



Charlestown Diving Academy

CDAA Cave Diver Course

Defined as an enclosed body of water containing overhangs, silt, darkness zones, and passages that are at all times large enough for two divers to swim adjacent to each other and turn around together. Cave sites allow a maximum penetration of 1/3 of a twin cylinder gas supply.

STUDENT PRE-REQUISITES

- Hold an entry level SCUBA award for a minimum of 12 months.
- Hold a CDAA Deep Cavern or Sinkhole Diver award.
- Have logged a minimum of 30 cavern dives totalling a minimum of 15 hours, or 15 sinkhole dives totalling a minimum of 7.5 hours.
- Minimum age 18 years.
- Successfully complete a diving medical statement.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

To include equipment, anti-silting techniques, dive planning, decompression related to cave diving, line techniques, underwater communications, emergency / problem solving, cave conservation, air consumption, physiological considerations, access protocols, accident analysis

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Suitable exposure suit
- Mask and fins
- Small sharp line cutting device
- Second knife or cutting device
- Watch or bottom timer
- Depth gauge with MDI
- Compass
- BCD
- Twin cylinders of equal capacity
- Two regulators
- One primary and two back up lights
- Submersible decompression tables
- Pencil and slate
- Tether clip
- Reel and guideline

FINAL COURSE SKILLS

- To include line laying and reel use, reel locking and abandonment, air sharing while following a line with mask blacked out, line entanglement and cutting, buoyancy and anti-silting techniques, communications, gas management.
- Six dives in CDAA rated Cavern and Cave sites.



"So much ocean, So little time"

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