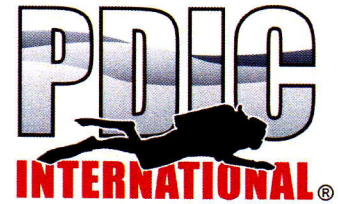


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Phil Newsum
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Re: Differences between commercial and recreational dive training

Good morning Phil,

Dive students are trained in various underwater pursuits and these levels of training need to be clarified to avoid accidents when engaging in underwater activities that go beyond the individual's level of training. Recreational dive training is described by the standards of the RSTC (Recreational Scuba Training Council) and may be accessed through the www.wrstc.com web site. These standards are held as minimum. Recreational dive training is no substitute for commercial dive training.

An additional area of diver training is often called "Extended Range" or "Technical diving." This level of training involves extended recreational diver training to areas that are deeper, extended overhead environment, use of breathing gas beyond air, and times/depths involving required decompression.

Commercial dive training involves working underwater in various environments and using tools and equipment where additional appropriate training is required for safety.

Each of these areas has special needs and training objectives must be appropriate to the objectives. A recreational diver can use his/her training to pursue either extended range training or go on to commercial dive training. Without proper training a diver engaged in commercial diving is compromising his/her safety. Our objective with SEI (Scuba Educators International) or PDIC (Professional Dive Instructors Corporation) is to train divers for a safe level of underwater enjoyment. Additional training is required for divers to go beyond this entry-level information and skill involvement.

An SEI or PDIC certification does not represent the training required to safely perform in the commercial diving industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Leaird". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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