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CMAS Advanced Skills Diver Standard

Basic Requirements

1. Aim of the training programme

1.1 The CMAS Advanced Skills Training Programme is designed to cultivate the essential skills required for sound diving practice, irrespective of level or environment. It performs a three-fold function: It provides the recreational diver, who does not desire further diver training, with an opportunity to advance his/her basic diving skills, thereby developing more comfort, confidence, and competence in the water. It provides the diver with aspirations of more advanced diver training with the tools that will contribute to a greater likelihood of success. It provides non-CMAS trained divers with a gateway to CMAS training.

2. Classification

2.1 The CMAS Advanced Skills Training Programme is classified as an entry level speciality diver training programme.

3. Instructor and Assistant Requirements

3.1 The CMAS Advanced Skills Training Programme may be presented by any CMAS Advanced Skills Instructor with a minimum of a CMAS One Star Instructor grading that complies with the requirements as prescribed by Clause 2.1.16 of the definitions in Chapter 1.

3.2 The CMAS One Star Instructor may be assisted by a CMAS Dive Leader that complies with Clause 2.1.15 of the definitions Chapter 1.

4. Competencies of a certified CMAS **Advanced Skills** Diver

4.1 A CMAS Advanced Skills Diver does not receive additional competencies, he shall be trained such that when assessed by a CMAS Instructor, he shall be deemed to have sufficient knowledge, skill and experience to dive using advanced skills within the parameters of his CMAS Diver qualifications or those applicable to the other divers training certifications he already holds.

5. Prerequisites for participation in the training programme

5.1 In order to gain access to the Advanced Skills Training Programme, the participant shall:

5.1.1 Be at least fourteen(14) years of age; there is no upper limit;

5.1.2 Hold a CMAS One Star Diver or equivalent certification;

5.1.3 Effectively demonstrate his basic waterman ship ability by performing, to a CMAS Instructor, the prescribed physical conditioning and waterman ship evaluation of the CMAS Federation;

5.1.4 Complete the medical history/statement form required by the CMAS Federation prior to participating in any in-water activities; and

5.1.5 Sign the appropriate form(s) as required by the CMAS Federation acknowledging and assuming the risks of SCUBA diving prior to participating in any in-water activities. Parental or legal guardian signature is required on the appropriate form(s) when the applicant is a minor.

6. Requirements for certification

6.1 In order to be certified as a CMAS Advanced Skills Diver, the student shall:

- 6.1.1 Comply with all the prerequisites for participation in the training programme as prescribed by Clause 5 of this Standard;
- 6.1.2 Successfully complete the theoretical assessment as provided for in Clause 10.1 of this Standard; and
- 6.1.3 Successfully complete the practical skills assessment as provided for in Clause 10.2 of this Standard.

7. Required theoretical knowledge and diving skills

7.1 The participant shall receive tuition in the theoretical knowledge and practical skills as prescribed in Programme 3.B.29 in Chapter 3.

8. Theoretical training parameters

8.1 The CMAS Instructor shall conform to the standard theoretical training parameters as prescribed in Clause 4.5 of Chapter 1.

9. Practical training parameters

9.1 The CMAS Instructor shall conform to the standard practical training parameters as prescribed in Clause 4.6 of Chapter 1.

10. Assessment

10.1 **Knowledge**

10.1.1 The participant shall demonstrate to the CMAS Instructor knowledge of Advanced Skills diving theory and techniques by taking and passing an oral or written examination. This examination shall test entry level Advanced Skills diving theory and techniques as prescribed in Programme 3.B.29 in Chapter 3.

10.2 **Practical skills**

10.2.1 The participant shall demonstrate to the CMAS Instructor his mastery of the Advanced Skills practical skills, as prescribed in Clause 2.1 of Programme 3.B.29 in Chapter 3, during a practical skills assessment session.

11. Certification

11.1 Upon successful completion of the training programme the participant shall be awarded with a CMAS Advanced Skills Diver C-card.

11.2 In the event that the training programme is conducted in conjunction with a CMAS One Star Diver Training Programme the certification shall not be issued to the participant until such time that he has completed all the requirements for certification as prescribed by the CMAS One Star Diver Standard.