

# Blue Guru's Divemaster Information Pack

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## 1. Course Goals

The PADI Divemaster course has 5 broad goals:

1. Develop knowledge, attitudes, judgment & skills for supervising certified divers in diving activities.
2. Develop knowledge, attitudes, judgment & skills for assisting with training divers in PADI courses.
3. Develop knowledge, attitudes, judgment & skills for independently conducting specific PADI programs for certified divers and non-divers (e.g. Scuba Review, Discover Snorkeling, Skin Diver).
4. Develop knowledge, skills & practical experience to the levels necessary for a PADI Divemaster.
5. Promote personal growth to meet individual needs & interests and to meet the dive community's needs and expectations in dive leaders (e.g., risk management, personal fitness & interpersonal skills).

## 2. Pre-requisites

To enter the PADI Divemaster course, an individual must:

- 1. Be certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver** (or equivalent certification from another training organization).

The Advanced Open Water course can be completed 2 weeks prior to the start of Blue Guru's DM Internship.

- 2. Submit proof of Emergency First Response certification** including Primary Care (CPR) and Secondary Care (First Aid) training (or other qualifying CPR/first aid training) in last 24 months.

The EFR course or EFR refresher course (if longer than 2 years ago) can be completed 1 week prior to the start of Blue Guru's DM Internship.

- 3. Be certified as a PADI Rescue Diver** (or equivalent certification from another training organization).

The Rescue course can be completed 1 week prior to the start of Blue Guru's DM Internship.

- 4. Have completed and logged at least 40 dives** as documented in the diver's personal log book.

For those starting with no dives, 4 dives will be logged as part of OW course; 5 dives will be logged as part of AOW course; 2 dives will be logged as part of Rescue course. The remaining 29 required dives can be

logged locally & on National Park day trips during the first month, along with Divemaster reading, prior to the official start of the Divemaster course.

**5. Be at least 18 years old** at start of PADI Divemaster training.

**6. Submit completed medical diving form signed by a physician on arrival**, attesting to fitness to dive. The medical clearance must be current within the previous 12 months.

The PADI medical statement will be sent to DM Interns upon booking, so that their doctor's signature confirming fitness to dive can be obtained before arrival.

### **3. Equipment requirements**

During open water training, each divemaster trainee must be equipped with the proper equipment for the diving environment. This includes but is not limited to:

- cylinder (Blue Guru use 12lt aluminum tanks)
- fins, mask & snorkel
- buoyancy control device (BCD) with low pressure inflator
- regulator with alternate air source and depth gauge (or dive computer)
- timing device with seconds (waterproof watch or dive computer)
- quick release weight system (Blue Guru provide weight belts & weights)
- appropriate exposure suit for the environment (3mm shortie is adequate all season in Thailand)
- compass, dive knife & at least one audible emergency surface signaling device (e.g. whistle)

All other equipment and materials needed to meet performance requirements in confined and open water training activities. In addition to equipment above, this includes:

- Surface Marker Buoy (SMB or safety sausage) with reel
- dive slate & pencil
- pocket mask

Blue Guru will supply tanks, weight belts & weights to all Divemaster Interns.

DM Interns have the option to either rent or buy other essential equipment.

The following equipment is available for rental or purchase:

- BCD with low pressure inflator & whistle
- Regulators with alternate air source & depth gauge
- Diving fins
- Mask
- Snorkel
- 3mm shorty wetsuit
- Dive computer

Other makes/models available on request.

The following equipment is available for purchase only:

- Compass
- Dive knife/shears
- Safety sausage/SMB
- Reel
- Dive slate & pencil

Full catalogue available electronically on request.

Blue Guru offer a number of equipment purchase packages for its Divemaster Interns. These can be found on the divemaster internship website page.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#thailand\\_divemaster\\_included](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#thailand_divemaster_included)

Equipment is also available for rent at a heavily discounted price or can be included for a month as part of our 'Early Bird' special offers.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#divemaster\\_special\\_offers](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#divemaster_special_offers)

**Upon booking, DM Interns should advise Blue Guru whether they:**

- **already own a pocket mask or if they need to buy one (included in Blue Guru Rescue course)**
- **already own or want to rent/buy set of dive equipment (BCD, regs, fins, mask, snorkel & wetsuit)**
- **already own or want to buy basic/deluxe essentials pack (compass, SMB, reel, knife & slate)**
- **already own or want to rent/buy basic/deluxe dive computer (Suunto Zoop or D4 in range of colours)**

This will ensure the correct sizes/colours & stock levels are available upon arrival.

#### **4. Materials requirements**

Divemaster trainees must have in their possession a personal set of materials for study and use during the course and for reference afterwards.

Divemaster trainees must own a current version of these required materials:

- PADI Instructor Manual including Instructor Guides for programs PADI Divemasters may conduct
- PADI Divemaster Manual
- RDP table and eRDPML including associated Instructions for Use booklets
- Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving
- Divemaster Slates
- Log book

All the above materials (except the RDP tables, eRDPml & log book) are contained in the DM Crewpack.

There is a choice of DM Crewpack: one with a PADI Pro bag and one without.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#divemaster\\_PADI\\_materials](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#divemaster_PADI_materials)

DM Interns must also view the Divemaster DVD. Blue Guru will supply this. Ownership is optional and can be ordered in advance or during first month.

**Upon booking, DM Interns should advise Blue Guru whether they:**

- **want the DM Crewpack with or without PADI Pro bag**
- **already own eRDPml and/or RDP table or if they need to buy either/both**
- **already own a pocket mask or if they need to buy one (included in Blue Guru Rescue course)**

#### **5. Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended, including medical cover for diving incidents if you don't have a separate dive accident insurance.

If you do not have dive accident insurance & it is not covered by your travel insurance policy, Blue Guru can easily & very cheaply arrange appropriate dive accident insurance for the length of your training through the UK based insurance company, In Depths. All we would need to know is your full name, date of birth and email address. Prices available upon request. A year's silver level cover with INDEPTH insurance is included in our 'Super Early Bird' booking option

<http://www.blue-guru.org/SilverCover.pdf>

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#divemaster\\_special\\_offers](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#divemaster_special_offers)

## 6. Divemaster Course Performance Requirements

The PADI Divemaster course is a performance-based program, so course duration depends on group size, logistics and divemaster candidate performance/commitment. Blue Guru keeps Divemaster intakes to a maximum of 2 per month. Individuals will need self-discipline to undertake the independent study & adaptability to flex their practical training schedule in line with recreational customer bookings.

Blue Guru allows 8 weeks to complete the Divemaster Internship, far more than the recommended minimum 50 hours (based on 6 in a group). This extra time & reduced group size enables Divemaster Interns to gain much more valuable experience by assisting with a wide range of dive centre duties during their training. It also enables Divemaster Interns to benefit from more value-adding learning opportunities that Blue Guru include in its Divemaster Internship Program, e.g.

- boat handling
- compressor operation
- assisting with customer service on board National Park day trips
- CV writing
- PADI Pros website orientation

There are no formal performance requirements for these additional personal development opportunities – they are purely to provide more learning, experience & confidence; all helpful when applying for DM jobs.

The level of proactive, positive assistance with a wide range of dive centre duties throughout the internship will be assessed as part of the Professionalism section of the PADI DM performance requirements. (see below)

The PADI Divemaster course is divided into three modules:

- 1. Knowledge Development Module**
- 2. Water Skills Development Module**
- 3. Practical Application Module**

**5.1 The Knowledge Development Module** establishes the foundation candidates need as professional-level divers and for continuing on to the PADI Assistant Instructor and Instructor levels. Much of what is learnt in the Knowledge module is applied in the other 2 modules.

The Knowledge Development Module consists:

- **completing DM manual reading & knowledge development reviews**
- **watching DM DVD**
- **sitting DM final exams (part 1 & 2)**
- **preparing an Emergency Assistance Plan**

There is an online learning option which covers:

- DM manual reading & knowledge development reviews
- DM DVD
- DM exam part 1

[http://www.padi.com/elearning-scuba-registration/purchasecourse.aspx?CourseType=dm&tid=DM\\_online\\_homepg\\_link](http://www.padi.com/elearning-scuba-registration/purchasecourse.aspx?CourseType=dm&tid=DM_online_homepg_link)

This online option is good for those who want to minimize the amount of time they spend studying whilst staying on the island and/or want to spread the learning over a longer time before arrival. Completion of the Dive Theory Online is valid for 12 months. PADI charge US\$200 for this online access & extra flexibility.

Each divemaster candidate must complete an Emergency Assistance Plan individually (not in teams or pairs) for a dive site. The Emergency Assistance Plan should provide information someone would need to manage a diving accident at the assigned site. The plan may include information such as:

- local emergency medical contact information
- contact information for local authorities involved in evacuating an injured diver
- contact for area diver emergency service (if present in the area)
- nearest operational recompression chamber (for areas not served by DAN or DES or a similar service)
- communication requirements (such as if the area has no cellular service)

- any other information applicable to the particular area.

**5.2 The Water Skills Module** develops candidate skill to the role model level appropriate for demonstrating to student divers and to prepare for higher training levels.

The **Waterskills Exercises** portion evaluates basic in-water skills & provides opportunity to develop. A minimum total of 15 points must be scored across following 5 exercises.

**Exercise 1: 400 Metres Swim**

The candidate must swim 400 metres without stopping using no swimming aids and using any stroke or combination of strokes desired.

Points for Performed Time

5: under 6 min, 30 sec

4: 6 min, 30 sec to 8 min, 40 sec

3: 8 min, 40 sec to 11 min

2: 11 to 13 min

1: more than 13 min

**Exercise 2: 15 Minute Tread**

Using no aids and wearing only a swimsuit, the candidate must stay afloat by treading water or floating for 15 minutes, with hands (not arms) out of the water during the last 2 minutes.

Points for Performance

5: Performed above criteria satisfactorily

3: Stayed afloat for 15 mins, but hands not out of water for entire 2 minutes at end

1: Used side/bottom for momentary support no more than twice

**Exercise 3: 800 Metres Snorkel Swim**

Using a mask, fins, snorkel and swimsuit only (no BCD or flotation aids) and swimming with the face in the water, the candidate must swim nonstop for 800 metres. The candidate may not use arms to swim.

Points for Performed Time

5: under 14 min

4: 14 to 16 min, 30 sec

3: 16 min, 30 sec to 18 min, 30 sec

2: 18 min, 30 sec to 21 min

1: more than 21 min

**Exercise 4: 100 Metres Inert Diver Tow**

Wearing full scuba equipment, the candidate must push or tow an inert diver in full scuba at the surface 100 metres nonstop without assistance. This is a power/endurance assessment not a rescue assessment.

Points for Performed Time

5: under 2 min, 10 sec

4: 2 min, 10 sec to 3 min, 15 sec

3: 3 min, 15 sec to 4 min, 20 sec

2: 4 min, 20 sec to 5 min, 30 sec

1: more than 5 min, 30 sec

**Exercise 5: Equipment exchange**

In confined water, demonstrate the ability to effectively respond to an unusual circumstance underwater by exchanging all scuba equipment (except exposure suits and weights) with a buddy while sharing a single regulator second stage.

Points for conduct:

5: Task performed in a well-thought-out, efficient and purposeful manner with no sign of problems. Very low anxiety level. Looks routine and fun.

4: Task performed competently with a relatively low anxiety level. Problems encountered were easily and efficiently handled.

3: Task performed without surfacing. However, numerous problems encountered that delayed speed and efficiency of performance. Overly dependent on buddy, and who, in essence, had everything done for him.

2: Significant problems demonstrated and task completed only after one or both candidates surfaced once.

1: Inability to complete the task or completed it but 1 or both candidates surfaced more than once.

The **Diver Rescue** exercise aims to develop & assess a divemaster trainee's ability to conduct & demonstrate rescue skills in confined or open water.

The rescue scenario is responding to an unresponsive, nonbreathing diver including these steps:

- Enter the water, locate and surface a submerged diver who is about 25 metres away
- Turn the diver face up and establish buoyancy
- Remove the diver's mask and regulator, open the airway and check for breathing
- Call for help
- Give two initial rescue breaths, and continue with an effective rescue breath every 5 seconds with no or very few interruptions
- Tow the diver to safety while protecting the airway, continuing rescue breathing
- Remove both sets of equipment (equipment handlers allowed)
- Exit the water with the diver.

In the **Dive Skills Workshop** portion, candidates are developed & evaluated performing 24 basic scuba skills to demonstration quality standard:

1. Equipment assembly, adjustment, preparation, donning and disassembly
2. Pre-dive safety check (BWRAF)
3. Deep water entry
4. Buoyancy check at surface
5. Snorkel-regulator/regulator-snorkel exchange
6. Five-point descent
7. Regulator recovery and clearing
8. Mask removal, replacement and clearing
9. Air depletion exercise and alternate air source use (stationary)
10. Alternate air source-assisted ascent
11. Free-flowing regulator breathing
12. Neutral buoyancy
13. Five-point ascent
14. Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent
15. Hover motionless for 30 seconds
16. Underwater swim without a mask
17. Remove and replace weight system underwater
18. Remove and replace scuba unit underwater
19. Remove and replace scuba unit on the surface
20. Remove and replace weight system on the surface
21. Vertical, head first skin dive
22. Swim at least 15 metres/50 feet underwater on a single breath while skin diving.
23. Snorkel clear using the blast method after ascending from a skin dive.
24. Snorkel clear using the displacement method after ascending from a skin dive.

They are assessed on the following scoring system:

- 1: Candidate unable to perform exercise
- 2: Exercise performed with significant difficulty or error
- 3: Exercise performed correctly, though too quickly to adequately exhibit or illustrate details of the skill
- 4: Exercise performed correctly and slowly enough to adequately exhibit or illustrate details of the skill
- 5: Exercise performed correctly, slowly and with exaggerated movement – appeared easy

Each DM candidate must score:

- a minimum of 3 for each skill
- a minimum of 82 points across all 25 skills
- a 5 on at least 1 skill

**5.3** In the **Practical Application Module**, candidates put into practice skills typical of a divemaster.

There are 5 Practical Skills Exercises and 5 DM Conducted Program Workshops.

**The 5 Practical Skills are:**

- 1. Dive Site Set Up and Management**
- 2. Mapping Project**
- 3. Dive Briefing**
- 4. Search & Recovery Scenario**
- 5. Deep Dive Scenario**

The performance requirements for each of these exercises are explained below.

For **dive site set up and management**, the divemaster trainee must:

- Choose a location appropriate for divers to assemble equipment
- Prepare emergency equipment, such as a first aid kit and oxygen unit
- Greet divers as they arrive at the site/boat and providing direction, e.g where to place kit
- Organize a dive roster and review check in and check out procedures with divers
- Prepare and set a dive float or ensure the descent line is ready when diving from a boat
- Choose an appropriate vantage point from which to monitor the dive
- Be accessible to answer diver questions & prepared to assist divers before and after the dive.

In the **mapping project** candidates survey a dive site & draw a detailed map from it. Besides giving candidates experience in creating maps for use by divers and as a briefing aid, candidates learn to combine several skills – dive planning, underwater navigation, search patterns, and data recording – to achieve the goal. In effect, mapping is a problem-solving exercise that relies on effective dive organization & management.

Candidates must:

1. Survey with a buddy, a dive site including underwater and surface features, with sufficient detail and accuracy for creating a map of the site.
2. Create a map of the dive site, showing underwater relief, important points of interest, recommended entry/exit areas, local facilities and potential hazards.

DM trainees must conduct a **dive briefing** for a familiar dive site covering all 10 points as listed below and on the Divemaster Slates.

1. Dive site name
2. Site description
3. Your role and how divers can recognize you underwater, if appropriate.
4. Entry and exit techniques
5. Dive procedures
6. Emergency procedures
7. Signal review specific to the dive
8. Roster and buddy check
9. Environmental orientation
10. Pre-dive safety check

DM trainees will participate in various **search and recovery scenarios** that allow them to:

- Demonstrate a methodical search of an area to find a small submerged object.
- Demonstrate a methodical search of an area to find a submerged object < 10 kgs negatively buoyant.
- Tie the following knots correctly underwater: the bowline, two half-hitches and a sheet bend.
- Demonstrate how to safely rig and bring to the surface an object < 10 kgs negatively buoyant using an appropriate lifting device.

If DM trainees complete the PADI Search & Recovery Specialty, they are exempt from completing these scenarios again as part of Divemaster Training. Blue Guru offers DM trainees 20% off the Search & Recovery Specialty or 40% discount if completing 5 specialties.

DM trainees must conduct a **deep dive** in which they:

- Before the dive, prepare emergency breathing equipment, and position it at the safety stop depth.
- Descend using a reference line, wall or sloping bottom as a visual guide only, while staying with a buddy and controlling the descent rate.
- Navigate with a compass 20 kick cycles away from and back to the reference line or designated spot.
- Use a dive computer to monitor an ascent rate no faster than 18m/minute while using a reference line, wall or sloping bottom as a visual guide only.
- Perform a 3 minute safety stop at 5, before surfacing without holding on to a reference line.

If DM trainees complete the PADI Deep Diver Specialty, they are exempt from completing these dive skills again as part of Divemaster Training. Blue Guru offers DM trainees 20% off the Deep Diver Specialty or 40% discount if completing 5 specialties.

The **Divemaster Conducted Programs** workshops familiarize candidates with programs DMs may conduct without instructor supervision. These workshops build upon the knowledge development topic on Divemaster Conducted Programs by conducting 5 programs:

- 1. Scuba Review in confined water**
- 2. Skin Diver & Snorkeling Supervision**
- 3. Discover Scuba Diving in confined water**
- 4. Discover Scuba Diving additional open water dive**
- 5. Discover Local Diving in open water**

The Scuba Review workshop covers:

- accessing Scuba Review program standards in the PADI Instructor Manual
- statement of Scuba Review knowledge assessment options
- demonstration of all Scuba Review skills
- recognizing & correcting problems during skill practice

The Skin Diver Course and Snorkeling Supervision workshop covers:

- giving the Skin Diver course or a snorkeling tour briefing
- conducting a Skin Diver course or leading a snorkel tour, demonstrating control & supervision
- recognizing & correcting problems during the skin dive or snorkel tour

The Discover Scuba Diving Program in confined water workshop covers:

- accessing Discover Scuba Diving program standards in the PADI Instructor Manual
- explaining a divemaster's role as an assistant during a confined water experience
- locating Discover Scuba Diving Leader Internship Requirements in PADI Instructor Manual
- explaining how a divemaster qualifies as a Discover Scuba Diving Leader
- demonstrating proper positioning relative to the participants as directed by the instructor
- recognizing and correcting problems during the experience

The Discover Scuba Diving Program Additional Open Water Dive workshop covers:

- stating the ratio and supervision requirements for an additional dive (subsequent to an initial dive with an instructor) for Discover Scuba Diving participants conducted by a PADI DM
- giving a dive briefing appropriate for DSD participants for an additional open water dive
- leading the dive, demonstrating proper control and required supervision
- recognizing and correcting problems during the dive

The Discover Local Diving in Open Water workshop covers:

- accessing Discover Local Diving program standards in the PADI Instructor Manual
- assessing dive site conditions and planning the dive
- giving a Discover Local Diving briefing
- leading a dive, demonstrating control and supervision
- recognizing and correcting problems during the dive
- demonstrating how to deploy a surface marker

The **Practical Assessments** give DM trainees the opportunity to gain experience working with student divers, assist PADI Instructors & guide certified divers – all key roles of a PADI Divemaster.

There are **4 Practical Assessments**:

- 1. Open Water Diver Students in Confined Water**
- 2. Open Water Diver Students in Open Water**
- 3. Continuing Education Student Divers in Open Water**
- 4. Certified Divers in Open Water**

The performance requirements for each assessment are as follows:

Practical Assessment 1 — Open Water Diver Students in Confined Water

- Organize pre-dive equipment setup by student divers.
- Coordinate student diver flow during training.
- Supervise student divers not receiving the immediate attention of the instructor during training.
- Help a student diver overcome a learning difficulty.
- Respond to, or prevent, student diver problems as they occur.
- Demonstrate a skill for student divers.

Practical Assessment 2 — Open Water Diver Students in Open Water

- Assess an open water training site; report to the instructor recommendations as to site suitability.
- Organize pre-dive equipment setup by student divers.
- Assist in the preparation of the site.
- Coordinate student diver flow during training.
- Supervise student divers not receiving the immediate attention of the instructor during training.
- Respond to, or prevent, student diver problems as they occur.
- Lead student divers on an underwater tour (ratio 2:1).

Practical Assessment 3 — Continuing Education Student Divers in Open Water

- Coordinate student diver flow during training.
- Escort continuing education student divers during training.
- Report performance and learning difficulties to instructor.
- Help a continuing education student diver overcome a learning difficulty.
- Respond to, or prevent, student diver problems as they occur.

Practical Assessment 4 — Certified Divers in Open Water

- Conduct environmental and diver assessments, taking appropriate supervisory steps.
- Give a pre-dive briefing appropriate to the dive site.
- Account for buddy teams entering and leaving the water.
- Respond to, or prevent diver problems appropriately.

For each practical assessment, DM candidates must score at least a 3 based on the following criteria:

- 5 Independently accomplished the objective without error. Anticipated instructor and diver needs.
- 4 Accomplished the objective without error and without significant help from instructor or staff.
- 3 Accomplished the objective adequately, with a few insignificant errors. Instructor correction and intervention limited to brief reminders or suggestions.
- 2 Demonstrated rudimentary understanding of tasks required to meet objective. Made significant errors or omissions. Instructor correction and intervention was required for a competent result.
- 1 Made many or substantial errors and omissions in attempting to meet objective; or objective not met.

Blue Guru will aim for all Divemaster Trainees to complete practical assessments 1-3 assisting with customers. However, if circumstances dictate, they can be completed role modeling with certified divers.

By the end of the practical application module, divemaster candidates must score at least a 3 in each of the following **professionalism** categories:

- Level of active, positive participation in the training sessions.
- Ability to deal with student divers in a positive and nonthreatening manner.
- Willingness to follow directions.
- General good attitude/demeanor toward student divers and staff.
- Assessment of the candidate's general understanding of a divemaster's role.
- Appearance

Scoring criteria:

- 5: Excellent
- 4: Above average
- 3: Average
- 2: Below average
- 1: Unacceptable

When making an assessment of the Divemaster intern's professionalism, Blue Guru will take into account the intern's level of proactive, positive participation in the whole range of Divemaster duties, team-working abilities & customer service standards.

## 7. Certification Requirements

To be certified as a PADI Divemaster, interns must meet the aforementioned pre-requisites and complete the course performance requirements detailed in the previous section .

In summary, these course performance requirements include:

- Complete knowledge development segments including Knowledge Reviews in the PADI Divemaster Manual or through the Divemaster Online, and pass the Divemaster Final Exam.
- Create an Emergency Assistance Plan for a designated dive site.
- Complete waterskills exercises.
- Complete a diver rescue assessment.
- Complete the dive skills workshop and assessment.
- Complete practical application skills.
- Complete divemaster-conducted programs workshops.
- Complete practical assessments.
- Meet the professionalism criteria.

At time of certification, the DM candidate must have:

- Logged at least 60 scuba dives inc. experience in night diving, deep diving and underwater navigation.
- Completed EFR Primary and Secondary Care training within 24 months.
- Read and agreed to the PADI Membership and License Agreement.

Night diving experience can be gained as part of:

- Advanced Open Water course
- Night Diver Specialty course (optional extra)
- 4 day / 4 night liveaboard trip (optional extra)

Deep and navigation dives are compulsory within the Advanced Open Water course, so all Divemaster Trainees will have some experience in these respects. Further learning & experience can be gained by taking the Deep Diver & Underwater Navigator specialty courses.

All specialty courses offered by Blue Guru are available at discounted rates for Divemaster Trainees: 20% off all specialty courses and 40% discount if 5 specialty courses are completed. These can be scheduled during the Internship Program.

To ensure required materials are in stock, DM trainees should indicate any interests in specialty training upon booking.

## **8. Extra Blue Guru workshops included**

In addition to covering all the PADI Divemaster course requirements, Blue Guru also provide extra value, learning & development opportunities by including extra workshops within its DM Internship program.

These workshops include:

- Equipment care
- Boat handling
- Customer service on boat diving day trips
- CV writing
- PADI Pros website orientation (including employment board)

Blue Guru's Master Instructor, Helen Macnee, was formerly a Senior HR Manager, so is experienced in giving guidance & support in CV writing & applying for jobs.

We are also willing to provide references for those performing well to help you secure that dream job!

## **9. Optional Extra PADI Courses**

All pre-requisite PADI recreational courses are available prior to the start of your Divemaster Internship.

For special Divemaster Intern package prices on all PADI Courses, see our website

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#thailand\\_divemaster\\_price](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#thailand_divemaster_price)

### **Open Water**

If you have no diving certification yet, you will need to start with the PADI Open Water course.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/open\\_water\\_thailand.html](http://www.blue-guru.org/open_water_thailand.html)

This 4 day course includes:

- PADI manual & RDP tables
- knowledge development through reading, DVD, 5 knowledge reviews, quizzes & final exam
- water skills: swimming/snorkeling, treading water & skin diving
- equipment assembly, disassembly & post-dive care
- 5 confined water diving skills development sessions
- 4 open water dives
- PADI certification

If you are starting with the Open Water course, you should arrive 3-4 weeks prior to the start of the Divemaster Internship. See section on schedules for specific dates.

## **Advanced Open Water**

If you have PADI Open Water certification or an equivalent entry-level certification from another training agency, the next step is the PADI Advanced Open Water course.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/PADI\\_advanced\\_open\\_water.html](http://www.blue-guru.org/PADI_advanced_open_water.html)

This 3 day course includes:

- PADI Adventures in Diving manual
- Knowledge development through reading & completion of 5 knowledge reviews
- 5 adventure dives, including Navigation, Deep & choice of 3 others from list below
- PADI certification

The Navigation & Deep dives are compulsory.

In addition, you can choose 3 adventure dives from any of the following:

- Peak Performance Buoyancy (highly recommended, especially if wanting to do photography)
- AWARE Fish Identification
- Underwater Naturalist
- Underwater Photographer
- Digital Underwater Photographer (only available as part of Specialty course – 2<sup>nd</sup> dive credited to AOW)
- Underwater Videographer
- Boat Diver
- Drift Diver
- Multilevel Diver
- Search & Recovery
- Night Diver (night diving experience required for DM certification)

All of the above adventure dives can be credited towards corresponding Specialty Diver certifications. Specialty Diver courses further deepen your knowledge, skills & experience in particular areas of interest. Specialty Diver courses can be completed during the DM internship.

All Specialty courses are available at discounted package rates for Divemaster Interns.

They also count towards Master Scuba Diving rating – PADI's highest recreational qualification.

Obtain 5 Specialty Diver certifications + EFR/Rescue + log 50 dives and become a Master Scuba Diver!

See below for more info on Specialty courses & our Master Scuba Diver Programs.

If you are starting with the Advanced Open Water course, you should arrive 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the Divemaster Internship. See section on schedules for specific dates.

## **Emergency First Response & Rescue**

If you have PADI Advanced Open Water certification or an equivalent continuing education certification from another training agency, the next step is the PADI Rescue course.

[http://www.blue-guru.org/rescue\\_diver\\_thailand.html](http://www.blue-guru.org/rescue_diver_thailand.html)

A pre-requisite for the Rescue (and Divemaster) course is the Emergency First Response course or an equivalent first aid/CPR certification from another training agency. This certification must have been gained within 24 months prior to starting the Divemaster course.

The 1 day Emergency First Response course includes:

- EFR Manual
- Knowledge development through reading, knowledge reviews & final exam
- Skills development through DVD and instructor-led practice in primary & secondary care
- CPR practice using mannekin
- EFR certification

The 3 day Rescue course includes:

- Rescue Manual
- Knowledge development through reading, DVD, knowledge reviews & final exam
- Review of self-rescue skills
- 10 confined water skills development exercises
- 2 open water skills practice scenarios
- PADI certification

It is necessary to own a pocket mask to complete the Rescue course skills.

This is also a vital piece of equipment for training & working as a Divemaster.

Blue Guru includes a pocket mask free for DM interns completing the Rescue course.

The PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider Specialty course can be combined with EFR/Rescue, as an optional extra. This qualification is compulsory if working in Australia and some parts of Europe.

## **PADI Specialty Courses & Master Scuba Diver Programs**

PADI Specialty courses broaden & deepen your diving skills, knowledge & experience in a range of different diving environments & areas that interest you as a diver.

As a Divemaster, having specialty certifications evidences your:

- enhanced skills, knowledge & experience
- commitment to continuing education
- passion for particular aspects of diving

Complete 5 PADI Specialty courses in addition to the Rescue certification & logging 50 dives and you can apply for PADI's highest recreational diver certification: Master Scuba Diver.

This is a great addition to your CV!

Blue Guru offers its Divemaster Interns special package prices for:

- completing 2, 3 or 4 specialty courses
- Eco Master Scuba Diver Program (choice of 5 eco-specialties)
- Flexible Master Scuba Diver Program (choice of any 5 specialties offered by Blue Guru)
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All optional extra speciality courses can be completed during the Divemaster Internship program.

See below for full list of specialty courses offered by Blue Guru.

Blue Guru's **Eco Master Scuba Diver Program** offers Divemaster Interns the opportunity to gain the highly regarded Master Scuba Diver certification by focusing on development of eco-orientated diving knowledge & skills.

Master Scuba Diver is PADI's highest certification level for recreational divers – something to aim for! Divemasters with Master Scuba Diver certification will be a real role model for other divers.

With Blue Guru's Eco MSD Program, everyone does Project AWARE & Coral Reef Conservation Specialties. These are 2 non-diving certifications but Blue Guru provides extra value by including:

- opportunity to get involved in conducting a clean up dive
- instruction in use of Coral Watch survey tool
- opportunity to conduct a Coral Watch survey dive

Individuals also have choice of 3 other eco-specialties from the 6 listed below:

1. Peak Performance Buoyancy
2. AWARE Fish Identification
3. Underwater Naturalist
4. Turtle Awareness
5. Whale Shark
6. Manta Ray

Each of the above includes 2 dives.

Blue Guru's **Flexible Master Scuba Diver Program** offers Divemaster Interns the opportunity to gain the highly regarded Master Scuba Diver certification by choosing any 5 of the following specialty courses.

1. Project AWARE
2. Coral Reef Conservation
3. Peak Performance Buoyancy
4. Fish Identification
5. AWARE Underwater Naturalist
6. Turtle Awareness
7. Whale Shark
8. Manta Ray
9. Digital Underwater Photographer (valuable knowledge & skills if wanting to work as u/w photographer)
10. Underwater Videographer (basic practical skills if wanting to work as u/w videographer)
11. Deep Diver (covers experience required for DM certification)
12. Underwater Navigator (covers experience required for DM certification)
13. Search & Recovery (covers experience required for DM certification)
14. Night Diver (provides experience required for DM certification)
15. Emergency Oxygen Provider (compulsory qualification if working in Australia & parts of Europe)
16. Equipment Specialist (valuable practical knowledge & skills if working as a Divemaster)
17. Drift Diver
18. Boat Diver
19. Multilevel Diver
20. Enriched Air Nitrox (only on optional extra liveboard trip)

All the above Specialties can be conducted separately or as part of a Flexible Master Scuba Diver package.

For more info, see our Divemaster Special Offers section on our website:

[http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand\\_DM\\_internship.html#thailand\\_divemaster\\_course](http://www.blue-guru.org/thailand_DM_internship.html#thailand_divemaster_course)

## 10. Illustrative schedules

These schedules are highly flexible & will change on a day to day basis to accommodate e.g.:

- level of pre-existing knowledge
- pace of independent study (participants will be expected to conscientiously study most days)
- skills capability (may spend more or less time completing water skills assessments)
- customer bookings for courses/dives – days will be switched for practical exercises & assessments
- customer bookings for trips – trips are only run when sufficient demand, so dates/frequency will alter
- weather – local conditions are dependent on winds, tides & moon, so dive planning is flexed accordingly

The illustrative schedules below include one for those:

- starting with Open Water course ( 3-4 weeks prior to DM Internship)
- starting with Advanced Open Water course (2-3 weeks prior to DM Internship)
- starting with EFR/Rescue courses (7-10 days prior to DM Internship)
- starting with Divemaster Internship (8 week program)
- completing Eco Master Scuba Diver Program (during DM internship)
- completing Flexible Master Scuba Dive Program (during DM internship)

<b>Arrival &amp; Departure Dates</b>	<b>Arriving</b>	<b>Starting</b>	<b>Ending</b>	<b>Leaving</b>
If starting with Open Water course	6 Nov	7 Nov	23 Jan	24 Jan
	4 Dec	5 Dec	20 Feb	21 Feb
	3 Jan	4 Jan	19 Mar	20 Mar
	31 Jan	1 Feb	16 Apr	17 Apr
If starting with Advanced Open Water	13 Nov	14 Nov	23 Jan	24 Jan
	11 Dec	12 Dec	20 Feb	21 Feb
	8 Jan	9 Jan	19 Mar	20 Mar
	5 Feb	6 Feb	16 Apr	17 Apr
If starting with EFR/Rescue courses	20 Nov	21 Nov	23 Jan	24 Jan
	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Feb	21 Feb
	15 Jan	16 Jan	19 Mar	20 Mar
	12 Feb	13 Feb	16 Apr	17 Apr
If starting with Divemaster course	27 Nov	28 Nov	23 Jan	24 Jan
	28 Dec	29 Dec	20 Feb	21 Feb
	22 Jan	23 Jan	19 Mar	20 Mar
	19 Feb	20 Feb	16 Apr	17 Apr

## Illustrative Schedule for Open Water Training

Conducted 3-4 weeks prior to start of Divemaster Internship

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
am	CW 1 and OW 1	KR1 + Reading 2	Reading 3	CW 2+3 Reading	KR4 Reading	CW 4+5 KR5 + quizzes	OW dives 2+3 on Surin or Tachai trip.	OW dive 4 Final exam
pm	Reading 1	KR 2	KR3	4	5			
eve	DVD1	DVD2	DVD3	DVD4	DVD5		Wash kit.	Celebrate!

Days 9 + 10 free for logging fun dives before start of Advanced Open Water training.

## Illustrative Schedule for Advanced Open Water Training

Conducted 2-3 weeks prior to start of Divemaster Internship

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
am		PPB KR & PPB dive	Navigation KR & dive	Optional Fish ID /Photo dive	Optional specialty dives. Or fun diving.	Deep KR & deep dive Optional drift or boat dive	Optional specialty dives. Or fun diving.
pm	AOW reading	AOW reading	AOW reading	AOW reading			
eve				Optional night dive			

## Illustrative Schedule for EFR & Rescue Training

Conducted 7-10 days prior to start of Divemaster Internship.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Days 8 + 9
am	EFR reading	EFR	Rescue reading	Rescue KRs Self rescue review	Rescue KRs Confined Water Training	National Park day trip	Rescue KRs Open Water scenarios	Specialty dive or fun dive.
pm	EFR KRs	EFR	Rescue reading	Rescue Confined Water Training	Rescue Confined Water Training		Rescue exam	Specialty dive or fun dive.
eve			Rescue DVD	Rescue reading	Rescue reading	Rescue reading	Celebrate!	

Optional extra: Emergency Oxygen Provider Specialty can be combined with EFR/Rescue training  
This qualification is compulsory if working in Australia

## Illustrative Schedule for DM Eco-Master Scuba Diver Program

### Illustrative Schedule for Eco Master Scuba Diver Program

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Project AWARE and CRC				
2	reading & KR				
3	Project AWARE & CRC theory sessions		Project AWARE clean up dive		Coral Watch survey dive
4	Peak Performance Buoyancy reading & KR				
5	Peak Performance Buoyancy dives @ KPT				
6	Fish ID reading & KR			Fish ID dives @ Surin	
7	Turtle Awareness theory, walk & museum visit			Turtle Awareness dives @ Surin	
8	Whale Shark Awareness theory	Whale Shark Awareness @ Richelieu			

### Illustrative Schedule for Flexible Master Scuba Diver Program

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1							
2	Chosen specialty course reading					Drift, boat & multilevel dives @ Surin	
3	Specialty course reading. Project AWARE and CRC theory	Emergency Oxygen Provider			Project AWARE clean up dive	Deep dives @ Surin	Coral Watch survey dive
4	Chosen specialty course reading		Deep dives @ Richelieu			Drift, boat & multilevel dives @ Surin	
5	Chosen specialty course reading. PPB dives @ KPT				Equipment specialist	Digital Photography dives @ Surin	Underwater navigation dives @ KPT
6	Chosen specialty course reading			Search & Recovery dives @ KPT		Fish ID dives @ Surin	Search & Recovery dives @ KPT
7	Chosen specialty course reading. Turtle Awareness theory, walk & museum visit			Chosen specialty dives @ KPT		Turtle Awareness dives @ Surin	Chosen specialty dives @ KPT
8	Chosen specialty course reading. Whale Shark Awareness theory	Night dive @ KPT	Whale Shark Awareness @ Richelieu	Night dive @ KPT	Night dive @ KPT	Underwater Naturalist dives @ Surin	

## Illustrative Schedule for Divemaster Internship

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Orientation to island & Blue Guru Diving. Fun dive Day off.	DM Paperwork. Orientation to DM Course. Lecture: Role of DM	DM DVD. Workshop: equipment care Independent study: KR 1	Rescue demo. Independent study: KR 2	Skills DVD. Skills circuit. Independent study: KR 3	Boat briefing observe. Surin dive trip	Stamina skill. Skills circuit. Independent study: KR 4
2	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	Stamina skill. Skills circuit. Independent study: KR 5	Richelieu Rock dive trip	Stamina skill. Skills circuit. Independent study: KR 6	Dive site set up & management. Independent study: DM 7	Dive site set up & manage. Surin dive trip	Stamina skill. Skills circuit. Independent study: KR 8
3	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	conducted programs workshop. Independent study: KR 9	Lecture: Risk Management. Independent study: Enc 1	Workshop: Boat handling. Independent Study: Enc 1	Optional clean up dive. Independent Study: Enc 2	Dive briefing observe. Surin dive trip	Optional CoralWatch survey dive. Independent Study: Enc 2
4	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	Scuba Review assist. Independent Study: Enc 3	Richelieu Rock dive trip	Scuba Review conduct. Independent Study: Enc 3	Emergency Assistance Plan. Independent Study: Enc 4	Dive briefing conduct. Surin dive trip	Mapping project. Independent Study: Enc 4
5	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	DSD in CW assist. Independent Study: Enc 5	Equipment exchange. Independent Study: Enc 5	DSD in CW conduct. Exam revision.	DM exam 1	DSD in OW. Surin dive trip	Mapping project.
6	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	Skin diving workshop.	Deep dive scenario. Richelieu Rock dive trip	Assist Con Ed	DM exam 2	Snorkel tour. Surin dive trip	Remediation
7	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course. Day off.	Assist OW in CW	Assist OW in OW	Search & Recovery scenarios	Discover Local Diving	Leading certified divers. Surin dive trip	Workshop: CV writing
8	Fun diving. Optional PADI Specialty course.	Independent CV writing & review	Richelieu Rock dive trip	Remediation	Workshop: PADI Pros www	Surin dive trip	DM Paperwork. Fun dive. Celebrate!
9	Leave KPT (or stay for EFR Instructor)	Optional EFR Instructor training	Optional EFR Instructor training	Optional liveboard trip	Optional liveboard trip	Optional liveboard trip	Optional liveboard trip

## 11. Travel

You should apply for a **multiple entry tourist visa** in your home country or Kuala Lumpur. Each entry will allow you to spend 60 days within Thailand, with 2 or 3 entries, allowing a maximum of 6 months.

If you are just doing the 8 week Divemaster Internship program, 60 days will be the exact number of days required to transfer direct from Bangkok to Koh Phra Thong, complete the program and make the return journey to leave the country. You should still apply for a single or multiple entry tourist visa though, as this will give you a 60 day visa. The visas granted on arrival at the airport only allow 30 days. Visas granted on arrival across a land border only allow 15 days.

If you are doing any courses before the Divemaster Internship program and/or are interested in doing the EFR Instructor course afterwards, you will need to do a visa run during your time with Blue Guru.

Your Divemaster package includes 2 return transfers between Kuraburi & Koh Phra Thong, so you can use the extra transfer for your visa run. The Divemaster Internship schedule also includes 1 day off a week for fun diving, specialty courses or independent study. Visa runs across the Burmese border can be done on one of these days. More information on making this trip will be provided on request.

If you are flying internationally to Thailand, you will most likely fly into Bangkok.

Options for transfer from Bangkok to Kuraburi:

1. Fly to Phuket & get private taxi to Kuraburi
2. Fly to Phuket; take airport bus to town; take bus to Kuraburi
3. Fly to Phuket; take metered taxi to the highway; take bus to Kuraburi
4. **Take metered taxi to Southern bus station; take bus to Kuraburi**

Option 4 works out as cheapest option at about 1100Bt one way based on 1 person travelling alone.

Estimated journey times for each option from Bangkok to Koh Phra Thong:

1. 1 hour flight; 3 hour private taxi
2. 1 hour flight, 5 hours buses
3. 1 hour flight, 10 mins taxi, 3 hour bus
4. **1 hour taxi; 10 hours bus**

If you choose option 3 or 4, ensure you take a metered taxi. Cost from airport to Southern bus station will be about 500Bt including toll road fees, which passengers have to pay. It helps to have some small notes. At the bus station you can buy a ticket from a booth on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – there are different booths for each bus route – look for the one with the bus stopping at Kuraburi. You then proceed down to ground level to get bus. Again there are lots of bus stands – your bus ticket will state from which stand the bus to Kuraburi departs.

If you choose option 2, 3 or 4, you'll arrive by bus in Kuraburi town. Kuraburi doesn't have meter car taxis, only motorbike taxis, which aren't great with luggage! Blue Guru will arrange a private transfer from Kuraburi town to Kuraburi pier, about 6kms away.

Before getting the bus, you should purchase a Thai Sim card so you can text or call Blue Guru to confirm your expected arrival time in Kuraburi. Contact details for this purpose will be provided after booking.

For all options, you will get a long tail boat from Kuraburi Golden Buddha Pier to Koh Phra Thong. This takes approx 1 ½ hours. We will normally request that the boat drops you at Lions village., so you can take your luggage straight to your house. If you have diving equipment with you, we could arrange for the longtail boat to drop you at the dive centre at Golden Buddha Resort. You would then just have to carry your non-diving luggage to Lions village.

Your daily journey between your house in Lions village and Blue Guru's dive centre at Golden Buddha Resort will involve a combination of a 20 minute ride on a bicycle or Samlor (motorbike with side cart) and a 20 minute walk along the beach.

## **12. Accommodation & Meals**

On Koh Phra Thong, you'll stay with other Divemaster Interns in a 2 or 3 bedroom house in Lions Village.

Lions village was developed to re-house local people after the Tsunami, so houses are relatively new. They are very basic though. Bathrooms have traditional Thai toilets & showers. Bedrooms are furnished with mattresses with mosquito nets and storage racks. The kitchens are equipped with simple cooking facilities. All interns are expected to respect the shared bathroom & kitchen facilities and clean up after themselves.

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If desired, it is possible to upgrade to stay at Choui's, a small basic resort run by a colourful Thai character. This upgrade is an extra 9000Bt per month. Other upgrades are to the Phra Thong Seaview resort which has slightly better bungalows than Chuoi's for 12,000Bt per month or to Ao Phra Thong resort for 9,000Bt. The latter is a new option for 2011/2012 and is ideally situated under 5 mins walk from Blue Guru Dive Centre on Golden Buddha Bay.

Dinners, breakfasts & take away lunches can be bought relatively cheaply in the village or at one of the resorts mentioned above, en route between the village and Blue Guru.

Alternatively you can buy simple local produce in the village and self-cater at home.

Budget 250Bt per day for food & soft drinks should be ample based on the above options. This will clearly increase with the purchases of alcoholic beverages – 80Bt per beer.

You can also have meals & drinks at Golden Buddha Beach Resort. They are delicious & generous servings, although more expensive: 275Bt breakfast; 275Bt lunch; 545Bt dinner plus 17% service/tax.

There is currently no mains electricity on Koh Phra Thong although it is planned to come during 2012. For now the houses in Lions village are supplied with electricity from a generator during the evening.

The houses in Lions village are supplied with running water. Water is a limited resource on Koh Phra Thong, so should be used conservatively and taps must always be fully turned off after use.

## **13. Money**

Thai Baht can be brought into Thailand or obtained at currency exchange in airport near baggage reclaim.

If you are exchanging money, you will get similar rates at a bank in Kuraburi as at a currency exchange outlet at the airport. You are also likely to get a better rate at the airport currency exchange than you would get in your home country.

Up to 20,000Bt can also be withdrawn from ATMs per day, subject to any lower limits imposed by your own bank. There is a 150Bt charge per withdrawal, regardless of amount, so you are best to withdraw the maximum you can in each transaction. Your own bank will probably also charge you for each withdrawal.

There are ATMs in Bangkok & Kuraburi but no banking facilities on Koh Phra Thong! You therefore need to obtain enough cash to cover all spending on Koh Phra Thong before you leave Kuraburi.

## 14. What to bring

- Passport with at least 6 months validity at end of your intended stay
- Flight tickets
- Cash, as suggested above (can be obtained at Bangkok airport or Kuraburi bank/ATM)
- ATM card & credit card
- Dive kit, as listed above (if already own)
- PADI dive tables & eRDPml (if already own)
- Pocket mask (if already own)
- Certification cards for Open Water, Advanced Open Water, EFR & Rescue (if you already have them)
- If you did above courses with another training agency, e.g. CMAS/SSI/BSAC, please also bring photocopies of each card, as these will be needed to submit to PADI with your DM application.
- Log book
- If you have already logged 60 dives, bring a photocopy of a logged dive numbered over 60
- Passport size photos (1 for Open Water, 1 for Advanced Open Water, 1 for Rescue, 1 for Divemaster)
- **PADI Medical form with doctor's details & signature confirming fit to dive** (this is a PADI Divemaster course pre-requisite and there is no doctor on Koh Phra Thong). Medical form will be sent upon booking.
- Copy of diving insurance if already have (or can be arranged on arrival through Blue Guru)
- Mosquito repellent with Deet, which also repels black flies (anti-malarial medication not required)
- Lightweight long-sleeved top & trousers advisable for evenings (to avoid black fly & mosquito bites)
- T-shirts, shorts & swimwear
- Towel
- Sunscreen, sunglasses & hat
- Toiletries (none on Koh Phra Thong but can be bought in Bangkok airport/Kuraburi)
- Medical kit including medication for blocked sinuses, earache, stomach upsets, headaches & insect bites
- For females, tampons, as these are difficult/expensive to buy in Thailand
- Torch & re-chargeable batteries (head torch also useful if cycling after dark)
- Camera (there's some beautiful scenery on land & underwater)
- Adaptor if bringing any electrical appliances (Thailand using 2 vertical slot pins)
- Pen, pencil & paper
- Laptop if you have lightweight one (DM interns will be given an internet dongle to share during stay)

Leave room in your luggage for all the PADI materials you will be getting!

## 15. Summary of what's included/excluded

DM Internship includes:

- PADI Divemaster training over 8 weeks
- Accommodation in shared house in Lions Village for duration of internship
- 2 return long tail boat transfers between Kuraburi & Koh Phra Thong
- All PADI materials & certification costs on courses preceding Divemaster
- Unlimited local diving at Koh Phra Thong
- Exploration of newly discovered off-shore dive sites near Koh Phra Thong
- Surin Islands, Koh Tachai & Richelieu Rock dive trips
- All food & refreshments on National Park day trips
- Discounts on further dive courses & liveaboard trips
- Discounts on equipment rental or purchase

### DM Internship excludes:

- Flights
- Divemaster Materials (DM pack with/without bag and eRDPml – order upon booking)
- PADI Divemaster Application fee (payable direct to PADI upon completion)
- PADI DSD Leadership Application fee (payable direct to PADI if completed)
- Food & drink (budget 250Bt per day for food & soft drinks + 90Bt per beer)
- Diving equipment (choice of rental or purchase packages – see website. 1 month free rental with Early Bird options)
- Dive accessories (PADI requires that Divemaster own a knife, safety marker buoy & reel, slate, compass, whistle)
- Dive extras (All Divemaster candidates should also have eRDPml, pocket mask\*\* & timing advice)
- Diving insurance (can be arranged though Blue Guru. Included with Super Early Bird booking)
- Professional liability insurance (recommended when working as a DM; compulsory in some countries)

### Open Water course includes:

- PADI materials
- RDP table
- Log book
- Training
- PADI certification fee
- Diving equipment rental
- Accommodation in shared house in Lions Village

### Open Water course excludes:

- Diving insurance (can be arranged though Blue Guru)

### Advanced Open Water course includes:

- PADI materials
- Training
- PADI certification fee
- Diving equipment
- Accommodation in shared house in Lions Village
- Surin dive trip including National Park fees

### Advanced Open Water course excludes:

- Diving insurance (can be arranged though Blue Guru)

### EFR & Rescue courses include:

- PADI materials
- Training
- PADI certification fees
- Pocket mask (with Rescue course only)
- Diving equipment
- Accommodation in shared house in Lions Village

### EFR & Rescue courses exclude:

- Diving insurance (can be arranged though Blue Guru)

### Master Scuba Diver programs & Specialty courses include:

- PADI Materials
- Training
- PADI Specialty course certification fees

### Master Scuba Diver programs & Specialty courses exclude:

- PADI Master Scuba Diver Application fee (payable direct to PADI upon completion – FREE in 2011!)
- Rent of specialist equipment required, e.g. underwater camera

Equipment rental package includes:

- BCD with low pressure inflator hose
- Regulators with alternate air source & air/depth gauges
- 3mm shortie wetsuit
- Mask
- Snorkel
- Diving fins
- Dive computer (+ 3,000 Bt per month - Sunnto Zoop. Free for 1 month in Super Early Bird option).

Equipment essential accessories purchase packages include:

- Compass (choice of basic or deluxe)
- SMB (choice of basic or deluxe)
- Reel (choice of basic or deluxe)
- Slate & pencil (choice of basic or deluxe)
- Dive knife (choice of basic or deluxe)

## 16. Blue Guru Terms & Conditions

Our terms & conditions for Divemaster Internship can be found at:

[http://www.blue-guru.org/conditions\\_divemaster.html](http://www.blue-guru.org/conditions_divemaster.html)

***If you require further info to help you prepare for your Divemaster course & travel to/stay on Koh Phra Thong, please do not hesitate to email us at either of the following addresses:***

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