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As members of International Training, you have agreed to review all standards and procedures changes in Training Updates throughout the year. This is required reading for all TDI/SDI/ERDI Members. Please make any necessary revisions in your SDI/TDI or ERDI Instructor Manual upon reviewing this update. SDI/TDI/ERDI Manual Current Version is Revision 13.0, issued 01/01/2013

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2013 SDI Standards Changes

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No Changes

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Scuba Discovery

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4.4 Student to Instructor Ratios

Pool

1. A maximum of 6 (**changed from 8**) students per instructor, or 8 with an active assistant

Confined Water (swimming pool-like conditions)

1. A maximum of 4 students per instructor, or 6 with an active assistant; it is the instructor's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate

Open Water (ocean, lake, quarry, spring, river or estuary)

1. A maximum of 2 (**changed from 4**) students per instructor; or 4 with an active assistant;* it is the instructor's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate
2. If diver is 14 years of age or younger, a maximum of 1 student per instructor, or 2 with an active assistant; it is the instructor's discretion to reduce this number as conditions dictate (**new item added**)

*In the event the instructor ascends with a diver, the assistant must make an immediate safe ascent with all of the remaining divers (**new item added**)

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4.6 Course Structure and Duration

Pool or Confined Water

1. Students must complete a minimum of 30 minutes in the pool or confined open water session prior to the open water dive. (**new item added**)
2. Confined water session must be completed during daylight hours or under conditions that simulate daylight conditions

Open Water

1. Training depth must not exceed 9 metres / 30 feet (**changed from 12 metres/40 feet**)
2. One dive required, second dive optional
3. All dives must be completed during daylight hours or under conditions that simulate daylight conditions
4. Instructors are not allowed to carry any photo or video equipment while conducting the open water dives

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4.9 Required Subject area

Added:

4. Communications (**3 subtopics added**)
 - i. Hand signals
 - ii. Buddy system
 - iii. Buddy separation

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4.10 Required Skill Performance and Graduation Requirements

Added

3. Removal and replacement of weight system on the surface (**line added**)
6. Buoyancy compensator device (BCD) use
 - a. Inflation and deflation; both oral (added) and power at the surface
12. Communications (**3 subtopics added**)
 - i. Hand signals
 - ii. Buddy system
 - iii. Buddy separation

Open Water Scuba Diver

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Added: Instructors are not allowed to carry any photo or video equipment while conducting the open water dives

Part 3

No Changes

Part 4

No Changes

Part 5

No Changes

Part 6

No Changes

2013 TDI Standards Changes

Part 1

No Changes

Part 2

Added new diver standards:

#25 Rebreather Discovery Program page 112

#27 Kiss GEM Sidekick Diver page 123

#37 Rebreather Cavern Diver page 180

#38 Rebreather Introductory Cave Diver page 186

#39 Rebreather Full Cave Diver page 192

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Added new instructor standard:

#22 KISS GEM Sidekick Instructor Standards, page 104

#31 Rebreather Full Cave Diver Instructor page 155

Part 4

No Changes

Note:

Current standards, along with all current forms, can be found in the Members' Area of the TDI/SDI Website. Outdated forms will not be accepted for processing. Any questions, contact the training department at training@tdisdi.com.

All Instructor Staff Instructors and Instructors:

All IT Staff and ITs must complete an update with the new materials by January 1, 2014 to remain active.

This can be completed by attending a one hour webinar. You can find more information at:

<http://www.tdisdi.com/wpsite/2013/03/webinar-it-material-update-april-3-2013/>

TDI Certification card descriptions have changed

Changes were made to the following TDI certification cards to clarify what the level allows

Diver Level

Old Intro to Cave card description:

Max depth 130 ft w/30 ft, no deco dives, no restrictions, reserve 2/3 air supply to exit, continuous guideline to exit, at least (3) battery powered lights per diver

New Intro to Cave diver card description:

Penetration limited to 1/3 single cylinder – 1/6 doubles. Max depth 40M/130FT. No Deco. No restrictions. Maintain single continuous guideline to the surface

Instructor Level

Old Intro to Cave Instructor card description:

Qualified to teach max depth 130 ft w/30 ft, no deco dives, no restrictions, reserve 2/3 air supply to exit, continuous guideline to exit, at least (3) battery powered lights per diver

New Intro to Cave Instructor card description:

Qualified to teach up to a max depth of 40M/130FT. Penetration limited to 1/3 single cylinder - 1/6 doubles. No Deco. No restrictions. Maintain single continuous guideline to the surface

Instructor Trainer Level

Old Intro to Cave Instructor Trainer card description:

Qualified to teach instructors up to a max depth 130 ft w/30 ft, no deco dives, no restrictions, reserve 2/3 air supply to exit, continuous guideline to exit, at least (3) battery powered lights per diver

New Intro to Cave Instructor Trainer card description:

Qualified to teach instructors up to a max depth of 40M/130FT. Penetration limited to 1/3 single cylinder - 1/6 doubles. No Deco. No restrictions. Maintain single continuous guideline to the surface