

Atlantic Edge Dive Center

National Aquarium In Baltimore

Guest Dive Information

Congratulations on joining us for some exciting dives in the National Aquarium in Baltimore. You are about to experience some of the most interesting, exciting and unique diving anywhere in the world. In order to make your experience the best it can possibly be, read this document carefully. It will tell you everything about the dives including schedules, what you need, and what to expect.

Schedule

<i>When</i>	<i>Where?</i>	<i>What?</i>
Saturday, 2:45pm	National Aquarium in Baltimore	Orientation Session and Dive Briefing
Saturday, 5:30pm	National Aquarium in Baltimore	Dives (have guests plan accordingly)

Check the website for actual dates of your class:

http://www.atlanticedge.com/training_schedule.shtml

Directions to the National Aquarium in Baltimore can be found at:

http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/Aquarium_Directions.pdf

Preparation

Before you arrive to your dives, there are two things you must have complete- paperwork and the appropriate gear. Details on each are below.

Paperwork

In order to facilitate the progress of the dives, it is imperative that all divers have their paperwork complete. Below is a list of necessary items and where these items can be obtained:

Item	Location
PADI Medical Statement	http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/Medical_Statement.pdf
PADI Liability Release	http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/Liability_Release.pdf
PADI Safe Diving Practices	http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/Safe_Diving_Practices.pdf
Aquarium Release	http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/NAIB_Aquarium_Release.pdf
Emergency Contact Sheet	http://www.atlanticedge.com/training/pdf/AE_Emergency_Contact.pdf

Please have these items with you and completely filled out when you come to the Aquarium. Please go over the medical statement as early as possible- there are medical related questions, if you answer 'yes' to any of them you will need a doctor to sign off that you are OK to dive.

*you can also obtain these forms at Atlantic Edge Dive Center. Stop by any time prior to class.

Gear

All divers are responsible for providing their own mask, fins, and wetsuit. If you do not have these items, please stop by Atlantic Edge Dive Center and one of our staff members will assist you in purchasing these items.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore requires that all divers have full body coverage. This means that wetsuits must be full jumpsuit wetsuits, not shorties or farmer johns, hood is optional. Also, gloves and fins with boots are required to dive in the Aquarium. If you do not have gloves there are gloves to borrow at the Aquarium. Water temperature averages 75 degrees (3mm suit will be appropriate for most divers).

- All Aquarium Divers must be certified PADI Open Water Divers or equivalent, and at least 18 years old

Due to interaction with the animals, cameras are not allowed in the tanks.

Atlantic Edge Dive Center will provide you with Aquarium Approved BC's, regulators, tanks, weights and gloves for your dives.

Where to meet us at the Aquarium

Atlantic Edge Staff will meet all divers outside of the Aquarium staff entrance by the Submarine. Entry into the Aquarium for the purposes of the dive experience is included in your registration fee, but only for the program. If you would like to tour the Aquarium before or after diving, please visit aquar.org to purchase a ticket.

Specialty Certification Option

The Aquarium's Guest Dive Program is a recognized course by PADI. You will have the option to purchase an Aquarium Diver Specialty for \$30. This is a great opportunity if you are working toward Master Scuba Diver!

Checklist

This checklist will help you ensure that you have everything you need prior to class:
(All gear listed below is *required* for your course)

- Mask and Fins
- Wetsuit (full jumpsuit)
- Gloves (if you own your own)
- Booties
- PADI Medical Statement
- PADI Liability Release
- PADI Safe Diving Practices Release
- Aquarium Release
- Emergency Contact Sheet
- Certification Card (PADI Open Water or equivalent)

Remember:

- All necessary documents can be obtained from the website (http://www.atlanticedge.com/course_forms) or by stopping by the shop.
- Click this link to receive a special parking coupon to use during your dives: http://www.aqua.org/discounts_parkingcoupon.html
- All documents must be completed and you must bring them to your first class. If you don't have your documentation and knowledge reviews, you will be rescheduled into the next class and subject to the rescheduling fee.
- If you have guests entering the aquarium to watch your dives make sure they arrange for tickets prior to your timed arrival. Some Saturday evenings Aquarium entry becomes limited so advanced tickets are recommended. (Guest Divers entry is included, no need to arrange for your own ticket.) You can purchase tickets online at <http://www.aqua.org>.
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