



SDI SIDEMOUNT DIVER

The SDI Sidemount Diver Course is the ideal specialty for any diver wishing to use this increasingly popular equipment configuration. The SDI Sidemount Diver course teaches students how to utilise side-mounted primary cylinders as an alternative to the traditional back-mounted method.

Who this SDI course is for:

- The certified diver looking to use a sidemount cylinder instead of the standard back mount unit.

Course prerequisites:

- SDI Open Water Scuba Diver or equivalent
- Minimum age 18, 15 with parental consent.

What you can expect to learn:

The SDI Sidemount Diver Course takes an in-depth look at all of the following and more:

- Gas management utilising independent cylinders
- Equipment considerations
 - Cylinder options
 - Regulator options
 - Buoyancy compensator device (BCD)/harness options
 - Proper weighting
 - Equipment configurations
- Communication
 - Hand signals
- Problem solving
 - Gas-sharing

- Gas haemorrhages
- Water entries
 - Shore
 - Boat
- S-Drills (specific to sidemount)

Some of the required skills you will have to demonstrate include:

- Plan dive
- Test and check all equipment (depth gauges, bottom timers/watches and computers)
- Familiarisation with area
- Descend to planned depth and not exceed any pre-planned limits
- Demonstrate the ability to safely manage gas in independent cylinders
- Monitor depth/time/air consumption, figure all times on slate
- Demonstrate ability to control buoyancy
- Attaching sidemount cylinders while
 - Out of water
 - On surface standing on bottom
 - On surface in water to deep to stand
 - At depth
- Perform gas switches
- Perform safety stops

What's in it for you?

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates may engage in sidemount diving activities without direct supervision, provided the following limits are adhered to:

- Safety stops as appropriate
- Planned dives do not exceed diver's current certification level

Also, the SDI Sidemount Diver certification counts towards a single specialty rating to achieve the [SDI Advanced Diver Development program](#).

SDI Sidemount Diver minimum requirements:

- Perform all land drills and open water dive requirements safely and efficiently
- Demonstrate mature, sound judgment concerning dive planning and execution
- Log all dives

Pricing:

\$400 for 2-4 students (private courses so you organise your buddies!)

\$600 solo

Includes:

- Standard software rental (mask, snorkel, fins, boots & wetsuit)
- Online eLearning
- 2x dives

Not Included:

- Sidemount setup (available to rent at \$100 p/day)
- DSMB & Spool (surface marker)
- Torch
- Knife/Cutting Tool
- Computer (available to rent)
- Compass (available to rent)

We have products available in our shop that fit our ECO DIVER ethos. If you wish to purchase equipment upfront and train in during your course, purchase with us knowing you're making an effort to reduce your diving footprint and make steps towards becoming an ECO DIVER.