

NOAA Diver Student Gear List

Note: [SEP gear](#) is only available to NOAA personnel; non-NOAA students must provide all of their own diving gear. **Page 3 indicates what you must bring on the first day of training.**

Seattle can be fairly cold and rainy in the fall and spring, with temperatures ranging from 43° F to 67° F. Average water temperatures are similarly cold, and so you should expect to wear a drysuit for most of the in-water days. Key West is usually 67° or above.

- Several face masks are required for all travel, classroom instruction, and etc.
- A Laptop or Tablet with internet connection ability. Note that all tests will be taken online, and course materials will be digital. Hotels and classrooms will have Wi-Fi.
- Scuba mask (non-purge type)
 - The mask should provide a leak-free fit with a tempered fracture-resistant lens.
 - If you wear glasses on land, you may want to order an optical mask, optical inserts, or wear contact lenses with your mask.

- Government-issued ID
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Swim goggles (optional) for the in-class swim test (*all students must retake this test*)
- Multiple sets of items to wear under a wetsuit (swimsuit, tight shorts/jammers, etc)
- Multiple pairs of thick wool socks for use under the drysuit
- Multiple pairs of drysuit thermal underwear: synthetic, expedition-weight long underwear, such as [DUI brand](#), or [Fourth Element](#) (diver's unit can purchase these)
 - Polypropylene-type material that will wick moisture away from the body is recommended; fleece jackets and/or pants would also work. No cotton!
 - Avoid zippers, buttons, metal grommets, or anything that might be uncomfortable pressed against the skin.

- Refillable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Closed-toed shoes
- Raincoat / Foul weather gear
- Lunch, snacks, and beverages for every day of class
- For classroom training and graduation, Uniform of the Day is ODUs (or equivalent) for NOAA Corps and military students; wage mariners and civilian students may wear casual dress. All students should bring casual civilian clothes for diving days.

Suggested Diving Gear for Non-NOAA Students

In addition to all of the required items above, non-NOAA students must provide their own diving gear. Ideally you will bring the equipment you will use at your agency after training. Please do not hesitate to contact support.ndc@noaa.gov if you have any questions.

- Scuba mask (see details on page 2)
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Wetsuit (7mm thickness is preferred, but not required)
- Wetsuit hood
- Booties
- Gloves
- Dive knife
- Drysuit — bring drysuit and underwear with you on the first day of class
 - Drysuit weight harness
 - Drysuit undergarments (see details on page 2)
 - Thick wool socks, multiple pairs (bring at least one pair with you for the first day of training)

Additional recommended items:

- Weight belt
- Buoyancy compensator (BC)
- BC whistle
- Regulator, either an Octopus or an SS1/Atomic, with a:
 - BC inflator hose
 - Gauge console that includes a compass, pressure gauge, and bottom timer/computer.
 - Primary second stage and a backup second stage

Bring With You on the First Day of Class

Of the above, you will need the following for the first day of class:

- Laptop or Tablet
- Wetsuit
- Wetsuit undergarments (*bring only one set on the first day*)
- Drysuit
- Drysuit Underwear (*bring only one set on the first day*)
- 1 pair thick wool socks
- Non-purge snorkel mask
- Lunch, snacks, etc
- Government-issued ID