



SCUBA School

Combined Training Command – Midwest
Camp Perry, Ohio

Dear Cadet,

Congratulations on your decision to attend SCUBA training at CTC Midwest. During your two weeks here you will have the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills required for certification as an Open Water SCUBA Diver and then put those skills to work as you search for and explore shipwrecks in the western basin of Lake Erie.

Please read the All Hands (Must Read) letter and travel/reporting info posted on this website. It contains important information that applies to all schools.

The training is very demanding – physically and mentally. You must pass physical readiness and swim skills assessments on the first day of training so begin preparing now. It is essential that you are well rested and well hydrated when you report for training.

In addition to the usual rules and regulations that apply to all USNSCC trainings, there are SCUBA - specific safety policies that you need to know and follow. They are:

1. There will be no horseplay with, or around, compressed gases. Intentionally “shooting” compressed air from a hose, tank or regulator towards any person, including oneself, is a guaranteed termination of training and premature trip home.
2. There will be no solo diving. All non-certified SCUBA trainees must be accompanied by an instructor; all certified divers must dive in pairs.
3. Buddy checks will be completed before each dive.
4. No diver will enter the water from a boat until tagged and instructed to do so by the Dive Master.
5. Upon returning to the boat following a dive, each diver will report to the Dive Master, return his/her tag, and will remain on board with his/her dive buddy until the boat has returned to dock.
6. Each diver will clean, inspect, and properly secure his/her equipment at the end of each day.
7. Any maintenance issues, no matter how minor, must be reported and resolved prior to the next dive.

You must have all of the items on the sea bag list. Use only the list posted on this website for SCUBA School. All items should be marked with your name and last four digits of your SSN. Cell phones and other electronic items are not permitted. If you need a cell phone during travel; it must be declared and turned in for safekeeping upon your arrival at CTC.

You are required to provide your own mask, snorkel and regulator mouthpiece for safety and sanitation reasons. These items will be available for purchase through local dive shops when you arrive. If you choose to purchase these items prior to your arrival, they must be specifically designed and rated for SCUBA diving and have been purchased from a recognized SCUBA equipment shop. Please bring a copy the purchase receipt(s) for verification.

Welcome aboard.

LT Michael Clements
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