



2021 Dive Rescue I Trainer Training Standards

General Training Standards

1. _____ The Dive Rescue I Training Standards, Dive Rescue Specialist Training Manual, and other Dive Rescue I printed materials, plus various audio-visual materials are to be used for Dive Rescue I Training Programs. Whenever there is a disparity between any of these materials, the Dive Rescue I Training Standards take precedence. If in doubt, contact Dive Rescue International

2. _____ If a Dive Rescue I Trainer needs to deviate from the Dive Rescue I Training Standards a written request sent to headquarters is required well in advance of the needed deviation. The request explains the reason for the deviation and the planned procedures to assure student safety.

3. _____ Each student is to complete the Liability Release and Statement of Understanding prior to any in-water training. Requests to change these documents should be submitted, in writing, for approval by Dive Rescue International.

4. _____ Each student is to complete a Student Medical History Questionnaire (or other medical form approved by Dive Rescue International) prior to in-water SCUBA training. If the Student Medical History Questionnaire or the appearance/behavior of the student indicates any condition contrary to safe participation in SCUBA activities, the student is then required to secure medical approval by a licensed physician prior to any in-water SCUBA training.

5. _____ The following documents shall be retained and maintained for 7 years.

- The Dive Rescue I Specialist Student Card (gray folder) and other documents used for monitoring and evaluating each student's progress, skills, and knowledge

- Dive Rescue I Recertification Acknowledgement Form
- The Liability Release/Statement of Understanding
- Student Medical History Questionnaire or other approved Medical Statement
- Program Evaluations

Class Roster, Submission Form, and Emergency Action Plan will be forwarded to Dive Rescue International within 10 days of class.

6. _____ The ratio of students to Dive Rescue I Trainers for the classroom session is set by the individual Trainer, based on the ability of the Trainer to deal effectively with student needs. See # 29.

7. _____ Dive Rescue I Trainers have an obligation to cancel or modify training when environmental conditions, students' physical or mental conditions, or equipment difficulties make cancellation or modification advisable. This is a value judgment that can only be made by the Dive Rescue I Trainer at the time and place of the training.

8. _____ Dive Rescue I Trainers are not to harass students at any time. When students have reached a level of training where they are ready to deal with underwater problems, then realistic problems in the form of "crisis rehearsal" skills may be introduced. These "crisis rehearsal" skills are not intended for "stress inoculation."

9. _____ During an entanglement drill, the student is shadowed by at least one diver who is briefed on safety procedures used at the entanglement station. The Dive Rescue I Trainer monitors this drill to assure student safety. Entanglement drills are conducted in a pool at a depth of 5 feet or less and not combined with other problem solving skills.

10. _____ Dive Rescue I Trainers are not to make changes in the Dive Rescue I training program material or skills that would prevent students from successfully completing the program.

11. _____ Dive Rescue I Specialist training (including “surface support” training) is restricted to members of public safety agencies, government agencies, recognized SAR teams or recognized public safety dive teams. Recognized teams are those organizations who would normally work under the direction of a governmental agency.

12. _____ The minimum age for participation in the Dive Rescue I program is 18 years old.

13. _____ Dive Rescue I students who are participating in diving activities must be currently certified as open water divers by a nationally recognized certifying agency or be currently certified as a Public Safety Diver through Dive Rescue International.

14. _____ Students who are non-divers are welcome in the Dive Rescue I class. They must be active participants and successfully complete the written exam. Dive Rescue I Trainers should mark these Dive Rescue I certificates as “Surface Support.” These certificates should also be issued to divers failing to complete the pool or Open Water portion of the Dive Rescue I program.

15. _____ All Dive Rescue I students are to have and use dive log books for all training classes. The trainer and student are both to sign each log entry when completed.

16. _____ Dive Rescue I Trainers are to insist that their students inform them if they are excessively cold or tired, injured or not feeling well. Trainers are not to encourage students to participate if they have been ill. Nausea in a diver should be handled with extreme caution. Canceling a planned training operation in this situation may be the best decision.

17. _____ All on scene personnel are required to inform the Dive Rescue I Trainer of all equipment difficulties and malfunctions. Minimum cylinder air supply can not be less than 1000 PSI at any time during the dive. Students and qualified assistants should inform the Dive Rescue I Trainer of any low air situations.

18. _____ Dive Rescue I Trainers are not to force students to do skills during open water dives. If a student verbally or by behavior indicates a desire not to do a skill, the trainer complies. The trainer may come back to the incomplete skill later in the dive or on another dive.

19. _____ A certified and current Dive Rescue I Trainer working under the authority of his sponsoring agency is to be present and supervising all Dive Rescue I training activities.

20. _____ Students are to demonstrate effective watermanship and basic SCUBA skills in a pool setting or suitable open water site. Open water sites are to be realistic of local diving conditions and student safety is to be considered. As a minimum, the following skills are to be performed prior to any Dive Rescue International Open Water Training:

- Move through the water and breathe effectively in a relaxed and comfortable manner.
- Effectively control buoyancy on the bottom, in mid-water, at the surface, and during ascents.
- Effectively clear both the regulator and the mask or full face mask.
- Remove and replace a SCUBA unit in the water.
- Effectively share air both on the bottom and during an ascent.
- Make an emergency buoyant ascent from a depth of less than 30 feet.
- Effectively handle equipment, in and out of the water; before, during, and after the dive.
- Effectively deal with entanglement in a pool setting of a depth of 5 ft or less.
- Effectively conduct line tended search patterns.
- Effectively use a Body Recovery System
- Students who are current Dive Rescue Certified Public Safety Divers are required to perform these skills. Trainers may use these skills as a review, refresher, or to screen students at any time.

21. _____ If a pool is not available for training, the Dive Rescue I Trainer may select an appropriate open water site to conduct this portion of the program. This open water site provides swimming-pool-like conditions with respect to clarity, calmness, and depth.

22. _____ During all SCUBA training each student and Trainer are to be equipped with at least: mask or full-face mask, fins, buoyancy compensator with low pressure inflator, tank, regulator with alternate air source, an emergency signaling device, two cutting tools, submersible pressure gauge, timing device, depth gauge, an environmental protection suit (per agency protocol), gloves, weight and weight system (belt or integrated system). Students should be encouraged to use their own equipment and should demonstrate adequate comfort with all equipment prior to any open water exercise. In the open water environment, students should never use unfamiliar equipment.

23. _____ Open water is any body of water other than a swimming pool. During Dive Rescue I training, the open water sites will be realistic of local conditions with diver safety being a primary consideration.

24. _____ The depth of open water training during a Dive Rescue I Course is not to exceed 40 feet.

25. _____ Any ascent training done during open water SCUBA dives simulating any emergency condition is to be done from depths of less than 30 feet.

26. _____ The number of open water SCUBA dives per day is not to exceed two.

27. _____ Open water training dives are conducted during daylight hours.

28. _____ Open water dives that are made to meet the minimum number of dives for certification are to be separate experiences, including an entry and exit from the water and putting on and taking off SCUBA equipment. Each dive is to be of at least 15 minutes in duration. Protective suits do not need to be removed between dives.

29. _____ During open water training activities, the in-water student to Dive Rescue I Trainer ratio is 6 to 1.

30. _____ When setting the proper student/trainer ratio, number of dives per day, or site selection the following should be taken into account:

- Water conditions-movement, temperature, visibility and depth
- Experience of the trainer
- Experience of the students
- Number of qualified assistants
- Emergency support available
- The type of equipment in use
- Weather conditions
- Degree of control by the trainer
- Dive site suitability and accessibility
- Suitability of terrain

31. _____ When a class has been divided into smaller training teams and these teams are operating in a “one diver down system,” each team supplies the following minimum support personnel for the diver:

- A Safety Diver who is fully dressed and ready to enter the water or is fully dressed and waiting in the water at the surface.
- A 90% Diver who is fully dressed except for mask and fins.
- A Line Tender to monitor the primary diver’s progress, comfort level and air consumption.
- A Team Leader who oversees the safety of all team members and is a liaison between the team and the Dive Rescue I Trainer.
- Trainers are reminded that the in-water student to trainer ratio is 6 to 1. Whenever possible, qualified assistants such as certified Public Safety SCUBA Instructors, should be used during training. The Dive Rescue I Trainer is to decrease the in-water student to trainer ratio whenever environmental conditions, individual student needs, or equipment considerations dictate.

32. _____ Open water SCUBA diving training is to be conducted so the students have a clear and unrestricted access to the surface at all times. This requirement, therefore, bars open water Dive Rescue I training dives that involve penetration into caves, wrecks, or under the ice. This does not prevent “arm sweeps” into submerged vehicles during training as the diver can still make a clear ascent to the surface. Vegetation in the water may be considered when selecting a dive site but would not constitute an overhead environment as this may be realistic of local conditions.

33. _____ Each Dive Rescue I Trainer conducting rescue training is to have an emergency action plan for diving accidents. The plan is to include emergency guidelines, provisions for on-site communications, provisions for transportation, and emergency contact information. Emergency equipment that is to be available at the site includes an AED (or other defibrillator), first aid kit, oxygen unit, surface float, and communications equipment. This equipment may be supplied by the trainer, agency or by other means. The DRIT must turn in a copy of their EAP when submitting a class roster to Dive Rescue International.

34. _____ The Trainer maintains both medical and physical fitness while teaching the DR1 course. The IADRS Watermanship Test and SCUBA Skills Review should be completed annually but is required to be completed within 12 months of the DRIT recertification. Additionally, a Medical Statement must be signed by a physician within 12 months of the DRIT recertification.

35. _____ A surface float capable of supporting a distressed diver is required to be within 200 feet of the diver’s location. When appropriate, the float(s) can also display the diver down flag or a sign to warn others that divers are operating in the area.

36. _____ All students are required to satisfactorily participate in a minimum of one open water dive and score at least an 85% on the final exam to qualify for Dive Rescue I Specialist certification. If the student does not successfully complete the exam with a passing score, the student may re-take the exam once the trainer feels as though the student better understands the material. The student must re-take the entire exam. There is not a set amount of time that is required between the original exam and the re-take exam. Reasonable accommodations may be made for students with learning or reading challenges. These accommodations may include additional time to complete the exam, or administering the exam verbally.

37. _____ The Dive Rescue I Trainer teaches the Dive Rescue I program in compliance with the latest version of the Dive Rescue I Training Standards and Trainer Manual. Updated Training Standards and Trainer Manual revisions are released on an annual basis and the Dive Rescue I Trainer is responsible for inserting the revisions in the Trainer Manual and destroying outdated material. To facilitate the exchange of information, the Trainer provides Dive Rescue International with an e-mail address and physical mailing address. Additionally, the trainer notifies Dive Rescue International of an address change within 30 days.

38. _____ If the Dive Rescue I Trainer becomes aware of any act, error, or omission which might lead to a claim or suit, or if a claim or suit is brought, Dive Rescue International is to be notified immediately.

By typing your full name and instructor number into the fields below you acknowledge that you have read and understand all of the General Training Standards and the Crossover Training Standards.

Current Date _____

Trainer Number _____

Trainer Name _____



2021 Dive Rescue I Trainer Agreement

This Agreement, made and entered into, this _____ day of _____, 20 _____,
(day) (month) (year)
by and between Dive Rescue International, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Dive Rescue International, and _____
_____ hereinafter referred to as the “Instructor.”
(Instructor name - please print)

WITNESSETH THAT:

FOR and in consideration of Dive Rescue International certifying or renewing the Trainer, the Trainer agrees to abide by the following provisions and requirements:

1. The Trainer agrees to abide by standards and agreements established and put forth by Dive Rescue International at this time, and such standards and agreements that are established and put forth by Dive Rescue International at any time in the future.
2. The Trainer agrees to follow the Dive Rescue I (DRI) Training System, including but not limited to, the Dive Rescue I Trainer Manual, the trainer also agrees to use the DRI Training System for the teaching of the DRI program and shall not copy, reproduce, or disseminate the system or its contents. Only certified DRI Trainers are allowed use of the DRI Training System.
3. The Trainer understands that the Dive Rescue I Trainer certification is granted only to members of public safety agencies and agrees to maintain his/her membership within a sponsoring public safety department.
4. The Trainer agrees that while acting as a Dive Rescue I Trainer, to act only in such a manner as will bring credit to the Trainer, their department, and to Dive Rescue International.
5. The Trainer agrees to maintain any and all such records as are required by Dive Rescue International.
6. The Trainer agrees to provide access to such records as requested by Dive Rescue International or the insurance company representing Dive Rescue International.
7. The Dive Rescue I Trainer teaches the Dive Rescue I program in compliance with the latest version of the Dive Rescue I Training Standards and Trainer Manual. Updated Training Standards and Trainer Manual revisions are released on an annual basis and the Dive Rescue I Trainer is responsible for inserting the revisions in the Trainer Manual and destroying outdated material. To facilitate the exchange of information, the Trainer provides Dive Rescue International with an e-mail address and physical mailing address. Additionally, the trainer notifies Dive Rescue International of an address change within 30 days
8. The Trainer agrees to comply with the recertification procedures as stipulated by Dive Rescue International.
9. The Trainer agrees to maintain current certification as a Public Safety SCUBA Instructor or a Recreational SCUBA Instructor with a nationally recognized training agency.

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10. The Trainer understands that he/she is not an agent, employee, or legal representative of Dive Rescue International and has no authority to bind Dive Rescue International in any manner.
 11. Because Dive Rescue International is unable to directly monitor the training process, teaching practices, or the activities of their trainers, it is clearly understood that Certificates of Training and all other materials are issued by Dive Rescue International to Trainers as a service. It is the sole responsibility of the Trainer to assure that every person who receives a Dive Rescue I certification meets all criteria as established in the published Dive Rescue I Training Standards. The Trainer further agrees not to issue certification to any person who in any way fails to meet the intent as well as the letter of standards.
 12. The Trainer agrees to maintain certification/proficiency in CPR and First Aid.
 13. The Trainer must be a current Dive Rescue I Trainer in good standing with Dive Rescue International.

The Instructor agrees and understands that if he/she fails to meet any of the above provisions, standards or agreements, his/her status as a Instructor is subject to immediate revocation, at the discretion of Dive Rescue International personnel.

The undersigned state that they have read the foregoing and understand all terms, conditions, and provisions therein as indicated by their signatures hereon below.

Dive Rescue International, Inc.

By: _____
Dive Rescue International Representative

By: _____
Instructor



Dive Rescue International Audio-Visual System Agreement

This agreement is entered into on _____, 20____ by and between Dive Rescue International, Inc. 201 North Link Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80524-2712 (Dive Rescue International) and _____ (Instructor-Trainer).

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

_____ 1. ***Audio-Visual System Use***

Dive Rescue International has compiled an audio-visual system of print and digital media for use by its Instructor-Trainers in Dive Rescue International's training programs. This print and digital media, currently constituting Dive Rescue International's audio-visual system, together with any other components of Dive Rescue International's audio-visual system as it may be constituted in the future, are referred to in this Agreement as the "System." Dive Rescue International grants Instructor-Trainer the right to use the System under the terms of this Agreement in conducting such Dive Rescue International training programs as may be authorized by Dive Rescue International. Without the express written consent of Dive Rescue International, Instructor-Trainer shall not make any use of this System other than in conducting the referenced Dive Rescue International training programs and shall not copy, reproduce or disseminate the System or its contents.

_____ 2. ***Proprietary Rights***

The System is proprietary to Dive Rescue International and any unauthorized use of the System will cause irreparable harm and loss to Dive Rescue International. By this Agreement, Dive Rescue International grants no rights to Instructor-Trainer under any copyrights or trade names associated with the System. Any use of the System by Instructor-Trainer insures to the benefit of Dive Rescue International.

_____ 3. ***Assignment***

Instructor-Trainer's right to use the System is personal to Instructor-Trainer and Instructor-Trainer shall not transfer or assign this Agreement or any rights under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of Dive Rescue International.

_____ 4. ***Breach of Agreement***

If Instructor-Trainer breaches any provision of this Agreement, Dive Rescue International may, in its sole and absolute discretion, immediately revoke all Dive Rescue International certifications held by Instructor-Trainer and in adoption, may assert against Instructor-Trainer all available legal and equitable remedies and shall be entitled to all costs and attorney fees incurred in doing so. Instructor-Trainer also agrees to indemnify and hold Dive Rescue International harmless against all liability, loss or damage, including attorney fees, which Dive Rescue International may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising directly or indirectly from Instructor-Trainer's performance or nonperformance of this Agreement.

_____ 5. ***Termination***

Dive Rescue International reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, for any reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Instructor-Trainer. On termination, should the Instructor-Trainer then have the System in the Instructor-Trainer's possession, Instructor-Trainer shall immediately return the System to Dive Rescue International as provided in Section 1 above.

_____ 6. ***General Provisions***

- Waiver of Breach: No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver or any other or subsequent breach.
- Entire Agreement: This instrument reflects the entire Agreement between the parties and it cannot be modified except in writing.
- Binding Effect: This Agreement shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns and legal representation.

Dive Rescue Representative

Instructor