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