

Open Water Weekend Information

We're excited you've chosen to join us for a weekend of diving with Salem Scuba!

Your training dives will take place at a private Dive Park called The Yellow House, 23891 North HWY 101. A weekend stay at the house is \$135 per person. The park fee includes park access for three days, use of the dive locker, heated drying/warming room, indoor bathroom, hot tub, barbecue, and the air fills for your 4 checkout dives, as well as the many comforts in the house. Air fills beyond your checkout dives can be had at Hoods Port N Dive for 10 dollars a fill. Non Open Water students will need to acquire fills at the shop throughout the weekend as well. We stay at the house because being a diver isn't just about the time underwater, but the fun, the extra knowledge and brain picking- all that happens on the surface interval, and lounging around the table together. Our staff and divemasters make it a point to spend these "inbetween" times in public area's so we can help you in any way you need.

To reach the house: leave Salem and travel north on I-5 into Washington to exit 104. Take exit 104 (Olympia) west **about 5 miles** to Highway 101 North. Follow signs to Hood Canal, Hoodsport, Shelton, Port Angeles and Port Townsend. Travel north on Highway 101 North about 33 miles to the town of Hoodsport. As you enter Hoodsport, look on the left side of the road for a yellow two-story house. Parking is to the north of the driveway. Keep the driveway clear for the staff dive trucks. The trip takes 3 to 3.5 hours. A heated garage area is available to rinse and hang dive gear. A hot tub is available for a night time soak.

House etiquette:

- The house is a non-smoking house.
- The house is not soundproofed. At 10 each night, both the downstairs and upstairs floors are for tired divers needing a sleep. The center floor is welcome to enjoy a conversation and games, but past 10, please keep it hospitable so as to not keep up the other floors.
- In the morning, please do not turn on lights in the basement until 7:30 AM. Feel free to go upstairs and start a pot of coffee, make breakfast, etc. Please keep your voices low to allow those who wish to sleep to do so.
- Carpooling is encouraged. Help us keep a small car footprint at the house.
- You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself and helping with general cleanup. Lend a hand washing and drying dishes or emptying the garbage.
- At the end of the weekend strip your bed. Place towels and bedding in piles by the laundry. All trash cans need to be emptied and living areas policed to be sure you don't leave anything behind. If you turned it on, turn it off; if you got it out, put it back.
- The warm room door should be shut at all times other than entering or exiting.
- **Divemasters Work for Tips.** Divemasters help make your stay more enjoyable. As they lug gear back and forth across the street, give you helpful advice to make your diving more enjoyable, and loan out gear they've invested in, please remember to tip your Divemasters. They often do this solely from tips and because they enjoy helping bring others into diving.

Dive Safety:

- Remember that dehydration is a contributing factor to decompression illness. Please remember to stay well hydrated during and after the training weekend. The water at the house is very tasty. If you drink caffeinated beverages, be sure to drink lots of water all day long.
- We are in a 911 emergency zone. In the unlikely event of an emergency dial 911. Dispatchers are aware of the *Yellow House in Hoodspout* as a description of where we are.
- Crossing the road. We don't want any injuries to ourselves or others so we ask that when crossing wait for traffic to clear by standing with your back to the road so cars will not stop and hold up traffic or cause an accident. We are very close to a sharp corner and could cause a rear end accident if traffic stops for us. If a car stops, wave them on.
- The changing room floor can be very slippery when wet. Be very careful walking on it. Do not wear flip flops. If you see water building up on the floor use one of the squeegees to push the water out the door. Don't be shy, lend a hand.
- The bench in the dive locker is for gearing up and un gearing- when not using it, please stow gear below the bench or in the drying room. Gear left on the bench has a tendency to get smashed by divers taking off tanks, and a broken mask/console etc is no fun for anyone.
- Please use the drying room dunk tank to glean your gear off at the end of the weekend, and bring back to the shop clean and ready to use. As you stow your gear, don't let fins be folded in on themselves, keep masks and other breakables on the top, etc. Help keep the gear clean and in good shape.
- Alcoholic Beverages: We follow the first drink, last dive rule. This means that once you start an alcoholic beverage you are finished diving for the day. Alcohol is a diuretic and a significant contributor to DCI. Likewise, though Marijuana is legal in Washington, we ask that no one partake at the Yellow House. We want to maintain a family friendly environment, as well as not impair any judgement.

The phone number at Diver's Inn is 360-877-9227. The shop phone number is 503-588-3483

Special note... Obey posted speed limits! As you leave Hoodspout driving south on Highway 101, speed limits are enforced. Be cautious going home as the speed limit leaving Hoodspout is 45 miles per hour. Local police are eager to take money from tourists traveling a bit too fast.

Thanks for coming with us, and we looking forward to seeing you at The Yellow House!