have to date issued over 6000 PADI certifications and in the last 7 years have conducted over 70 PADI 'Instructor Development Courses' and certified over 600 'Open Water Scuba Instructors' including numerous 'Specialty Instructors', 'IDC Staff Instructors' and 'DSAT Technical Instructors'. Our IDC's are conducted completely by our 2 in house Course Directors, Andy Phillips (who has taught and dived all over the world, Egypt Red Sea, Thailand SE Asia, Galapagos/Costa Rica Pacific, Cyprus Mediterranean, Caribbean and South Africa), and Angel Navarro Moya, who ran a successful adventure sports tourism company in Spain, before deciding he'd to switch altitude for depth, and embarked on a carrier in diving that has taken him from Asia to the Americas, and deeper than he ever imagined as a Trimix Instructor Trainer.

This gives us a unique advantage in making our IDC much more real world rather than bore you with too much traditional academics and allows you to draw and learn from years of diverse teaching experience. Our Course Director and IDC Staff assistants are also qualified to teach both recreational and technical diving up to 'Trimix Instructor', and can also marine science training with programs from 'Beautiful Oceans', [\(no other Course Director or IDC Staff Instructor in Honduras can offer this and no other facility in Central America can offer you 2 full time resident Course Directors/Science Instructor Trainers committed to your success, personal attention and development!!!\)](#) and the full range of 'Divers Alert Network' programs. In addition to having your IDC run by 2 experienced PADI Course Directors there will also be IDC Staff assistants, who can also teach in German/Hebrew/English/Spanish/French/Danish, working with you for closer supervision and attention. When our staff aren't working on IDC's they are instructing beginners or diving on Utilas reefs, both shallow and deep technical dives, working on community projects, promoting diver safety or simply enjoying the quality, beauty and tranquility of the Caribbean lifestyle. If our dive professionals were told they weren't to be paid for their work they would still place as much commitment and time into making you the best Instructor possible, why? Simply because we love what we do and our passion for diving is genuine and real, just make sure we all get a cold 'sunset beer' at the end of a good days diving.

ANDY PHILLIPS (UK)

PADI Course Director

DAN Instructor Trainer

DSAT Trimix Instructor Trainer

IANTD Instructor Trainer

Beautiful Oceans Science Instructor Trainer

Utila Dive Centre's 'Director of Professional Training'

Andy has taught and dived all over the world, Egypt Red Sea, Thailand SE Asia, Galapagos/Costa Rica Pacific, Cyprus Mediterranean, Caribbean, Yucatan caves of Mexico and South Africa. His award winning IDC's have seen him receive countless certificates of excellence from PADI Vice President James Morgan based on the comments and feed back of the Instructors that he has trained. Andy has over 5000 logged dives, is also a DSAT Trimix Instructor Trainer, DAN Instructor Trainer and IANTD Instructor Trainer and IANTD 'Closed Circuit Rebreather' Instructor. At only 36 years old Andy has trained over 2000 divers and 600 Instructors and is an accomplished and experienced mixed gas technical diver. Andy's hobbies outside of diving are sailing, travel, trekking and off road mountain biking. Prior to working in the scuba industry in 1997, Andy worked in commercial insurance in market analysis and designing future policies, his business background and expertise will help you get the best possible start to your professional dive career. Andy is currently working on his Masters degree on e-commerce and will be integrating additional information into our IDCs to help our instructor candidates to understand the direction of the dive industry and how the internet is shaping education, training, and sales online.



ANGEL NAVARRO (SPAIN)

PADI Course Director

DAN Instructor Trainer

DSAT Tec Rec Instructor Trainer

Cross Creek Dive Center's 'Manager'

Enthusiastic, highly energetic and always funny, Angel studied Psychology in his native Spain. He settled in the island last year after traveling around the world for 4 years. He is the man with all the solutions. His experience as a dive instructor in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, Phillipines, Fiji, Mexico and Belize makes him a valuable guide for the English, French, Italian and Spanish speaking Instructor Candidates. Currently, he manages Cross Creek Dive Center, Utila Dive Centre's spanish division. His passion for teaching and diving reflects on each one of his students, who get the most exhilarating and complete counseling sessions





ED BUTLER

PADI Master Instructor

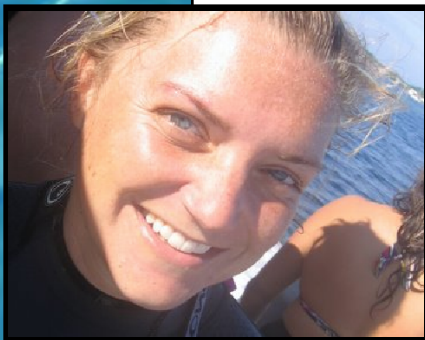
Ed is our dedicated full time IDC Staff Instructor that assists Andy and Angel. Ed has dived all over the world and worked throughout Central America, he is our expert in PADI standards, and writes questions for our Utila Dive Centre 'quiz nights' on PADI standards! Ed has dived Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, Egypt, Mexico, Costa Rica, Columbia, Curacao, and of course Utila! Ed also specialises on our Master Scuba Diver Trainer program, and can teach Gas Blender, PADI O2 Provider, Nitrox, Wreck, Deep, U/W Navigator, Search & Recovery, Diver Propulsion Vehicle, Fish ID & Naturalist, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Project Aware and AWARE Reef Conservation. Outside of diving he teaches Yoga and listens to music from the 80's, but as an asset to our team we forgive him for that.



FRANK GUTIERREZ

PADI Master Instructor

As our Head Instructor at Utila Dive Centre, Frank has a wealth of experience, in teaching, and management. Frank has received numerous awards from PADI and is an asset to our team and specialises in professional training, also teaching wreck and nitrox courses. Frank loves nudibranchs and his passion for the reef critters has even had him identify previously unknown species. Originally from Guatemala he has also worked in the USA in law enforcement as a policeman in Florida, and after being reluctant to appear in the TV show cops decided to pursue his passion and become an Instructor. Frank has dived and worked all over the Americas and took his Instructor course with us in 2003. As a true Latino, he loves to dance!



ANNA STUMPF

PADI IDC Staff Instructor and Surf Instructor

Anna is from the West coast of USA and full of bubbling energy. During the morning you will probably find her running across the island as she is a very sporty girl, then you'll see her running up and down the dive center teaching the most amusing courses. Anyone who ever had the luck to take a course with her agrees that there's no one as happy and energetic as her. When she's not teaching scuba she's surfing and spent years in Costa Rica as a surfing Instructor. She finds teaching a wonderful way of sharing the excitement of those first few open water dives and seeing the huge smiles across everyone's faces. Anna is also on our Divemaster Instructional team and really knows how to guide and mentor divers into becoming true PADI professionals. Anna has been working at UDC for 2 years and has dived the in the Pacific, US, Panama, Belize, Caribbean and Mexico.

PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

- 1 If possible please bring with you all previous certification information (dates of courses, instructor numbers names, training agency name) and if you hold any non-PADI certifications please also bring a copy of each certification. This will ensure prompt processing of your Instructor application and avoid unnecessary delays.
- 2 A medical statement within the last 12 months, dated and signed by a physician, stating you are fit for diving. These can be obtained on Utila for about \$15.
- 3 2 Passport sized photo's
- 4 Log book with at least 60 dives for AI/IDC and 100 to be certified as an Instructor.
- 5 Method of payment for the IE, PADI does not accept cash, such as VISA/MasterCard/AMEX or USA Bank Cheque or US Travelers Cheques. Your payment for the course should be made prior to the start and can be done with either traveler's cheques, but preferably by bank wire into either our USA or UK accounts. You can use credit cards on Utila but there is an 8% surcharge for this.

We recommend that you purchase the IDC crewpack, which includes all materials you need for the IDC/IE (with the exception of the RDP Wheel and Table and previous course level manuals and materials) and we can offer this at virtually cost. We do not advise borrowing or using 2nd hand IDC materials but some candidates do this in order to save costs. If you are planning on using 2nd hand materials please let us know ASAP so that we can make sure you receive important changes & updates for your manuals since they were printed.

Unlike many IDC centers we do not try to push/sell materials to candidates in order to increase profit margins, however as of January 2006 it is a required PADI standard worldwide that all Instructor candidates have these materials.

For candidates that book online and in advance we offer a preparation program as part of your IDC. This will include getting you completely comfortable in the water if it's been a while and allowing you to observe our instructors as they teach PADI Open Water & Rescue diver classes, reviewing demonstration quality skills, rescue skills, retesting of Divemaster theory and preparation for the IDC. The earlier you can prepare for the IDC the easier you will find the course and the more you will get from it, much better to spend a small amount of time a day revising a few weeks before the course than cramming it all in just before the IDC starts. If there are certain areas that you are having problems or difficulty with please let us know in advance and we can arrange additional remedial sessions aside from the IDC to bring you up to speed, all part of the service.



SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS

The IDC is scheduled to start on a Wednesday or Thursday (we do advise candidates to arrive 2 or 3 days earlier to begin preparation), run over 11 days, and end on the Saturday (the last 2 days of the IDC, Friday and Saturday are held as a mock IE to completely prepare and test you for what will happen at the PADI IE). On Sunday we schedule the EFR Instructor course which we recommend for all candidates as this will allow you to offer inclusive PADI Rescue Diver training. We recommend that on the Monday you use this day to relax as the IE orientation will be held in the evening with the full IE program on the Tuesday/Wednesday. After the IE the 'optional' Instructor Continuing Education programs begin right away and we can always customize a package for individual needs and interests. During the IDC all class-work and academic testing takes place in the mornings and after a lunch break the afternoons are usually spent in the water developing 'confined' and 'open water' teaching skills. A typical day runs from 8am to 5pm with lunch 12pm-1pm though our staff and facility are available from 7am-7pm for any consultation, counseling and remedial training. You'll have evenings where assignments need preparing but this has been carefully managed so candidates receive no more than 2 assignments, maximum, per evening with many evenings a little more relaxed with either no assignments or just 1 assignment.

The ability to pass an IE is a natural progression of sitting the IDC. You will have several opportunities during your IDC to practice these assignments and will do a mock IE before the real PADI IE. We're proud of our record at the PADI IE's and in 2008, over 60 Divemasters in 12 different programs chose to do their IDC with Utila Dive Centre (that's nearly three times as many as any other facility in the Bay Islands) and everyone passed the PADI IE and we helped all those who stayed in the region find credible employment in the dive industry, which no other facility in Honduras achieved. Whilst it is impossible to 'guarantee' you'll pass the IE our promise to you is that should you fail the IE we will offer a 2nd IDC for free and pay for you to re-sit the IE, no gimmicks! Utila Dive Center is one of the top PADI Career Development Centers worldwide that set the standard for instructor training, and whilst we're often imitated by other dive centers, our training, results and lifetime support are never surpassed.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

| Time | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | | | Developing 'Knowledge Development' | Knowledge Development presentations | Knowledge Development presentations | |
| 9:00 AM | | Learning instruction & PADI system | Developing 'Knowledge Development' | Knowledge Development presentations | Knowledge Development presentations | Dive industry overview |
| 10:00 AM | | DS & Snk programs | Teaching in Confined Water | Knowledge Development presentations | Knowledge Development presentations | General Standards & Procedures |
| 11:00 AM | | DS & Snk programs | Teaching in Confined Water | Teaching Children | Conducting Open Water Training Dives | General Standards & Procedures |
| 12:00 PM | | LUNCH | LUNCH | Teaching Children | Conducting Open Water Training Dives | LUNCH |
| 01:00 PM | Registration & Orientation | Skills development & assessment | Project Aware & PPB | LUNCH | LUNCH | O/W Presentations & Skills Assessment |
| 02:00 PM | Dive theory exams | Skills development & assessment | E-RDP | Confined Water presentations | Mock Standards exam | O/W Presentations & Skills Assessment |
| 03:00 PM | Dive theory exams | Skills development & assessment | Assignment preparation time | Confined Water presentations | Confined Water presentations | O/W Presentations & Skills Assessment |
| 04:00 PM | Dive theory exams | Skills development & assessment | Assignment preparation time | Knot/Lift bag clinic | Confined Water presentations | Descent and CESA Workshop |
| 05:00 PM | | | | | Rescue skills clinic | Rescue Practice |

| Time | Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 | Day 11 | Day 12 |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 8:00 AM | PADI Scuba Diver & OW course | Prescriptive presentations | Diver retention programs | Standards Exam (Mock IE) | Prescriptive presentations (Mock IE) | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 9:00 AM | PADI Scuba Diver & OW course | Prescriptive presentations | Rescue Diver course | Dive Theory (Mock IE) | Prescriptive presentations (Mock IE) | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 10:00 AM | Legal & Risk management | PADI Continuing Education | Divemaster course | Dive Theory (Mock IE) | Confined Water presentations (Mock IE) | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 11:00 AM | Internet resource clinic | Specialty diver & MSD program | Divemaster course | Dive Theory (Mock IE) | Confined Water presentations (Mock IE) | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 12:00 PM | LUNCH | Diver retention programs | Resume preparation | LUNCH | Skills circuit (Mock IE) | LUNCH |
| 01:00 PM | Media & prescriptive teaching | LUNCH | LUNCH | OW presentations (Mock IE) | LUNCH | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 02:00 PM | Media & prescriptive teaching | OW presentations | Confined Water presentations | OW presentations (Mock IE) | Final counselling & Closing | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 03:00 PM | Adventures in Diving | OW presentations | Confined Water presentations | OW presentations (Mock IE) | | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 04:00 PM | Business principles | Adventure Dive Workshop | Closed Circuit Rebreather try dive | Rescue (Mock IE) | EFR Inst (optional) | EFR Inst (optional) |
| 05:00 PM | | 800 metre Snorkel Swim | Closed Circuit Rebreather try dive | | EFR Inst (optional) | |

AREAS IN BLUE AND SHADED ARE WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WATER

AREAS IN BLACK ARE WHERE YOU ARE IN THE CLASSROOM

AREAS IN RED ARE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS WE SCHEDULE AT UDC BEYOND THE PADI IDC CURRICULUM

MORE OPTIONS FOR YOU

As a PADI Divemaster or leadership level professional with another organization you have several different options to begin your PADI Instructor training. You can go directly into the full PADI IDC (11 days) or instead do the PADI Assistant Instructor course (4 days) and at a later date complete the PADI OWSI portion (7 days) (See IDC Info attachment for more details). At Utila Dive Centre we prefer to keep our AI/IDC class sizes smaller and more personal by offering more programs per year and by giving you more choice over your path to becoming a professional. By offering up to 12 IDC's per year (see 2009 IDC schedule attachment) we do incur greater expenses but we prefer to do this in order to keep our group sizes smaller and give a better service.

If you compare this to other dive resorts you'll probably find few other facilities give as many scheduling options or flexibility. We have a maximum group size of 6 students to 1 Course Director, this is lower than the required 8:1 ration from PADI, why?... well we like to provide better service, simply put after every IDC our staff meet and are constantly reviewing how we can improve our programs, it's this dynamic thinking that helps make you a great Instructor and show you how 'attitude' is one of the most important attributes a dive professional can have.

After your IE we offer a full range of Instructor level Continuing Education programs including 'Emergency First Response Instructor', 'Divers Alert Network Instructor', 'PADI Specialty Instructor', 'Beautiful Oceans' Marine Science Instructor and DSAT 'Technical Diver/Gas Blender Instructor'.



AFTER THE PADI INSTRUCTOR EXAMINATION

We offer all different kinds of Instructor level continuing education programs from PADI, DAN and DSAT Tec courses. These are scheduled to be after the IE and we can arrange package deals as part of a career-training program, at our resort.

The dive industry is like any other in terms of competitiveness for employment and newly qualified Instructors often find the challenge after passing their Instructor Examination is in securing suitable employment. At Utila Dive Centre our staff, with their extensive network of contacts in the region and worldwide, will do their best to assist you find employment with their placement service but to facilitate your chances of gaining employment as a PADI Instructor, you can give yourself the best possible head start by enrolling in our 'Premium Pro Plus' program. Our 'Premium Pro Plus' program includes the PADI Instructor Development Course, Emergency First Response Instructor and Master Scuba Diver Trainer preparation program. Our 'Premium Pro Plus' program will train you beyond a regular PADI 'Open Water Scuba Instructor' and after the IDC is completed and the examinations passed we will train you as an 'Emergency First Response' Instructor and a 'Master Scuba Diver Trainer' and allow you to intern with our full time Instructors at the Utila Dive Centre on Utila, so what we taught you during the IDC you will get to put into practice under the watchful eyes of our seasoned professional staff.

The Emergency First Response Instructor course takes 11/2 days and trains you to become a competent 1st Aid/CPR Instructor with specific skills that focus on 'Care for Children'. The EFR Instructor rating is essential in order for you to certify PADI Rescue Divers, as prior to Module 2 of the Rescue course all candidates have to have completed a sanctioned program in 1st Aid/CPR within the last 24 months. This training will also benefit you outside of the dive industry and you can offer formal 1st Aid/CPR training to family, friends and also in the UK, USA and Australia the EFR program can be used to meet 1st Aid in the workplace requirements.

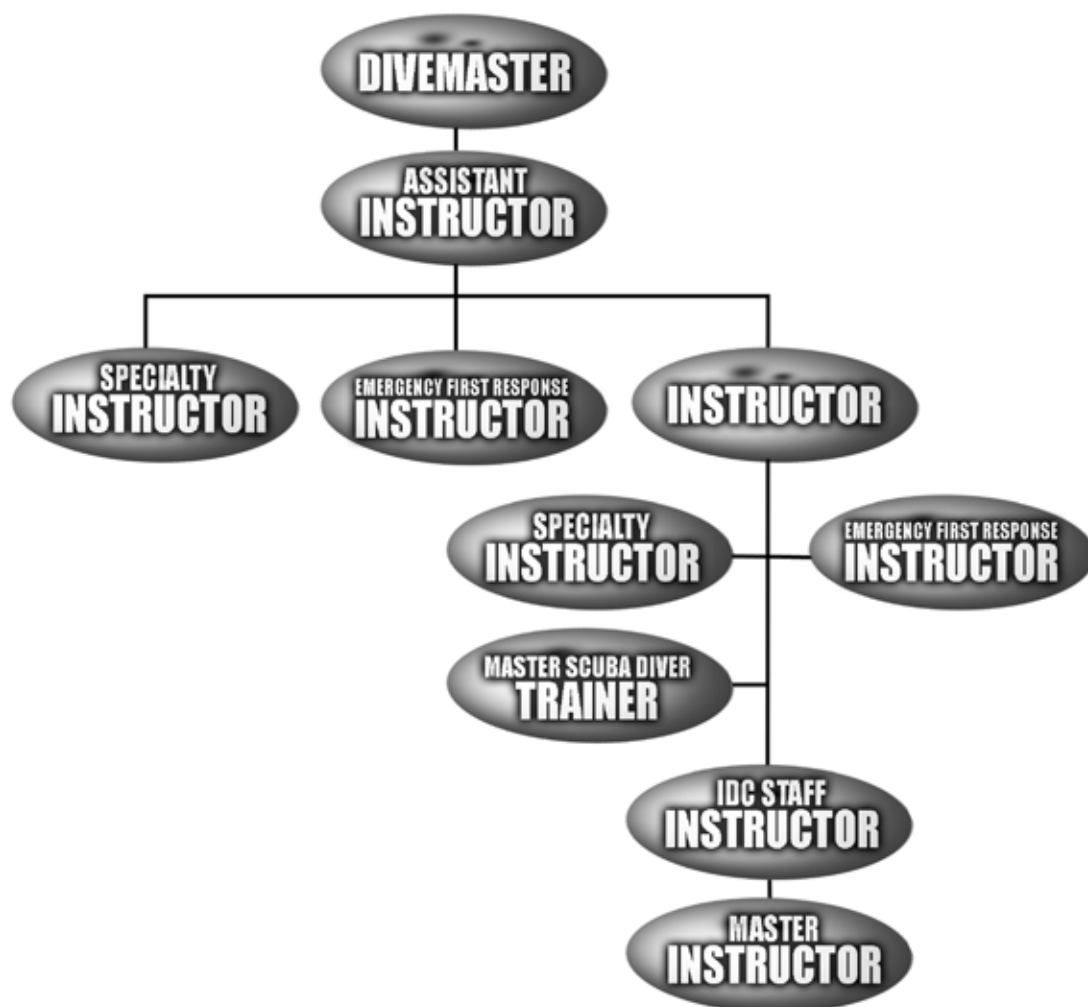
The 'Emergency First Response' Instructor course will be held on the last day of the IDC program, just before the IE, then after you've celebrated becoming an Instructor we will start with the MSDT program, this will train you in 5 PADI Specialty Instructor ratings and no other facility or Course Director in Central America can offer such an extensive range of continuing education programs, choose from;

Enriched Air
Gas Blender Nitrox and Trimix
Wreck
Deep
Night
Naturalist
Photography
Search & Recovery
Dolphin Rebreather
Equipment
Navigation
Videography



We can also include DAN O2 Instructor in our MSDT program. After the specialty Instructor training has been completed we have an optional internship (highly recommended) that allows you to assist our qualified and experienced Instructors on their PADI courses and you get the chance to take the 'micro teaching' techniques that we taught you during the IDC and apply to actual courses and gain real world experience. The internship will allow you to assist on at least 4 PADI courses from Open Water to Rescue and gain invaluable real world experience and organizational and logistical skills, by the end of our internship you will have issued 25 PADI certifications and can apply for your PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer rating, also you will have earned a valuable reference from our Career Development Center which is good for life, wherever you travel in the world as an Instructor. Our 'Premium Pro Plus' program offers exceptional value and gives you significant savings and will give you the best training, experience and start to your professional dive career. Over the last 5 years graduates on our 'Premium Pro Plus' training program have enjoyed more success than the average PADI instructor, have achieved higher positions in the dive industry and earn more income than the average PADI instructor.

So what more are you waiting for, if you'd really like to get a head start, gain valuable teaching experience, issue 25 certifications, qualify in 5 specialty areas as an Instructor and earn a valuable reference from one of the most awarded PADI Career Development Centers in the world contact PADI Course Director Andy Phillips today!



COST AND PACKAGES

- PADI Assistant Instructor Course \$250
- PADI Instructor Development Course \$995
- PADI OWSI Portion for Assistant Instructor's \$750
- PADI Nitrox Instructor Course \$150
- PADI Emergency First Response with Care for Children Instructor Course \$250
- PADI IDC Staff Instructor course \$500
- PADI MSDT Preparation program \$500
- PADI IDC Staff Up Grade \$150
- PADI Specialty Instructor Courses \$150 +

Our 'Premium Pro Plus' program of IDC, EFR Instructor and MSDT preparation program offers exceptional value and costs just \$1620, this represents a saving of \$125 off the courses regular individual prices. There are additional application fees to PADI and materials are also in addition.

FEES PAYABLE TO PADI AND MATERIALS

PADI Assistant Instructor application fee \$50

PADI Instructor Examinations \$560

PADI Instructor Development Course 'crew pack' \$350

PADI Specialty Instructor application fee (taken in IDC facility) \$40

PADI EFR Instructor application fee \$70

PADI MSDT application fee \$50





LIFESTYLE

OF A DIVE PRO IN UTILA

A typical working day in the life of an Instructor on Utila starts with a 7.30am commute to work, cycling through the narrow streets of this traditional Caribbean island on their way to their dive centre. The journey isn't over yet, as they travel their way to the islands north side by boat in order to guide a group of students on a wall dive, if lucky they often get to stop and swim with dolphins or Whale sharks on the way.

As a dive Instructor on Utila you'll never find a job that has so much variety, one day you'll be introducing a group of international backpackers to the delights of the under water world, with the PADI Open Water diver course, and guide beginner students through one of the most unique multi sensory experiences they can ever engage in, trust us when we say that these are one kind of customers that will never forget you for the work you do. At other times in your daily duties you'll be conducting professional dive courses, with the PADI Divemaster program, and taking ex-bankers, computer engineers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors and factory workers under your wing and guiding them into the ranks of a dive professional and sharing your own experiences of tropical dive resort management.

When it comes to lunch time rather than hiding from the rain indoors or rushing to find something suitable to eat in the little time you have, you'll find that in the Caribbean lunch times can be spent for hours in one of the many island cafes, catching up with colleagues on their morning aquatic encounters whilst afternoons may involve hammock time or teaching dive academics in the classroom to aspiring divers. In the evening the local night spot is 'Coco Locos' where a good beer or rum & coke can be drank for \$1 as the sun sets slowly into the sea in spectacular Caribbean style and then as darkness sets in so does many of the islands night party venues. Coco Locos, The Bundu Café, Bar in the Bush and Tranquila have been known to host some of the best parties in this part of the Caribbean, with warm friendly smiles and great atmosphere.

Of course if it's a quiet night in that you feel you deserve then there's no better place to relax in the evenings than Utila. Most apartments and homes have out door balconies where you can gaze at the stars or look out to an ocean view, including modern amenities to ensure you have the creature comforts that maybe you are accustomed to. On days off from work you can hike the island, take a bike to the off road tracks and end at desert beaches, swim in freshwater caves, kayak through mangrove canals, sail in 3 person 'Hobie Cats' or charter a sailboat to the nearby islands of Roatan, Cayos Cochinos or Glovers Reef, Belize.

If you talk to our team of Instructors, you'll discover most have worked and dived in many parts of the world, Koh Tao in Thailand, Dahab in Egypt, Costa Rica, however nothing has impressed them as much as the friendliness and great quality of living on Utila. The average cost of living on Utila is about \$400 per month with another \$150-\$250 for suitable accommodation, that's right and is probably why most visitors to Utila call it one of the best value destinations in the Caribbean. Not only does Utila have over 80 dive sites, with diverse conditions and life, but there are countless opportunities for additional training and experience to excell you in your career. As an active dive Instructor in a reputable facility don't be surprised if you actually find that you are able to save 2-3 times more a month than you actually spend. That's why when most dive Instructors on Utila do decide that the time has come to move on then they have usually saved enough to head off to the next exotic location, the only problem is where next? Hawaii, Galapagos, Thailand or Australia, well that's one question we'll let you answer.



OUR EQUIPMENT STORE

As a PADI Career Development Center it's not just great training that we provide but we also retail high quality Aqualung, ScubaPro, Suunto and Uwaterc dive equipment.

If you need to purchase any dive equipment then we will extend a 20% discount* to you off the recommended retail price in order to give you the best possible start to your career as a Divemaster, just ask for a digital copy of our retail catalogue. Not only do we have the best training programs in Central America, but also the most comprehensive and best stocked dive retail store.



*VALID FOR UDC CUSTOMERS WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS PURCHASED IN ADVANCE AND PAYED ONLINE AND 20% IS OFF MSRP. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR SPECIFIC RETAIL ADVICE AND HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THIS DISCOUNT AS IT IS NOT AVAILABLE IN UTILA.

UTILA DIVE CENTRE'S COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our commitment to you doesn't end at the Instructor Examination's. If you are staying on Utila looking to find work we will do our best to help you, our staff and facility have a high standing in the dive community of the Bay Islands and can try to find suitable work. Whilst we can never guarantee our candidates work at Utila Dive Centre we will assist you with a training placement if you desire. After the Instructor Examinations you have approximately 10-14 days before you get your teaching status activated, during this time we can mentor you with one of our resorts experienced Instructors and you can follow, observe and shadow them as they teach their courses (Open Water to Divemaster), so now what we taught you during the IDC about real world teaching you get to put into practice, at no extra charge.

This gives you valuable experience and a work reference from our PADI Career Development Center and Gold Palm Resort and will make it easier for you to **find** your own Instructor position. This is another unique advantage that we offer you at Utila Dive Centre that other IDC facilities are unable to offer (due to a much lower number of Instructors and students at their school) and are often envious of.

With 11 dive centers on Utila and many more on Roatan it doesn't take long before a vacancy arises and we will do our best to help you with resume preparation, placements and a reference. In 2008 we trained over 60 Instructors and helped 100% of all those who have stayed in the local area find suitable employment and through our placement service have also secured positions for our Instructors in the Caymans, Costa Rica and Panama. We always try and encourage our candidates to gain additional qualifications as this will better prepare them for teaching through our 25 certification internship program, also this will make you more valuable as an employee. If you plan on traveling to other dive resorts in the world then it's possible our Course Director and IDC Staff Instructors, through their own experience of working all around the world, can help/advise and counsel you on teaching in differing environments and help guide you in the right direction to secure employment. In fact, one of our past PADI Course Directors, is currently the PADI Regional Manager for the Great Barrier Reef / Papa New Guinea area. As part of our commitment to you we send regular newsletters keeping you informed of changes on Utila, **but most importantly you become part of a professional network of divers (Divemasters/Assistant Instructors/Instructors) that have all trained at Utila Dive Centre.** In addition to having our Staff who have worldwide contacts and teaching experience we can use this network to place you in touch with other professionals **who are working all around the world to help you find employment or simply seek** advice from.



We'll make you employable!

OUR PLEDGE

We can never guarantee that you will pass the IDC 1st time, which would just be marketing talk, arrogance and false promises, even the most gifted of us can have an off day! We will however advise you if you are not quite ready and should wait a little longer before taking your Instructor Examinations. Though it doesn't happen often if we do advise you to wait before taking the IE then we will give you a 2nd IDC for free, no gimmicks. If for some reason any of our candidates was to have a 'bad day' and become unsuccessful at the IE first time, then our Course Directors will put their hands in their pockets and pay for your 2nd IE.

However to date in 2008 not only did all our Instructor candidates pass the IE but we assisted all those that stayed on Utila or in the local area secure, credible and worthwhile employment, which is our real measure of success.

Our Course Directors will be available for consultation during the IE and so if you're still now sure of the location of where you'd like to 'GoPro' ask yourself the following questions?

- 1) Is my IDC extended beyond 7 days to a program 10-11 days in duration?
- 2) Do I have 2 experienced Course Directors conducting my IDC with over 50 IDC's to their experience?
- 3) Can I get tuition in other languages, if needed?
- 4) Will my group size be smaller than 6 candidates?
- 5) Can I assist on PADI courses and dive prior to my IDC?
- 6) Can I dive for free if I return to my IDC facility?
- 7) Will my PADI Course Directors still be advising, assisting, mentoring and helping me find employment, years after my IDC/IE is finished?
- 8) Is my IDC conducted in a Career Development Center and multimedia facility, with reference library and internet access?
- 9) Will I have a training pool at my availability for additional skill development and extended practice?
- 10) Are my Course Directors able to offer the complete system of Instructor 'continuing education' including Instructor courses such as Nitrox Instructor, Gas Blender Instructor, Marine Science Instructor and DAN 02 Instructor?
- 11) After the IE do my Course Directors help me with career placements and are they well connected in the local region and in other dive resorts around the world?
- 12) Am I confident my IDC will be professional, knowledgeable, interesting, real world and fun?
- 13) Have PADI recognized my IDC facility and Course Directors with certificates of excellence and recognition?

TESTIMONIALS

Here's what some of our students have to say about us;

I did the DSAT Trimix course with Andy at UDC and enjoyed the experience a lot, even though it was intellectually and especially physically challenging.

TEC diving is pushing the limit of diving, and Andy helped make it safe. While safety is a big concern for Andy he still allows the student to run the show. He offers constructive suggestions and shares his vast amount of experience not only in regard to TEC diving, but also with personal advice as to what equipment is best for the student and how to improve diving in general. Compared too many other instructors who 'teach' without listening to the student I found Andy very open to suggestions and new ideas. Andy has taught me how extreme diving can be safe.

Rene Jensen, Norway

I have been fortunate enough to have Andy as both my Instructor and Course Director throughout six certifications. Andy insists on the very highest standards from his students, especially at professional level, but when a course is well taught and the Instructor is so sincere there is no shortage of motivation and it is not difficult to deliver. Having Andy as my teacher gives me tremendous confidence in the certification cards that I carry, but more importantly I am happy to call Andy my dive buddy and my friend.

Hugh Pizzi, UK

As a divemaster working in Utila, you know a lot of new instructors. When I decided to do my IDC I went to talk to Andy because everyone told me that Andy runs a professional and tough IDC, but then the Instructor Exam is easy by comparison. This is certainly borne out by my experience. Andy runs a superbly professional course and MSDT Preparation program that I would recommend to anyone.

Obviously other people recommend it too because on my IDC, about half the candidates traveled significant distances specifically to train with him.

Ian Elsley

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There were so many things I liked about doing my IDC at UDC it will be a bit strange to try to enumerate them all. However here goes: what I liked above all else was how safe I felt there. I felt safe because I knew how much experience the staff has. And I knew they were all trustworthy people having spent several months on the island beforehand and getting to know them. I liked how I knew if I had a question it really would be answered. And answered thoughtfully and in depth until I understood. I also liked how by the end I wasn't a fraction as nervous as when I began because I felt as though I had been prepped for everything. It was so thorough and professional.

Alexandra Miron

I am writing this letter in recommendation of MR. Andy Phillips, PADI Course Director #608779. As a business owner in Belize, the needs that I faced were quite unique in that time frame and quality were extremely important in choosing where to go. Both I and my business partner traveled to Utila for the PADI IDC/IE presenting a significant investment in time and money. In part this was largely due to the contact that I had with Mr. Phillips. In researching where to do the IDC/IE I communicated with different people and organizations. His responses made me feel confident in attending the IDC with him. The IDC followed a well thought out schedule, improved and refined both my diving skills and the knowledge I have about the diving business. Throughout the course the feedback and insight that was provided by Mr. Phillips and the staff made understanding the role of the Instructor and what skills we needed to acquire very easy to comprehend.

After successful completion of the IE, I was able to do theEFR Instructor and Enriched Air (Nitrox) Specialty Instructor courses to round out what I wanted to accomplish in the timeframe I had. I worked closely with Andy on these and appreciated both his personal knowledge and insight he provides into how to teach effectively. These skills not only increase my personal value, but also the value of my business. It is without reservation that I would send any staff that work's for me in addition to any associates that are looking to advance their learning and skills in scuba diving to Mr. Andy Phillips.

Robert Alexander

RESERVATION DETAILS

Whilst we can normally always 'walk-in's' we strongly encourage that you make a reservation in order to begin your professional dive training with us. In order to maintain the high quality of Instruction on our courses we do have limited group sizes and by booking in advance you can be ensured that we will have study materials ready for when you arrive on Utila and can accommodate you at our hotel upon your initial arrival to the island.

In order to confirm your reservation we just require a small deposit of \$200 per person, this can be done by going to www.utiladivecenter.com/deposit.htm and setting up a PayPal account. Alternatively a wire transfer (\$15 transaction charge) or cash deposit can be made into either our US or UK accounts, please see below for details;

USA account

BENOIT BELLENOUE
BANK OF AMERICA
ACCOUNT # 004961161796
ABA 122400724
1077 E. SAHARA AVE
LAS VEGAS NV 89104.

UK account

LLOYDS/TSB ACCOUNT DETAILS
ACCOUNT NAME: MR A T PHILLIPS
SORT CODE: 77 27 09
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 42670068
SWIFT CODE: LOYD GB 2L
ADDRESS: SOUTHGATE STREET,
GLOUCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Once you have initiated your deposit please send an e-mail or contact us at Utila Dive Centre so that we can confirm receipt, book your place on the course and reserve materials and make the reservation in our hotel if needed.

UTILA DIVE CENTRE

PADI CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESORT
 IANTD & DSAT TECHNICAL DIVING FACILITY
 DIVERS ALERT NETWORK MEMBERS

2009 GOPRO IDC/IE SCHEDULE

| | Complete Inst. | IE | EFR | MSDT Prep | IDC Staff | AI | O W S I |
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| January | 14th-25th | 27th/28th Utila | 25th | 30th-06/02 | 12th-24th | 14th-18th | 19th-25th |
| February | 11th-22nd | 24th/25th Utila | 22nd | 27th-06/03 | 9th-21st | 11th-15th | 16th-22nd |
| March | 11th-22nd | 24th/25th Utila | 22nd | 27th-03/04 | 9th-21st | 11th-15th | 16th-22nd |
| April | 8th-19th | 21st/22nd Utila | 19th | 24th-01/05 | 6th-18th | 8th-12th | 13th-19th |
| May | 6th-17th | 19th/20th Utila | 17th | 22nd-29th | 4th-16th | 6th-10th | 11th-17th |
| June | 10th-21st | 23rd/24th Utila | 21st | 26th-03/07 | 8th-19th | 10th-14th | 15th-21st |
| July | 8th-19th | 21st/22nd Utila | 19th | 24th-31st | 6th-18th | 8th-12th | 13th-19th |
| August | 12th-23rd | 25th/26th Utila | 23rd | 28th -04/09 | 7th -19th | 12th-16th | 17th-23rd |
| September | 9th-20th | 22nd/23rd Utila | 20th | 25th-02/10 | 7th-19th | 9th-13th | 14th-20th |
| October | 7th-18th | 20th/21st Utila | 18th | 23rd-30th | 5th-17th | 7th-11th | 12th-18th |
| November | 11th-22th | 24th/25th Utila | 22nd | 27th-04/12 | 9th-21st | 11th-15th | 16th-22th |
| December | 10th-20th | 22nd/23rd Utila | 20th | 27th-03/01 | 8th-20th | 10th-14th | 15th-20th |

IDC = Instructor Development Course

IE = Instructor Examination

EFR Inst. = Emergency First Response with Care for Children Instructor

MSDT prep= Master Scuba Diver Trainer preparation with Internship for 25 certifications

IDC Staff = Instructor Development Course Staff Instructor (MSDT as prerequisite)

AI = Assistant Instructor course

O W S I = Open Water Scuba Instructor course