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SSI PRO

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSE



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MAKE THE OCEAN YOUR OFFICE

Take the step from passionate diver to inspiring leader. Ocean Tribe's **SSI Instructor Training Course (ITC)** is more than just a certification program – it's the start of your professional dive career. Over an intensive training schedule, you'll build the skills, confidence, and teaching ability needed to guide the next generation of divers.

Our ITC includes a **prep week, world-class instruction, six free SSI Specialty Instructor ratings, and career guidance** to help you hit the ground running. You'll gain hands-on teaching practice, sharpen your diving technique, and leave with the confidence to succeed anywhere in the world.

Every package comes with extras that make a real difference: a Dive Club membership, pro discounts on gear, job placement support, and even the chance to add on an African safari. Whether you want the essentials only, a fully supported course with accommodation, or a complete all-in package including your own professional equipment, we've built a path to suit every future dive pro.

Train with Ocean Tribe in Kenya and discover how becoming an SSI Instructor can transform your life – in the water and beyond.

See you soon to begin your Instructor Journey,

SSI Instructor Trainer
#76419

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE



TRAIN IN PARADISE TEACH WORLDWIDE

INSTRUCTOR



packages
from
\$2099

Start **NOW**

ALL PACKAGES INCLUDE

Informal 1 week preparation program
SSI Instructor Training Course (ITC)
Instructor Evaluation
Instructor Training Digital Learning
SSI Instructor Wetnotes, Evaluation Slates & Mask Strap
6 Instructor Specialties- Enriched Air Nitrox, Perfect Buoyancy,
Marine Ecology, Computer Diving, SSI Explorers



GAIN SKILLS, BUILD CONFIDENCE

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No Hidden Fees
Pro rates on equipment purchases
Ocean Tribe T Shirt
Introduction to sidemount diving
CV writing workshop and job seeking assistance
Equipment rental

MORE PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

GO FURTHER DM INSTRUCTOR

DEEP DIVING, NAVIGATION DIVING, NIGHT DIVING,
CLASSIFIED DIVING &
REACT RIGHT CPR, FIRST AID, OXYGEN PROVIDER
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5 ECOLOGY SPECIALTY INSTRUCTOR COURSES
TEACH NEUTRALLY BUOYANT
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INSTRUCTOR COURSE PACKAGES

WHAT WILL IT COST? WHAT'S INCLUDED

training only packages

Bare Bones – \$2,099
The basic path to becoming an SSI Instructor. Covers the ITC, digital materials, crew-pack, and Instructor Evaluation.

Ready to Roll– \$2,599
Adds the DiveMaster Instructor Seminar (DMIS) to set you up with Deep, Navigation, Night and Classified Instructor right from the start.

Fully Loaded – \$2,499
Includes your accommodation during training along with the full instructor package. Stress-free, just show up and dive in.

The Whole Kit & Caboodle – \$2,999
The complete training experience with ITC, IE, DMIS, accommodation, and all required materials. No compromises.

	Bare Bones	Ready to Roll	Fully Loaded	Whole Kit & Caboodle
INCLUSIONS	\$2099	\$2599	\$2499	\$2999
Prep Week	✓	✓	✓	✓
ITC + Materials + Crew Pack + IE	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Free SSI Instructor Specialties	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pro Equipment Rates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free T-shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dive Club Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intro to Sidemount	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resume Workshop + CV Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Career Guidance + Job Placement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equipment Rental	✓	✓	✓	✓
Divemaster Instructor Seminar	✗	✓	✗	✓
Accommodation	✗	✗	✓	✓
Essential Gear Package	✗	✗	✗	✗
Elite Gear Package	✗	✗	✗	✗
Safari Bonus (Book 4+ weeks early)	✓	✓	✓	✓

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INSTRUCTOR EQUIPMENT ESSENTIAL PACKAGES

+ Instructor Essentials- Full length 3mm wetsuit, Cressi/Mares Mask & Snorkel, DSMB & Reel, Mares Avanti Superchannel Fins & Mares MC970 Knife

BCs



XDEEP ZEOS

This ultra-light single-tank toroidal wing-style BCD (just 1.05 kg for 28 lb and 1.2 kg for 38 lb models) delivers expert trim with perfectly matched center-of-buoyancy and gravity, improved stability, and efficient finning—plus breathable 3D mesh comfort and modular weight pockets to customise your rig



CRESSI SOLID PLUS

Built from tough 500-denier Cordura and 420-denier nylon, this weight-integrated jacket offers exceptional abrasion resistance, clear size markings for rental use, and convenient one-handed Quick Lock weight release—making it perfect for professional dive centres and active divers alike.



MARES ROCK

This rugged BCD features 420-denier Cordura construction with Tyropol-reinforced harness and padded monoplate back, delivering long-lasting comfort and protection. It streamlines your dive with a classic, outward-expanding bladder to prevent chest compression, six strategically placed stainless steel D-rings, and easy-release weight pockets for efficient gear management.

DIVE COMPUTERS



MARES PUCK LITE

This compact wrist unit runs the reliable Bühlmann ZH-L16C algorithm with adjustable gradient factors and supports Nitrox (21-50%). It features a bright, 800-segment display, Bluetooth syncing through Mares andSSI apps, up to 100 dive logs, and long battery life with a user-replaceable CR2450 cell

REGULATORS



MARES DUAL ADJ 15X

This compact, travel-friendly regulator combines a balanced diaphragm first stage with Dynamic Flow Control (DFC) and environmental sealing for reliable performance, paired with a lightweight technopolymer second stage featuring Vortex Assisted Design (VAD) for effortless breathing at any depth. The system comes assembled with a Superflex hose, weighs just 1,085 g complete, and is Nitrox-ready up to 40% oxygen.



CRESSI AC2 COMPACT

This rugged and lightweight combination pairs the ultra-reliable piston-style first stage (a true "work mule" built for heavy use) with the minimalistic Compact second stage, delivering smooth airflow, low maintenance, and easy Venturi adjustment in a travel-friendly, under-1 kg package

from
\$1249
including instructor
essentials

INSTRUCTOR COURSE PACKAGES

WHAT WILL IT COST? WHAT'S INCLUDED

packages with essential gear package

Essential Start – \$3,348 Bare Bones plus the Essential Gear Pack . Get certified and launch with your own pro kit.	Solid Foundations – \$3,848 Instructor training with DMIS plus the Essential Gear Pack. The perfect platform to grow from.	Stay & Play Essential – \$3,748 Training, accommodation, and the Essential Gear Pack. Live, learn, and dive in with your own gear.	Complete Essential – \$4,248 Every training element, DMIS, accommodation, plus the Essential Gear Pack. Balanced and future-ready.
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	Essential Start	Solid Foundations	Stay & Play Essential	Complete Essential
INCLUSIONS	\$3348	\$3848	\$3748	\$4248
Prep Week	✓	✓	✓	✓
ITC + Materials + Crew Pack + IE	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Free SSI Instructor Specialties	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pro Equipment Rates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free T-shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dive Club Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intro to Sidemount	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resume Workshop + CV Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Career Guidance + Job Placement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equipment Rental	✗	✗	✗	✗
Divemaster Instructor Seminar	✗	✓	✗	✓
Accommodation	✗	✗	✓	✓
Essential Gear Package	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elite Gear Package	✗	✗	✗	✗
Safari Bonus (Book 4+ weeks early)	✓	✓	✓	✓

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+ Instructor Essentials- Full length 3mm wetsuit, Cressi/Mares Mask & Snorkel, DSMB & Reel, Mares Avanti Superchannel Fins & Mares MC970 Knife

BCs



XDEEP ZEN

The XDEEP Zen BC delivers exceptional stability and comfort with its low-drag, centrally balanced wing and streamlined profile, ensuring precise buoyancy control and efficient gas use.



CRESSI AQUAWING PLUS

This one-size-fits-all donut-style back-inflate harness uses Cressi's MAS (Modular Adjustment System) for rapid fit customization, backed by a lightweight anodized alloy plate and streamlined single-cylinder buoyancy for stable, efficient trim.



MARES XR REC TRIM

Ultra-light 3 mm aluminum backplate and mono-wing system offers precise trim control with a redesigned skeleton plate that's 40% slimmer—ideal for travel and technical diving. It features fully adjustable shoulder and waist straps, accented padding, and a longer low-volume bladder to optimise buoyancy and horizontal alignment on tank.

DIVE COMPUTERS



MARES SIRIUS

This watch-style computer equips you for both recreational and extended-range diving with Nitrox and Trimix support, the Bühlmann ZH-L16C algorithm with customizable gradient factors, and a crisp MIP-color display with integrated compass and tank-pressure tracking.



SHEARWATER TERN TX

This sleek, wristwatch-style unit features a vivid 1.3" full-color AMOLED display, supports Air, Nitrox, 3-Gas Nitrox, Gauge, and Freedive modes, and comes with wireless charging and Bluetooth for seamless log syncing. It's also air-integration capable (up to four transmitters), includes a digital compass, and delivers up to 20 hours of dive time with a depth rating to 120 m.



SHEARWATER PEREGRINE TX

This full-color LCD wrist computer delivers a vivid 2.2" display, wireless air integration, and a tilt-compensated digital compass, all powered by a rechargeable battery and housed in a slim 120 m-rated case. It runs the trusted Bühlmann ZH-L16C algorithm, logs up to 400 hours of dives, and syncs via Bluetooth and wireless charging for effortless data management.

REGULATORS



CRESSI MC9 COMPACT PRO SET WITH DIGI 2

This ultra-compact, cold-water certified set features a balanced diaphragm, environmentally sealed first stage, and a lightweight thermo-conductive second stage that resists freezing and combines low breathing effort (1-1.2 J/l) with customizable Venturi control for smooth, reliable performance in all environments. It includes a high-output, hyper-balanced first stage and a pressure-monitoring digital console for precision and ease of use.



MARES DUAL ADJ 62X

This ultralight regulator features a balanced diaphragm first stage with Auto Sealing Technology and a dynamic-flow second stage with adjustable resistances for effortless breathing in cold and warm waters alike.

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\$1549
including instructor
essentials

INSTRUCTOR COURSE PACKAGES

WHAT WILL IT COST? WHAT'S INCLUDED

packages with elite equipment package

Pro Elite – \$3,648 Bare Bones plus the Elite Gear Pack - premium dive equipment to kick off a long-term pro career.	Leadership Elite – \$4,148 Training with DMIS plus Elite-level gear. A strong professional package for ambitious instructors.	Ocean Elite – \$4,048 Training and accommodation with the Elite Gear Pack. Full focus, high-end setup.	Mission Ready – \$4,548 The ultimate package: training, DMIS, accommodation, and the Elite Gear Pack. Top-tier everything, all-in.
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	Pro Elite	Leadership Elite	Ocean Elite	Mission Ready
INCLUSIONS	\$3648	\$4148	\$4048	\$4548
Prep Week	✓	✓	✓	✓
ITC + Materials + Crew Pack + IE	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Free SSI Instructor Specialties	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pro Equipment Rates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free T-shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dive Club Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intro to Sidemount	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resume Workshop + CV Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
Career Guidance + Job Placement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equipment Rental	✗	✗	✗	✗
Divemaster Instructor Seminar	✗	✓	✗	✓
Accommodation	✗	✗	✓	✓
Essential Gear Package	✗	✗	✗	✗
Elite Gear Package	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safari Bonus (Book 4+ weeks early)	✓	✓	✓	✓

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE SSI ITC?

During the SSI Instructor Training Course (ITC), you will take part in several workshops to learn the art of teaching students and setting up your teaching scenarios for safety and accomplishing the skills.

Expect to attend presentations led by our SSI Instructor Trainer, Mark Slingo, alongside SSI Assistant Instructor Trainers. These sessions will cover essential topics such as teaching techniques, marketing, and professional growth within the scuba diving industry.

During the course, you'll also participate in multiple pool sessions, where trainers will assess your ability to teach diving skills in realistic student scenarios. In addition, you'll deliver short academic presentations on assigned topics to your Instructor Trainer, demonstrating your ability to communicate theory clearly and confidently.

Finally, you will spend a couple of days in the ocean, where trainers will assess how effectively you teach the open water segments of diver training courses.

There is also the option to complete the React Right First Aid and CPR Instructor program during the course which is necessary to be able to teach the Diver Stress & Rescue course when you are a certified instructor. Following on from the course we can look at getting you some Specialty Instructor ratings to move you up the SSI Instructional ladder towards Specialty Instructor and Divemaster Instructor.

ITC WORKSHOPS

The ITC workshops are built on the SSI Instructor Training Course Digital Learning and knowledge from previous courses. These workshops will develop your instructional skills through hands-on practice, staff guidance, and teamwork—preparing you for the practical elements of the ITC and your future dive career.

EXAM PRACTICE

Ok no one likes exams. But the SSI ITC is preparing you to complete the SSI Instructor Evaluation. As such prior to the ITC you have been brushing up on your dive theory and familiarising yourself with the **SSI Instructor Manual** and other SSI teaching Materials. During the ITC we will practice with a couple of exams to prepare you for the IE and ensure that your study has been effective.



KNOWLEDGE TEACHING PRESENTATIONS

Instructor candidates give knowledge teaching presentations during the ITC to demonstrate their ability to use SSI materials effectively in a teaching environment. You will use the SSI materials including lesson guides, manuals, and digital products such as the MySSI apps and Digital Learning to teach your fellow IE candidates, to answer questions assigned by your SSI Instructor Trainer from the Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Diver Stress & Rescue, Dive Guide and more.

CONFINED WATER PRESENTATIONS

To prepare you to be able to teach SSI dive courses in the pool and other confined water locations, you will give several confined water presentations during the SSI ITC. These will include practicing using your wetnotes to brief the skills, before giving demonstrations and correcting student diver problems, simulated by your fellow candidates. Teaching presentation skills are normally from the SSI Open Water, SSI Advanced Open Water and Diver Stress & Rescue courses.

DIVE SKILLS

Part of being a good instructor is to have good dive skills. You will have been practicing the skills circuit prior to the ITC and there will be a dive skills workshop and evaluation session to ensure that your skills are ready to teach. There will also be an assessment of your Diver Stress & Rescue skills too, in preparation for teaching rescue courses and for the rescue assessment during the SSI Instructor Evaluation.

OPEN WATER PRESENTATIONS

During the ITC, you will practice teaching two skills at the same time in open water. This is to simulate if you were teaching multiple courses at once. On our ocean training site, you will practice setting up the dive site before conducting the skills. This will focus on diver safety, supervision, and making sure your “students” meet the performance requirements. This will prepare you for the open water section of the IE of course and real-life when planning open water training for your dive students.



ACTING LIKE AN SSI PROFESSIONAL AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIVER DIAMOND

During the ITC, you must act as a role-model dive professional. Trainers will assess your appearance, behaviour, knowledge of the SSI system, and understanding of the SSI Diver Diamond. They will also evaluate your punctuality, equipment presentation, and diving skills.

We try to arrange an ITC every couple of months and if demand is high enough then we can also run extra SSI ITCs on request. The SSI ITC schedule can also include an African safari on specific ITCs. For those of you who would like a shorter ITC in Kenya, or would like to enhance your IDC experience by completing the dry sections of the ITC in advance of arriving in Kenya then we also have the option of scuba dive online workshops and presentations.

	Oct	Nov/ Dec	March	May	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov/ Dec
Assistant Instructor	20-24	28-1	4-8	4-8	15-19	4-8	20-24	28-1
ITC	20-29	28-7	4-13	4-13	15-24	4-13	20-29	28-7
IE	30-31	8-9	14-15	14-15	25-26	14-15	30-31	8-9
Specialty Instructor Training	3-4	12-13	18-19	18-19	29-30	18-19	3-4	12-13
Assistant Instructor Trainer	20-29	28-7	4-13	4-13	15-24	4-13	20-29	28-7

ITC DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 1 - Orientation & Skills Refresh

- ITC Orientation Session - 1.5 hrs
- Science of Diving Workshop - 3 hrs
- Skills Practice: Open Water & Diver Stress & Rescue - 4 hrs

Day 2 - The SSI System & Skills Development

- Academic: Overview of SSI - 2 hrs
- Academic: Duties of an SSI Professional - 1.5 hrs
- Workshop: Open Water Diver & Scuba Skills Update - 4 hrs
- Candidate Water Fitness Evaluation - 1.5 hrs

Day 3 - Academic Presentations & Program Admin

- Academic: Program Administration - 3 hrs
- Academic Presentation - Open Water Diver - 3 hrs
- Academic Presentation - Perfect Buoyancy or Specialty - 2.5 hrs

Day 4 - In-Water Teaching & Exams

- Academic: Assistant Instructor Programs - 3 hrs
- Pool Presentation - Open Water Diver Skill - 2 hrs
- Pool Presentation - Perfect Buoyancy - 1 hr
- Final Exam & Review - 2 hrs
- Program & Performance Review - 1 hr

Day 5 - Core Programs & Specialties

- Academic: The Open Water Diver Program - 2 hrs
- Academic: Instructor Specialties - 2 hrs
- Academic: Diver Stress & Rescue & Divemaster - 4 hrs

Day 6 - Rest & Catch-Up

- Day Off (make-up sessions if needed)

Day 7 - Rescue Teaching & Academic Presentations

- Academic Presentation - Enriched Air Nitrox or Diver Stress & Rescue - 3 hrs
- Pool Workshop - Rescue Skills - 2 hrs
- Pool Presentation - Diver Stress & Rescue - 2 hrs



WHEN IS THE ITC?

ITC SCHEDULE

2025-2026

Day 8 - Emergency Skills & Open Water Training

- Pool Presentation - Open Water Diver Emergency Skill - 3 hrs
- Open Water Presentation - Open Water Diver Skills - 4 hrs

Day 9 - Dive Guide & Business of Diving

- Academic Presentation - Dive Guide - 3 hrs
- Dive Briefing Evaluation - 1.5 hrs
- Academic: The Business of Diving - 4 hrs

Day 10 - Dive Guiding & Career Planning

- Dive Guiding Evaluation (Open Water) - 4 hrs
- Academic: Your Career with SSI - 1.5 hrs

Day 11 - Final Review

- Final Program and Performance Review - 2 hrs

Meeting the prerequisites for the SSI ITC is very important to avoid problems when it comes to getting certified. Making sure you have everything ready eases your mind and you can concentrate on learning to become a great diving instructor. The PADI IDC prerequisites are listed below. If you have any questions about the prerequisites for the SSI ITS please contact us via email or using the WhatsApp button on the page. If you are crossing over from another training organisation to do your SSI ITC then you will need to make sure that your qualifications meet the minimums below. From major training organisations such as PADI, NAUI, SDI, CMAS and RAID this should not be an issue but you might need to undergo an orientation or crossover program.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE TO TAKE THE COURSE?

WHAT ARE THE SSI PREREQUISITES FOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

SSI ITC Prerequisites

- Divemaster or:
- an instructor member in good standing (renewed or eligible to renew) with another recognized recreational diver training organization.
- have a leadership-level certification in good standing (renewed or eligible to renew) with another recognized recreational diver training organization;
- 100 logged dives; documented experience in night diving, deep diving and underwater navigation.
- 18 years old
- Enriched Air Nitrox Certified
- CPR & First Aid Certified within the previous 24 months
- Medical clearance attesting to dive fitness signed by a physician within the previous 12 months, and have had no medical condition changes.
- Certified diver for at least six months.
- Documentation of any non-SSI qualifying entry-level, advanced, rescue, and leadership-level certifications *as required*.

COMPLETING THE ITC *DIGITAL LEARNING*



How to Complete the Digital Learning for the SSI Instructor Training Course at Ocean Tribe

Embarking on the SSI Instructor Training Course (ITC) with Ocean Tribe in Diani Beach, Kenya, is a significant step in your diving career. To ensure a smooth journey, it's crucial to complete the Digital Learning component effectively. Here's a straightforward guide to help you navigate this process.

Getting Your Digital Learning Assigned

First, create a profile on the MySSI platform. Once your profile is set up, Ocean Tribe will assign the ITC Digital Learning materials to your account. After the assignment, you can access the materials through the MySSI app or website. This flexibility allows you to study at your own pace, whether on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Understanding the Digital Learning Sections

The ITC Digital Learning is divided into ten comprehensive sections:

1. **Overview of SSI**
2. **Duties of an SSI Professional**
4. **Program Management**
5. **Academic Sessions**
6. **In-Water Training**
7. **Assistant Instructor Program**
8. **The Open Water Diver Program**
9. **Open Water Specialties**
10. **Stress & Rescue and Dive Guide**
11. **The Business of Diving**

Each section includes review questions and assessments to reinforce your understanding.

Completion Timeline

It's essential to complete all ten sections, including the reviews and assessments, before the start of your ITC sessions. This preparation ensures you're ready for the practical applications and evaluations that follow.

Final Steps

After completing the sections, you'll take a final exam. Achieving a passing score is necessary to proceed with the in-person components of the ITC.

Remember, thorough preparation through the different modules sets the foundation for your success as an SSI Instructor. Dive in, study diligently, and get ready to inspire the next generation of divers.

Being properly ready for your ITC will make it so much easier to complete in a stress-free manner and enable you to go to the IE all set. Below we include the best way to prepare for your SSI ITC including:

- The study that be completed by you.
- Digital Learning
- SSI Training Standards
- Dive theory you should get familiar with via the SSI Science of Diving and other specialty programs
- SSI materials to study.

Complete SSI Instructor Training Course Digital Learning

The SSI Instructor Training Course digital learning component provides access to comprehensive training materials anytime, anywhere. It includes interactive lessons on dive theory, teaching techniques, and safety procedures. You'll find videos, quizzes, and knowledge reviews to reinforce learning. This self-paced approach allows you to study at your convenience and be well-prepared for practical sessions. You need to complete this before the ITC to best prepare yourself.

Familiarise Yourself with the SSI Scuba Training Standards

Locate the SSI Scuba Training Standards in the "Courses" section of your MySSI app or through the MySSI website on a browser. You can also download a PDF file of the latest standards from the MySSI website in the "Downloads" section. Read the standards and familiarise yourself with where things can be found in the manual.

Go Over Your Dive Theory

Study your SSI Science of Diving Digital Learning and answer questions in the app. You can also use our dedicated ITC Learning Centre. This has informative videos, tips, and quizzes to help you prepare your dive theory. On booking the ITC you will receive access to our Online Classroom which has further preparation aids.

- Dive planning and environmental considerations
- Dive physics (e.g., buoyancy, pressure, gas laws)
- Dive physiology (e.g., decompression sickness, narcosis)
- Dive equipment
- Decompression theory and dive tables/computers

Practice Your Dive Skills to Presentation Level

As an SSI Instructor, you will be required to demonstrate skills very slowly. This is so that the key attributes of the skill are easy to see and exaggerated. You should practice the following skills as much as possible to get them to demonstration level. SSI tips for this can be found in our online learning center and the Scuba Skills Review in the SSI Digital Learning on the SSI app.

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|---|---|
| 1. Equipment Assembly | 19. Remove and Replace Equipment on the surface |
| 2. Buddy Check | 20. Remove and Replace Equipment underwater |
| 3. Deep Water Entry | 21. Remove and replace weight system on the surface |
| 4. Buoyancy Check | 22. Remove and replace weight system underwater |
| 5. Regulator Clearing | 23. Unconscious diver on the surface |
| 6. Regulator Retrieval | 24. Surfacing an unresponsive diver |
| 7. Snorkel to regulator exchange | 25. Reciprocal compass heading |
| 8. Partially flooded mask | 26. Exiting the unresponsive diver |
| 9. Fully Flooded Mask | 27. Rigging and using a lift bag |
| 10. Mask remove and replace | 28. Panicking diver on the surface. Surface approach |
| 11. No mask breathing | 29. Panicking diver on the surface. Underwater approach |
| 12. Free-flow regulator breathing | 30. Panicking diver underwater |
| 13. Neutral buoyancy Diving Position LPI | |
| 14. Neutral buoyancy Diving Position Oral | |
| 15. 5 Point descent | |
| 16. 5 Point ascent | |
| 17. Emergency Swimming Ascent | |
| 18. Emergency Buoyant Ascent | |



GETTING READY

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR MY ITC?

SSI ITC

REQUIRED SCUBA EQUIPMENT



You need to know the required scuba diving equipment for the SSI ITC and indeed throughout your scuba diving career.

SSI Instructors are required to wear specific equipment (not missing any) when they are teaching SSI programs. They are also required to have teaching items.

During the SSI ITC and SSI IE you will be expected to have the required scuba diving equipment when you are giving your teaching presentations.

While it is possible to hire the required dive gear from Ocean Tribe, as a dive professional you really should invest in your own set of scuba equipment. As the tools of the trade and something you will be working with day-in-day-out. We offer extreme discounts on dive gear from X-Deep, Shearwater, Mares, Cressi, Oceanic, Hollis, Aqualung, Scubapro, Fourth Element, and Beaver to our go-pro dive students.

We can also advise on the best equipment to get as a dive professional starting out.

WHAT IS THE REQUIRED SCUBA DIVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE SSI ITC?

- BC
- Regulator 1st & 2nd Stage
- Alternate Air Source (Octopus or Air2)
- Depth Gauge
- SPG
- Dive Computer/Timing Device
- Compass
- Cutting Tool
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Exposure Suit
- SMB & Reel
- Surface Signalling Device - Visual/Audible

EXTRA EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Measuring Tape (can be used in water)
- Pocket Mask
- Calculator
- Good quality rope for demonstrating knot-tying

What are the SSI ITC Required Materials?

Being properly prepared for your instructor training course includes having the SSI ITC required materials. You don't want to have to waste time and effort during the ITC searching for things you need to complete it. Below is a list of the SSI required materials as well as other things you will definitely need during the program to complete it and be prepared for the SSI IE and your future dive instructor career.

We include all of the SSI ITC materials in our ITC packages so you do not have to worry if you will be missing anything. One thing that you do need will be a laptop or tablet. It is too hard to access everything quickly from a mobile phone.

In addition to the required scuba equipment which you can find the complete list of here. You should also bring standard study materials, power points, water bottle and anything else you think you might need. You will need all of your certification details (and copies of any from other training agencies). You should also have a current medical signed by a doctor.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THE COURSE?

WHAT ARE THE SSI ITC REQUIRED MATERIALS

THE SSI ITC REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE:

- SSI Instructor Training Course Digital Learning
- SSI Recreational Scuba Pro Wetnotes
- Dive Briefing & Dive Guide Evaluation Slate
- SSI Digital Instructor Kit
- Includes digital manuals, standards, and teaching guides
- Covers Open Water Diver, Advanced Adventurer, Rescue, and Specialty programs
- SSI Professional Total Teaching System
- Digital access to SSI's training standards and teaching tools
- Instructor manual, academic presentations, and student materials



LEVEL UP

CROSSOVER TO SSI FROM ANOTHER AGENCY

Making the decision to crossover to SSI is a big step for any PADI instructor. It's not just about adding another logo to your CV. The choice comes with important considerations—how it will affect your income, the range of job opportunities you can access, the quality and flexibility of the training system you'll be using, and the worldwide reputation of the agency you represent. For many dive pros, these factors are what make SSI such an attractive option right now. The crossover gives you the chance to reduce costs, expand your teaching reach, work for more centres, and align yourself with a training system that's growing fast across the globe.

Why the Crossover is Upgraded

The SSI crossover is not a quick paperwork swap. Since 2024, every instructor moving into the SSI system must complete sections of an Instructor Training Course and pass an Instructor Exam. This ensures you meet SSI standards in knowledge, skills, and safety. It gives your future employers and students confidence that you can deliver quality training. SSI's requirements put you on the same level as instructors who trained entirely within their system. This means you can't get into SSI by taking an "easier instruction path" then take a simple crossover. You have to earn it.

Teach for Both Agencies

Doing a crossover to SSI does not mean giving up your PADI teaching status. You can stay active with both agencies. This gives you maximum flexibility, plus keeps your options open and your job prospects high. Many dive centres around the world accept instructors from both SSI and PADI. Some even run both systems side by side. By holding credentials in each, you are ready for more jobs in more locations.

Centres are Making the Switch

SSI is growing fast. More training centres each year are crossing over from other agencies, including PADI. They are choosing SSI for its strong support network, modern digital tools, and flexible teaching system. This means more employers are looking for instructors who can teach SSI courses. By crossing over now, you stay ahead of the trend and keep yourself in demand.

Financial Benefits for Instructors

A crossover to SSI can save you money. Digital materials are included in course packages, and you get automatic updates without extra fees. Renewal costs are often lower than PADI's. The SSI Pro Rewards program even gives you cashback on certifications. Over time, these savings and rewards add up. They help you keep more of what you earn.

The Bottom Line

For a PADI instructor, an SSI crossover is a smart move. You gain a second agency on your resume, increase your chances of finding work, and benefit from SSI's growing global presence. You keep your PADI status, save money, and join a network that values modern training and instructor freedom. Now is the time to make the move and position yourself for more opportunities.

Who Can Join the Program?

If you are a certified instructor from WRSTC agencies like PADI, NAUI, CMAS, SDI, TDI/SDI, IANTD, or BSAC, you are eligible. Active and inactive instructors can join, provided their inactive period has not exceeded five years. If more than five years have passed, returning to active teaching status under SSI standards is necessary before crossing over. Alternatively you can take the full SSI Instructor Training Course.

Importantly, you must not be involved in any ongoing quality assurance proceedings with another agency. Candidates who have been expelled from other agencies cannot join the crossover. If you are under investigation or involved in a compliance issue, full disclosure to SSI is required before enrollment.

What You Need Before Starting

Before you begin, you must upload copies of your current instructor certifications and professional documents into the MySSI system. Registration for the appropriate SSI professional certifications is required, along with purchasing the relevant crossover materials. To enroll, you must be at least 18 years old. A renewed or unrented instructor certification, current First Aid, CPR, and oxygen provider certification are essential. Additional equipment may be necessary, so it is best to contact Ocean Tribe directly to check requirements.

What You Will Learn

Throughout the Dive Professional Crossover, you will cover SSI's educational philosophy, teaching standards, and operational procedures. Ocean Tribe's trainers will guide you in safely conducting SSI programs, matching your previous qualifications. The program emphasizes knowledge development and familiarisation with the SSI system, building on your already proven dive professional skills.

Since SSI typically requires a stronger academic background and a broader set of in-water skills compared to many other agencies, the crossover will ensure you meet those standards. However, this is done in an enjoyable, supportive way, recognising and valuing your past training.

What Happens After the SSI Instructor Crossover Course?

Once you complete the crossover and pass the final exam, you will be eligible to attend a two-day Instructor Evaluation (IE). Successfully passing the IE finalizes your official status as an SSI Open Water Instructor. Candidates coming from non-SSI agencies with instructor-level certifications or higher will be welcomed, but may need additional sessions depending on their previous experience and current knowledge levels.

How Much Does the Course Cost?

The SSI Instructor Crossover course costs total \$1150 which includes

- SSI Instructor Crossover Course
- SSI Instructor Evaluation
- Instructor Digital Crewpack and SSI teaching wetnotes, SSI Professional Mask Strap, Dive Briefing & Dive Guide Evaluation Slate
- SSI Professional Application Fee

Final Note

The SSI Instructor Crossover course at Ocean Tribe gives you a direct path to grow your dive career with one of the most globally connected and innovative training agencies. Your journey to becoming an SSI Instructor builds on the solid foundation you already have while opening doors to new teaching experiences around the world.

FAQs - Crossover to SSI from PADI

Can I still teach PADI courses after crossing over to SSI?

Yes. Crossing over to SSI does not cancel your PADI membership. You can remain in teaching status with both agencies, provided you keep your PADI renewal active. This gives you maximum flexibility for job opportunities.

Do I have to redo all my instructor training to crossover?

No. SSI recognises your existing PADI instructor qualification. The crossover focuses on aligning you with SSI's teaching standards, digital systems, and course structure. You will complete an Instructor Training Course and an Instructor Exam to meet SSI's requirements.

Is the SSI crossover recognised worldwide?

Absolutely. SSI is present in more than 150 countries with over 3,500 training centres. Your crossover qualification is valid anywhere SSI operates, and many dive centres run both SSI and PADI programs.

Why are so many dive centres switching to SSI?

Centres are moving to SSI for its modern digital learning system, lower material costs, flexible teaching philosophy, and strong global network. This shift means more demand for instructors who can teach SSI courses.

What are the costs and savings compared to PADI?

SSI course materials are included in digital packages and update automatically at no extra cost. Renewal fees are often lower than PADI's. SSI's Pro Rewards program also gives cashback on certifications, helping you keep more of what you earn.

Can I complete my crossover at Ocean Tribe in Kenya?

Yes. We run regular SSI crossovers for PADI instructors. Our next program starts September 1 in Diani Beach, alongside our SSI Instructor Training Course. It's a perfect chance to get certified, gain experience, and enjoy some of Kenya's best diving.

How long does the crossover take?

Most crossovers are completed in four days. You will cover SSI's teaching system, standards, and digital tools, plus the Instructor Exam.

Do I get all of my specialty instructor ratings crossed over?

Yes. All PADI specialties you hold will be matched to the SSI equivalent at no extra cost. You'll be ready to teach them under SSI as soon as your crossover is complete.

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