

# DDI

DISABLED DIVERS  
INTERNATIONAL

## *PRO TRAINING COURSE*



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Do you remember the first time you went scuba diving? The feeling of being able to breathe underwater, and the first sensation of being weightless once you had sorted out your buoyancy? Wasn't 'it' great?

Well imagine a couple of new sensations being introduced along with this. The feeling of being free from a wheelchair and being able to go up and down and side to side when normally, you have to worry about smaller issues like steps and terrain.

It's an incredible feeling and as a DDI Instructor you are in the position to be able to offer that chance of a wonderful experience and new hobby to disabled people.

## Pre-Requisites

Pro Training candidates should be **PADI Divemaster or above** (or equivalent rating from a major dive training organisation)

Upon graduation from the course you will receive the equivalent rating from DDI but if you are a Divemaster this can be upgraded the moment you become an Instructor

## The Trainer

The training is conducted by DDI Instructor Trainer Mark'Slingo who is himself a wheelchair user after an accident in 2005 left him a T10 paraplegic. He though is the **world's first ever wheelchair user to reach the rating of PADI Course Director.**

Mark teaches the course trying to get you to look at things from the disabled person's point of view and really makes the course a much more hands: on experience. Mark will really tell you what diving can do for a disabled person. He is a living example.



## Knowledge Development

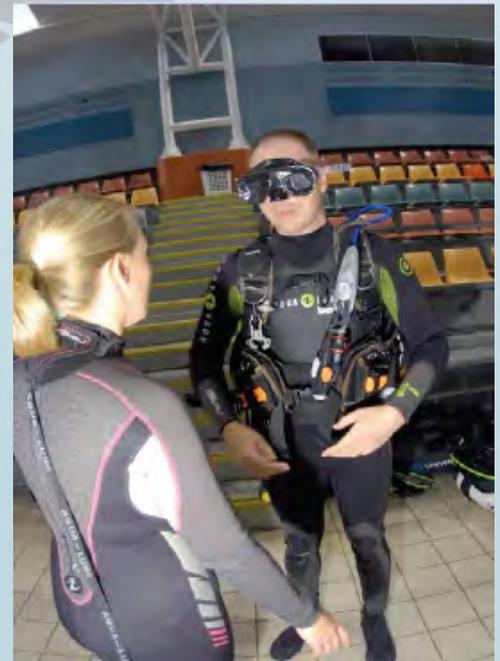
The course consists of a classroom session, with first a discussion when you are introduced to the problems faced by disabled people, and ways we can combat those problems.

You then are introduced to various examples of success stories of how disabled diving has helped people like Mark.

Following this we examine the wide variety of disabilities and considerations for enabling people with these various conditions to dive.

This includes looking at the various ways to adapt standards, using DDI standards and the different DDI programs available for people with disabilities.

The knowledge development session really focuses a great deal on the adaptive techniques you can use to help get more people in the water and is a really interesting and informative



## Practical Training

For the practical side in confined water training you will simulate being an instructor for a paraplegic diver, a quadraplegic diver and a sight-impaired diver.

Not only that you will also do the dive simulating each of these conditions so you can know what barriers are faced by your handicapped students. Entries, exits, lifts and logistics will also be covered to show the various options for running a course successfully.

The course will also allow you to take in considerations for various diving venues and what to look for be it boats, and accommodations that have to be made to beaches and how to deal with the obvious problem of soft sand for a wheelchair. Again the course teaches you so much and gives you something that will be useful for you in a diving career, both as a way to help disabled people to discover scuba diving and as something that you can offer a dive centre, which is a little bit different



## No Barrier Tour

On all Mark's DDI Pro Training courses we try to encourage the host dive centre to host a No Barrier Tour day giving pool try dives to local disabled people.

This give you the chance to immediately work with disabled people with the assistance of experienced DDI pros and give them the opportunity of experiencing the thrill of diving for the first time.

Contact Mark or DDI for more information on hosting a No Barrier Tour event.



## DDI Pro Training Prices

DDI Pro Training Course (including instructor manual)	500 euro	USD \$550
DDI Divemaster/ Instructor Application Fee	100 euro	USD \$140
DDI Divemaster/AI/Instructor Crossover Course	150 euro	USD \$170
DDI Divemaster/AI/Instructor'Crossover Fee	75 euro	USD \$100

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