



The Leader in Disabled Diving



The Handicapped Scuba Association was founded in 1981 and is now the world's leading authority on recreational diving for people with disabilities. The HSA's prestigious diver education programs, developed in conjunction with major certification agencies, including NAUI, are internationally recognized and unequalled by any other programs in the industry.

Open Water Scuba Diver Certification

The HSA's open water training programs for people with disabilities are taught with a high margin of safety because we use teaching techniques developed with over 20 years of continuous research and feedback. Handicapped students are trained and certified according to HSA Physical Performance Standards and a multilevel Certification system so exacting and sensitive it enables us to train people with a wide range of disabilities, including paraplegia, quadriplegia, the blind and those with high-functioning brain injuries or mild retardation.



At Bill Jackson's, where possible, HSA student divers are taught alongside our NAUI able-bodied student divers. However, depending on individual circumstances, additional confined or open water training sessions may be necessary or private instruction may be required/desired.

Advanced Scuba Diver Certification

After meeting the performance requirements for 'Open Water Scuba Diver', go on to earn the HSA Advanced certification where you will develop the skills necessary for planning and executing scuba dives typical of recreational diving such as deep diving, night diving, and more! You will develop a further awareness and appreciation for the Marine Environment, its inhabitants and the delicate balance of the Ecosystem that supports them.

HSA Dive Buddy Course

Many of us know someone, a friend or family member, we'd like to involve in scuba diving. Or, we'd welcome the challenge of learning about disabilities, accessibility issues and how to dive with people who have disabilities. The HSA "Dive Buddy Program" offers able-bodied divers this opportunity to expand their underwater world to include sharing it with a handicapped partner.

Call the dive shop at 727-576-4169 for more information on our HSA Scuba Certification Courses.