

# Scuba Cat Diving PADI IDC and IDC packages Phuket, Thailand



Scuba Cat Diving is a PADI 5 Star Career Development Centre
Winner of many PADI AWARDS



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Phuket; formerly known as Tha-Laang or Talang is one of the southern provinces (changwat) of Thailand. Neighboring provinces are (from north clockwise) Phang Nga and Krabi, but as Phuket is an island there are no land boundaries. The island is served by Phuket International Airport, located in the north of the island. The ph of "Phuket" is an aspirated hard "p", not a soft "f", so the name is pronounced (roughly) "Poo-get". The name Phuket is apparently derived from the word Bukit in Malay that means mountain or hill, as this is what the island appears like from a distance.

Before that its old name was Ta-lang (in Thai): The word is derived from the old Malay "Telong" which means "Cape", which is still in used for one of the main districts in the Phuket area.







#### Geography

Phuket is the biggest island in Thailand, located in the Andaman Sea, in southern Thailand. The island is mostly mountainous with a mountain range in the west of the island from the north to the south. The mountains of Phuket form the southern end of the Phuket mountain range, which ranges for 440 km from the Kra Isthmus. 70 % of the island is covered with forest. Phuket has several sandy beaches.

One of the most popular tourist areas on Phuket is **Patong Beach** on the central western coast, perhaps owing to the easy access to its wide and long beach. Most of Phuket's nightlife and its cheap shopping are located in Patong, and the area has become increasingly developed. Patong means, "the forest filled with banana leaves" in Thai

Other popular beaches are located south of Patong. In a counterclockwise direction these include **Karon Beach**, **Kata Beach**, **Kata Beach Noi**, and around the southern tip of the island, **Nai Ham Beach** These areas are generally much less developed than Patong, and sought out by individuals, families and other groups with a preference for more relaxed and less crowded environs than Patong.

#### Scuba Cat Diving

Phuket, Thailand

Scuba Cat Diving offers the most complete career packages in Thailand. We give the opportunity to our candidates to have a wide view of the dive industry. Diving is everywhere.

Mike Stark the founder started diving in 1974 in the cold water of Canada and decided to come to Thailand in the early 90's. Since beginning operations in 1992 Scuba Cat Diving has become Phuket Thailand's most complete. Now, Scuba Cat Diving is known worldwide for training quality and costumer services and is a 5 Star CDC Centre awarded in 2007.

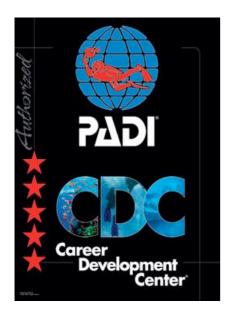
Sarah Kench, formerly a Senior Manager with HSBC in England, decided to change her life, came to Thailand in 1994 after spending several years diving in the cold water of England, and leading dive holidays to the Red Sea, Caribbean Islands, Dominican republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Indonesia and the Philippines, Upon starting work in the company she aspired to one day own Scuba Cat and this became a reality in 2007.

Scuba Cat Diving operates 2 liveaboards in the Similans, Surin Islands, and all the best dive sites in the Andaman Sea. One daytrip boat to the best dive sites around Phuket and Koh Phi Phi Island.

Technical diving is also taught at Scuba Cat Diving, DSAT Tec Rec, Trimix, and rebreather courses







Scuba Cat Diving is a PADI 5 Star CDC Instructor Development Centre, we teach all the PADI Courses. PADI is the largest diving organization in the world. As a PADI professional diver you will find work in more than 180 countries in the world.

Let Scuba Cat Diving to take you through that wonderful experience.

With our Career Packages we will train you up from non-diver, or any level of diver, to PADI Divemaster or Instructor level and beyond. We offer All-Inclusive packages! There are no hidden charges. We include all the PADI courses, unlimited diving (boat diving, not from the beach), liveaboard experience, accommodation, and all your course materials, a full set of equipment and all the PADI fees. Plus you will gain valuable know-how along the way from our experienced instructors.

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#### Why Scuba Cat Diving?

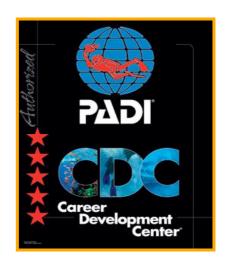
Scuba Cat Diving is a Career Development Centre

The PADI Career Development Centre classification is awarded to PADI Five Star IDCs and Gold Palm IDCs that conduct additional instructor-level training and meet the highest requirements for training dive leaders in reaching their educational and professional goals. PADI CDCs offer career-oriented training to prepare dive professionals for employment in the dive industry, as well as offering job placement assistance for program graduates.

These dive centers are well-established businesses with proven success in training PADI Instructors. Because of the services offered, PADI 5 Star CDCs are places where candidates receive training to prepare them for careers in the dive industry. PADI divers, members, and the dive industry at large all benefit from the PADI 5 Star CDC's commitment to professional development and excellence.

Scuba Cat Diving has been a top level PADI 5 Star IDC Centre since 1997 training thousands of divers from beginner to instructor and won several AWARDS and was awarded CDC Centre in 2007.

You have different IDC packages for Divemaster or equivalent certifications. We offer as well Career/Internship packages, if you are a non-diver or open water or already an instructor, you can find a package that suits you. You are very flexible with our packages, we offer 6 different packages, we can start where ever you want and finish whenever you want, you do not have to the program in one time.





- 2010 PADI Instructor Development AWARD winner
- 2010 Two Certificates of Recognition for Excellence for IDC
- 2008, 2009 and 2010 Platinum PADI Course Director.
- 2010 Business AWARD Finalist
- 2010 Project AWARE Foundation Finalist
- 2009 Environmental achievement AWARD
- 2008 Two Certificates of Recognition for Excellence for IDC
- 2007 Career Development Center PADI CDC) Rating.
- 2006 Project Aware Foundation Environmental Achievement.
- 2005 Finalist in the PADI Asia Pacific Member Awards for Diver Training.
- 2003 Certificate of Recognition for Excellence for IDC
- 2002 Outstanding Commitment to PADI System of Education
- 2001 and 2002 Outstanding Contribution for Instructor Development

#### **Training Facilities**

If you are planning on learning to dive proper, convenient training facilities will go a long way in helping ensure you have a relaxed, enjoyable time while making the best use of your holiday time.

Scuba Cat Diving has a three story classroom centre and training pool next to our main shop in the centre of the action of Patong beach, you have a swimming pool as well for the professional levels, the is 20/20m, 65ft/65ft. One the classroom's is dedicated to Professional levels. All the classrooms have airconditioning, DVD players, TV's and wireless for your laptop computer.







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#### **Boat Owner / Operators**

Dive boats are an essential and extremely important element of your ocean experience and a dive centre operating its own vessels is better able to ensure your comfort, safety and enjoyment. Boat ownership is truly a mark of a superior, professional operation.

Scuba Cat Diving ownership has been involved in boating services in Phuket since 1990 and presently own and operate four dive vessels.

- 1. MV Scuba Adventure Liveaboard
- 2. MV Scuba Cat Liveaboard
- 3. MV Scuba Fun Daytrip boat
- 4. MV Scuba Sport Transfers/Daytrip

#### Free Dives/ Free liveaboard experience

Compared to other dive centers, Scuba Cat owns their own fleet of dive boats! Due to this, we offer our Career Candidates Liveaboard experience on one of Scuba Cat's own Liveaboard boats in the Andaman Sea and up to 200 Free Dives!!!











#### **Environmental Issues**

Protection and enhancement of the marine environment is a duty and obligation for all dive operators. They must show the way both by action, education and commitment in all activities.

Scuba Cat Diving has long led the Phuket dive community with active involvement in many environmental initiatives: sinking of Marla's Mystery creating Phuket's first artificial reef (Nov. 2000), this year celebrating the tenth anniversary being local coordinator for International Reef Clean-up day, Phuket's only active REEF CHECK team, active membership in both GREEN FINS and GO ECO projects and ongoing assistance with the Phuket Marine Biological Centre in conducting fish and coral surveys.

In addition, we are a PADI 5 Star CDC Centre and became Phuket's first National Geographic Dive Centre and Thailand's first Go Eco Operator. We don't just talk about it- we do it!

The International Ecotourism Society defines ecotourism as, "responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and sustains the well-being of local people." This is important because tourism is the world's largest industry and is growing rapidly. This is good news for travel operators, but tourism can also hurt the natural ecosystem. Increased numbers of tourists require a larger infrastructure and can lead to serious pollution and degradation.

Scuba Cat Diving, Phuket Thailand is committed to environmentally responsible business practices and to providing our customers with dive experiences that enhance awareness of our local aquatic environment







#### **Job Placement Service**

We offer this service to our IDC and Divemaster candidates. The first step of your job search is to prepare a résumé, and then to place it on the Internet. There are lots of different sites specialized for diving and PADI has it's own website dedicated for it's members where you can find lots of job offers.

Directly at the end of the program we are going to help you set up your résumé, and look at which kind of job or position you are looking to apply for. There are lots of different techniques to finding a job. One of the most important things to find out is if you are going to fit into your desired position.



The Scuba Cat team has lots of different contacts around the world and in Thailand, so we will be pleased to give you all this information.

Finding a job in the dive industry is not very difficult. You just have to know what to do and how to do it. The Scuba Cat team is here to help you.

#### **IE/IDC Pass Guarantee**

Offered to all our IDC candidates, second IDC or extra training for free

#### Accommodation



Free Accommodation in air-conditioned private single room close to the dive center for all our candidates during the time of the IDC/IE.

**Star Orchid Guesthouse** is the alternative to expensive hotels in Patong Beach, Phuket Thailand. Offers large nicely decorated rooms, all rooms are fantastically well maintained, just as if they were brand new, and include air conditioning, color television, central hot water bathroom.

Well situated in a prime location, and almost anything you might desire is nearby. Many International restaurants are within just a few minutes walk; Thai, Italian, German, Swedish, Norwegian, and French to name but a few. The incredibly beautiful 'Patong Beach is just less than 1 minute away!

There are a number of so-called 'cheap hotels' in Phuket; however, they do not have the same quality of rooms or the excellent services that the Star orchid Guesthouse provides.

http://starorchid-guesthouse.com/

#### A 12-Day expanded IDC

Although PADI requires an IDC to have a minimum duration of 7 days, we have found some extra presentations and workshops highly beneficial to our candidate success. To accommodate these extra presentations we have found a 12-day program more suitable.

Extra workshops include:

Ascents and Descents, Buoyancy control, Buddy Breathing, Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent, Rescue exercises, students control and scenarios.



Planning, organizing, and scheduling all the PADI Courses in different environments.

With a relaxed, low stress 12 day IDC you can focus and elaborate on specific topics, review certain parts of the program, give extra time or lectures to our candidates.

The main focus of our program is to give the best knowledge to our candidates before they start teaching.



#### 2 Remedial Days

We added these two extra days at the end of your program to give extra experience to our candidates for the IE and their future career.

The schedule for these two days:

- 1. Confined Water Presentation #5 and 6
- 2. Open water Presentation #5 and #6
- 3. Divemaster and Standards exams
- 4. Complete rescue workshop
- 5. Skills circuit
- **6.** Any topic you want us to cover

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#### Included in our PADI IDC and IDC packages

- \* 12 PADI IDC 's every year
- \* Our relaxed 10 days PADI IDC followed by 2 remedial days gives our candidates the opportunity to study at their own pace. In this program we have added classroom presentations and in-water workshops. We do not only teach you how to pass a PADI IE.
  - \* 2 remedial days at the end of the PADI IDC
  - \* Extra in-water workshops and classroom presentations during IDC
  - \* PADI IE Pass Guarantee
  - \* Computerized classroom for IDC
  - \* Wireless Internet access at the training facility
  - \* 14 night free accommodation in a single room
  - \* Language translation for non-English speakers
  - \* Access to PADI Material during IDC
  - \* Job placement service
  - \* National Geographic Course Orientation during IDC
  - \* Tec-Rec Orientation during IDC
  - \* Free diving before PADI IDC (10 dives/week, up to 20 dives max)
  - \* Equipment included for the time of the IDC course
  - \* Full support during your Instructor Examination (IE)
- $\mbox{*}$  Scuba Cat VIP Card: 20% off all equipment purchase, day trip or liveaboard diving

Included in our package: choose between a 3-days/2 nights liveaboard trip or a Nitrox Instructor course (PADI fees and materials not included) to all our IDC candidates.

I am so glad that I was able to do my training at Scuba Cat Diving, Thailand and that you all run the program with so much importance given hands-on experience and work experience.

By Annie Olszewski

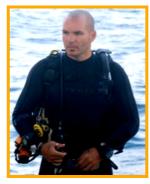


#### **Scuba Cat Diving Staff**











Scuba Cat Instructor team is very experienced, most all them are IDC Staff Instructors and Master Instructors and have been teaching for several years.





#### Sarah Kench - PADI Course Director

- PADI Course Director year 2010
- PADI Emergency Instructor Trainer year 2007
- PADI Specialty Instructor Trainer in 15 areas
- PADI Nitrox Instructor Trainer

#### - DDI (Disabled Diver) Instructor Trainer in 2008

- More than 500 certifications from Open Water Diver to Divernaster
- Over 200 Instructor at all levels





#### **PADI IDC and IDC Packages prices**

IDC & Packages	Duration	Includes	Prices
IDC	12 Days	Prep, AI, OWSI	38.150 THB
Pro Silver	14 Days	Prep. IDC, EFR/CFC & Instructor	47.700 THB
Pro Gold	21 Days	Prep. IDC, EFR/CFC & MSDT	60.000 THB
Pro Gold +	From 4 weeks	Prep, IDC, EFR/CFC, Work experience, MSDT	72.000 THB

<sup>\*</sup>EFR Instructor mandatory from 01/03/09

#### **All-inclusive PADI IDC and IDC Packages**

12 days IDC, 2 remedial days, Extra in-water workshops and classroom presentations, IE Pass Guarantee, Computerized classroom, Free accommodation during your IDC, IE (single room), Language translation for non-English speakers, Access to PADI Material, Job Placement Service, National Geographic Course Orientation, Tec Rec Orientation, Free Diving before IDC (10 dives/week, up to 20 dives max), Equipment included for the time of the course, Full support during your Instructor Examination, Special VIP Card, Free live-aboard trip, 3 days/2 nights or a Free a Nitrox Instructor course (PADI fees and materials not included). Special Offer for 2010 Pro Gold and Pro Gold + get DDI Instructor Course for free worth 20000 Baht (DDI Fees not included)



#### **PADI Instructor Development Course**

The Instructor Development Course (IDC) is a 10-day training program, which teaches you how to instructor recreational scuba diving.

During the IDC you will use the latest teaching techniques, the complete system of PADI support materials, and will be continuously assessed on your teaching and presentation skills...

Scuba Cat has been a PADI Instructor Development Centre since 1997 and in 2007 a PDI 5 Star Career Development Centre, the highest rating for a dive centre. Classes for the instructor level programs are kept to sensible hours, to allow you to have a few hours of relaxation time each evening. Although PADI requires an IDC to have a minimum duration of 7 days, we have found some extra presentations and workshops highly beneficial to our candidate success. To accommodate these extra presentations we have found a 10-day program more suitable and the end of the IDC we have added 2 remedial days.



#### Extra workshops include:



Ascents and Descents, Buoyancy control, Buddy Breathing, Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent, Rescue exercises, students control and scenarios.

Planning, organizing, and scheduling all the PADI Courses in different environments.

With a relaxed, low stress 10 day IDC you can focus and elaborate on specific topics, review certain parts of the program, give extra time or lectures to our candidates

The main focus of our program is to give the best knowledge to our candidates before they start teaching.

At the end of your IDC and the 2 remedial days, you have to do the PADI Instructor Examination. The IE is on three days. We are evaluated on different presentations and exams.

#### 2 Remedial Days

We added these two extra days to our program to give extra experience to our candidates for the IE and their future career.



#### The schedule for these two days:

- 1. Confined Water Presentation
- 2. Open water Presentation #5 and #6
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### PADI Emergency First Responder and Care For Children Instructor



This program will show you how to teach PADI new first aid courses Emergency First Response Primary Care (CPR), Emergency First Response Secondary Care and Care For Children. As a PADI Instructor you will be teaching several courses that will require your students to have first aid and CPR training. By qualifying as an EFR Instructor, you will be able to teach your students yourself. Why run the risk of losing your customers to another PADI instructor?

The Emergency First Response Care for Children course is an innovative CPR, first aid and AED training course that teaches people how to provide emergency care for injured or ill children (ages one to eight) and infants less than one year old. During this course, you'll learn how to teach your students about medical emergencies that children face and how they differ from adult conditions. The curriculum also includes the importance of attending to basic emergency situations with children, the emotional aspects of caring for children, secondary care for children, and preventing common injuries and illnesses in children.

\*EFR Instructor mandatory from 01/03/09

#### **PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider Instructor course**

As dive professionals, you know how important oxygen is as a first aid measure for diving related accidents.

Remember to deliver oxygen you must certify.

This course can be easily integrated with the PADI EFR and the PADI Rescue course.

With this course, your students are allowed to deliver oxygen in a case of emergency.



#### EMERGENCY





COURSES



#### **PADI Specialty Instructor**



A PADI Specialty Instructor dives more, has more fun and teaches about favorite subjects. Don't see a specialty on a subject that interests you? Write your own specialty! It's easy and it gets you teaching divers about things you like. Whether it's Ice, Deep, and Photography, Wreck, Rebreather, Enriched Air Nitrox or one of your own, PADI Specialty Instructors are out there diving and training. Join the fun. A Specialty Instructor has more to offer when he/she is looking for a job. To be able to teach specialties gives you a greater credibility to find a job and to carry on your interest in diving.

#### You have the choice between all the specialties:

- AWARE Fish Identification Specialty
- Boat Specialty
- Deep Specialty
- Diver propulsion Vehicle Specialty
- Drift Specialty
- Multi Level and Computer Specialty
- Night Specialty
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty
- Search and Recovery Specialty
- Underwater Naturalist Specialty
- Underwater Navigation Specialty
- Underwater Photography Specialty
- Underwater Digital photography Specialty
- Underwater Videography Specialty
- Wreck Specialty
- Enriched Air Dive (Nitrox) Specialty
- Rebreather Specialty





#### **PADI Enriched Air Specialty Course**



Maximize your time with the upgraded PADI Enriched Air Diver course. Enriched Air Diver saves you time by allowing you to: Stay underwater longer. Get back into the water sooner.

Two dives and Theory

# GO PRO Specialty Instructor MSDT

#### **Internship and Master Scuba Diver Trainer rating**



Scuba Cat offers a unique work experience program. We give you the opportunities to team-teach with our senior instructor for a period from 4 to 6 weeks.

Observing a senior instructor conduct courses is as valuable as the IDC itself. You will team teach diving courses from beginner to Divemaster levels. The Work experience program begins by first observing different senior instructors conduct their diving courses, and then begin to teach independently.

A Senior Instructor will follow on your courses assessing you as well as providing you with tips and hints that will make your courses more fun and effective both for your students and you the Instructor.

By the end of the work experience you will have certified at least 25 students and be a Master Scuba Diver Trainer

#### **PADI IDC Staff Instructor**

As a seasoned PADI Instructor, you have wisdom and experience to share with up-and-coming PADI leaders. And, you know that continuing your education never ends. As an Instructor Development Course (IDC) Staff Instructor, you help bring up the next generation of PADI Instructors while gaining in-depth instructor-trainer knowledge. Because IDC Staff Instructors are an integral part of the PADI IDC, you set the stage for moving on to PADI Course Director as you present topics in the IDC and help shape PADI Divemasters and Assistant Instructors into PADI Open Water Instructors.



#### In addition to all the courses you can teach as a PADI Instructor, you can also:

- Teach PADI Assistant Instructor courses.
- Assist PADI Course Directors in conducting the PADI Instructor Development Course.
- Assist PADI Course Directors in conducting instructor-level continuing education
- Become EFR Instructor Trainer

#### **Increase your employment opportunities**

The Work experience program increases your chances of employment. Instructors who have completed the Work Experience have found employment on Phuket or other places in Thailand or anywhere around the world in a very short time. By team-teaching with several different instructors through the internship, you will have a large collection of different approaches to adapt to your own teaching style.

During your Work Experience program you will help you how to set up a resume and show you how to find a job.

#### **PADI Fees**

PADI Fees	Prices
Divemaster	139 AUD
Instructor Application	188AUD
EFR/CFC Instructor	120 AUD
Specialty Instructor (per Specialty)	69 AUD
Master Scuba Diver Trainer/MSDT	95 AUD
IDC Staff	115 AUD
IE	710 AUD

PADI fees are not included; they must be paid directly to PADI

#### **Courses at glance**

Courses	Duration	Includes	Prices
Divemaster	From 1 week	Course, unlimited up to 60 dives, liveaboard, and PADI material	37.500 THB
Assistant Instructor	5 Days	AI Course & Accommodation	23.800 THB
owsi	7 Days	OWSI course & Accommodation	20.125 THB
Crossover	5 Days	OWSI course & Accommodation	20.125 THB
EFR & CFC Instructor	2 Days	EFR & CFC Instructor course	11.000 THB
Specialty Instructor	From 1 Day	Deep, Enriched Air, Drift	On request
Master Scuba Diver Trainer	5 Days	5 Specialty Instructor of your choice	From 20.965 THB
IDC Staff Instructor	12 Days	IDC Staff Instructor course	22.750 THB
Work experience	From 2 weeks	4 to 6 weeks experience program	20,000 THB

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