



# Night Diver

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**Course Type:** Night Diver

**Course Tuition:** \$125.00      **Required Text:** [Night Diver Manual](#)

## Session One

**Session Type:** [Orientation](#)      **Session Location:** [Alki Beach](#)

**Session Date:** [Tuesday, April 13, 2010](#)      **Session Time:** [6:30 PM](#)

**Specifics:** We'll meet at the Alki Crab & Fish Company to complete the necessary paperwork and go over the knowledge reviews, which include an orientation to diving at night and to nocturnal aquatic life; night diving equipment, underwater light systems and routine preventative equipment maintenance for diving at night; and, the planning, organization, procedures, techniques, problems, and hazards for diving at night.

We'll then head to the beach and gear up for first open water night dive. The other two dives will be completed the following evening.

## Session Two

**Session Type:** [Open Water Dive](#)      **Session Location:** [Cove Two, Alki Beach](#)

**Session Date:** [Tuesday, April 13, 2010](#)      **Session Time:** [After Interval](#)

**Specifics:** We'll brief, conduct and debrief our first and only dive of the night emphasizing the following topics:

- Execute a descent using a line or sloping bottom as a reference.
- Demonstrate how to communicate with hand signals and dive lights while night diving.
- Demonstrate the proper use of a personal dive light, submersible pressure gauge, compass, timing device and depth gauge at night.
- Navigate to a predetermined location using a compass/natural features and return to within 25 feet of the starting point, surfacing for orientation only if necessary.
- Demonstrate proper buddy procedures by maintaining buddy contact throughout the night dive.
- Perform an ascent using a line or sloping bottom as a reference.

We'll then break for the night and return the following night for our final two dives.

## Session Three

<b>Session Type:</b>	<u>Open Water Dive</u>	<b>Session Location:</b>	<u>Cove Two, Alki Beach</u>
<b>Session Date:</b>	<u>Thursday, April 15, 2010</u>	<b>Session Time:</b>	<u>6:30 PM</u>
<b>Specifics:</b>	<p>We meet at the beach and brief, conduct and debrief our second night dive (first dive of the night) emphasizing the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execute a descent using a line or sloping bottom as a reference.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how to communicate with hand signals and dive lights while night diving.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the proper use of a dive light, submersible pressure gauge, compass, timing device and depth gauge at night.</li> <li>• Using a compass for navigation, return to the shore or boat underwater with at least 35 bar/500 psi remaining in your scuba tank.</li> <li>• Identify nocturnal aquatic life discussed during the academic portion of the course.</li> <li>• Demonstrate proper buddy procedures by maintaining buddy contact throughout the night dive.</li> </ul>		

<b><u>Session Four</u></b>			
<b>Session Type:</b>	<u>Open Water Dive</u>	<b>Session Location:</b>	<u>Cove Two, Alki Beach</u>
<b>Session Date:</b>	<u>Thursday, April 15, 2010</u>	<b>Session Time:</b>	<u>After Interval</u>
<b>Specifics:</b>	<p>We'll take a minimum surface interval during which we'll swap out tanks and enjoy a warm snack. Then, we'll brief, conduct and debrief our second dive of the night, and final dive of the class, which emphasizes the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execute a "free descent" using the line or sloping bottom as a visual guide only.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how to communicate with hand signals and dive lights while night diving.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the proper use of a personal dive light, submersible pressure gauge, compass, timing device and depth gauge at night.</li> <li>• Remain in a stationary position for three minutes, on the bottom, with no dive lights on.</li> <li>• Demonstrate proper buddy procedures by maintaining buddy contact throughout the night dive.</li> </ul>		

<b><u>Final Session</u></b>			
<b>Session Type:</b>	<u>Snack</u>	<b>Session Location:</b>	<u>Alki Beach</u>
<b>Session Date:</b>	<u>Thursday, April 15, 2010</u>	<b>Session Time:</b>	<u>After Interval</u>
<b>Specifics:</b>	<p>After everyone is packed up, we'll meet back at the Alki Fish &amp; Crab Company</p>		

for a hot snack (optional) and to complete your certification paperwork.

Congratulations, you are now a certified Night Diver!

**Equipment Required for this Course**

Item 1: Exposure Suit      Item 2: Snorkeling gear      Item 3: 2 Tanks

Item 4: Regulator      Item 5: BCD      Item 6: Weights

Item 7: Dive Light & Backup      Item 8: Compass

**Equipment Recommended for this Course**

Item 1: Dan Insurance

**NOTES:**



This course is a good next step after Advanced Open Water and will make you a safer and more confident night diver, and speed you along your way toward becoming a Master Scuba Diver and beyond.

You may also wish to consider my Underwater Naturalist class which will familiarize you with many of the creatures of the night that reside in the Puget Sound.