



Dunoon Divers

BSAC Ocean Diver Course

January 2026

£620

Introducing BSAC Ocean Diver

If you have always wanted to learn how to scuba dive, the BSAC Ocean Diver course is for you. This course is for beginners and provides the essential knowledge and skills needed to prepare for open water diving. You will first learn in the safety of a swimming pool before progressing to a sheltered water dive site. You will then gain an introduction to open water in a controlled and safe manner. Experience and guidance will be gained under the supervision of a qualified instructor to a maximum depth of 20m.

Prerequisites: To enrol on the course you must be 18 years or older. A basic level of comfort in the water is important and you will have to demonstrate that you can swim 200m in swimwear.

What you will learn: The Ocean Diver course is comprised of eLearning theory lessons, pool training lessons and a number of open water dives. The full syllabus is detailed below.

At all stages along the way you will be assessed in a constructive and friendly manner to ensure you have acquired the knowledge and skills to safely progress to the next stage of your training.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the BSAC Ocean Diver course, please contact the course organiser or visit our website www.dunoondivers.co.uk

Organiser: Claire Hallybone training@dunoondivers.co.uk 07866 713193



Course Costs

Item	Cost
Full BSAC diving membership	Included
Dunoon Divers club membership	Included
BSAC Ocean Diver eLearning digital pack	Included
Pool use	Included
Equipment hire for pool training	Included
Airfills for pool training	Included
Open water diving for 5 dives including 2 boat dives	Included
Scuba diving logbook	Included
Scuba equipment hire for open water dives	Included
TOTAL COST	£620

Excludes:

- Travel to/from training sites.
- Overnight accommodation if required.
- Airfills for open water dives (from £7.50 per dive dependant on cylinder size and location of air fill).
- Food and other refreshments.
- 'Personal' dive kit – see below.

Personal dive kit required to complete the Ocean Diver Course:

Item	Cost
Fins, boots, mask, snorkel, gloves, hood, goody bag, cutter, weight belt	£250+
Lead weights	£50 - £120
New drysuit + undersuit + hood	£700.00+
Torch	£40+

You can also hire items of personal dive kit from Aquatron Dive Centre in Glasgow.
<https://aquatron.co.uk/> 0141 4297575 info@aquatron.co.uk

Ocean Diver Course Elements

eLearning modules

OT1	Ocean Diver Training
OT2	Diving Equipment & Diving Signals
OT3	The Body & Effects of Diving
OT4	Planning to Go Diving
OT5	Going Diving
OT6	What Happens If...?
OT7	Enjoying Your Diving

Pool lessons (1 hour)

OS1	Being Underwater
OS2	Basic Skills
OS3	Developing Skills
OS4	Beyond the Basics
OS5	Safety Skills
OS6	Skills Review

Pool lesson location: Riverside Leisure Centre, 8 Moir Street, Dunoon, Argyll PA23 8AA

Pool lesson details: Pool sessions take place on a Wednesday evening. Please meet at the Equipment Store at the rear of the pool at 6.15pm to put together kit. Changing rooms are accessible from 6.30pm and pool lessons will start at 6.45pm prompt. Pool lessons are 1 hour in duration and are followed by a trip to Sinbad's public house for a well earned drink and debrief – Sinbad's 115-117 Argyll St, Dunoon PA23 7DH

Open water dives

OO1	Dive 1 (max. 6m)
OO2	Dive 2 (max. 10m)
OO3	Dive 3 (max. 15m)
OO4	Dive 4 (max. 20m)
OO5	Consolidation dive

The open water dives must include experience of diving in at least four different environments so that you gain experience in a variety of conditions, logging at least 120 minutes of underwater time.

Open water dive locations: Open water dives will generally start off local, Graham's Point in Kilmun, Brackley Point in Loch Striven and West Bay in Dunoon for example. However, it may be best to complete some lessons further afield, such as Loch Long or Loch Fyne. Boat dives can be undertaken from the Holy Loch Marina or sites such as Oban or Eyemouth.

Open water dates: We run dedicated open water training sessions up to and including Easter 2026. From Easter, we start to run diving trips that are open to qualified divers only. It would be our intention to complete all Ocean Diver training by 30th April 2026 (dependant on weather) so that you can attend the following dive trips. If this is not going to be possible due to your work or other commitments, please let us know before signing up to the course.

For the open water dives, you will need to purchase or hire a drysuit. Dunoon Divers instructors can help with this and a number of trainees have purchased second hand drysuits for under £150 which have helped them complete their training. If you would like to purchase a brand new, made to measure drysuit, please bear in mind the lead time for these can be up to 12 weeks.