

Experience counts.

Welcome to High Plains Scuba Center, Northern Colorado's oldest and largest full-service scuba facility. Thank you for choosing us for your aquatic adventures.

Everything you need.

High Plains Scuba Center offers the finest in professional education, quality travel services, state of the art equipment, **and an onsite heated pool.** Whether you are just getting started or you're an experienced diver, High Plains Scuba Center has what you need.

Training. Learn scuba diving from our highly trained and experienced instructors. We conduct courses from entry level through all professional levels.

Equipment. Our friendly and knowledgeable retail staff can counsel you in finding the equipment that's best suited to you. And we stand behind what we sell.

Service and Repair. Our service department has the expertise to keep your equipment working safely. Protect your investment with regular maintenance.

Travel. Rely on HPSC's expertise in dive travel. We'll help you find the right destination, choose the accommodations that fit your interests, and put together a vacation package you'll love.

READY? Let us help you get started on your lifetime of **SCUBA ADVENTURE!!!!**

Begin...

Scuba
Ranger

Snorkeling
Course

Try
Scuba

Open
Water
Diver

Open
Water
Certification

Continue...

Scuba
Skills
Update

Advanced
Diver

Stress
& Rescue
Diver

Continuing
Education

➤ Share...



Open
Water
Instructor



DIVE CONTROL SPECIALIST

Program
Year 2010



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DIVECON RATING



The SSI Dive Control Specialist (DiveCon) rating stands alone as the premier dive leader rating in the industry. No other course offers the training, experience and opportunities included with this course. Successful completion of the DiveCon course denotes a high level of achievement and professionalism.



PREREQUISITES



- Before applying to the DiveCon Training program, candidates must:
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a current medical exam for diving signed by a physician.
- Have logged at least 50 open water dives.
- Be certified at least at the Advanced Open Water Diver level.
- Have a Diver Stress and Rescue certification or equivalent.
- Have logged experience in Navigation, Night Diving, Deep Diving, and Search and Recovery.
- Have personal scuba diving equipment of leadership quality.



REQUIREMENTS



- Have current certification in CPR, First Aid and oxygen provider.
- Serve apprenticeship time and perform practice teaching as listed in the course curriculum
- Have logged a total of at least 60 open water dives



TRAINING



The DiveCon Training program consists of about 80 hours of classroom theory, practice teaching presentations, observations, water work in pool and open water, and examination. Instructor Evaluator or Certifier.



AFTER GRADUATION



After certification, active Dive Control Specialists may:

- Conduct Scuba Skills Update and Try Scuba (pool only) programs.
- Conduct limited Specialty training and issue certification.
- Teach snorkel diving and issue certification.
- Teach Scuba Ranger Programs.
- Give underwater tours and serve as dive masters to certified scuba divers.
- Assist active SSI Instructors in academic, pool and open water training.
- Teach the Open Water Diver academic and pool sessions under direct supervision of an active SSI Instructor.
- Take students, no more than two at a time, on underwater tours after the students have successfully completed the required skills in open water scuba dive #2. This must be done under the indirect supervision of an active SSI Instructor.
- Assist students, both in and out of the water, under the supervision of an active SSI Instructor.
- Act as a certified assistant.
- Attend an SSI Instructor Training Course.



CAN NOT DO



Dive Control Specialists may **not**:

- Teach Open Water Diver open water scuba diving without the direct control of an active SSI Instructor.
- Conduct student open water skill evaluations or practice exercises involving any self aid or emergency skills that are done underwater using scuba equipment.
- Issue Open Water Diver scuba certification.



ACTIVE STATUS



To maintain active status, a DiveCon must be affiliated with an SSI Dealer and have current insurance.



COST



Your fee of **\$915** includes:

- Academic instruction
- Confined water instruction
- Open water instruction
- SSI registration and documentation
- Apprenticeship time
- DiveCon manual (\$250.00 Value)
- Liability insurance to your first renewal

Fee does not include:

- Equipment (with the exception of tanks and weights).
- Transportation to activities other than confined water.
- Lodging for open water activities.



2010 SCHEDULE



Orientation is 6 PM at HPSC beginning on:

- January 27
- April 14
- July 28
- October 27

