



## Preparing for your NOAA Divemaster Class

Students should be prepared for a combination of classroom and topside training, working with divers at the underwater training area, from piers/shore and on small boats. Exposure to the elements and the possibility of getting wet at the dive sites is likely.

No diving gear will be required for this training.

### Temperatures and Weather

#### January/February in Key West:

Temperatures and weather conditions in Key West during the winter are typically very pleasant. The average high temperature in January is 75° F, the average low is 65 F. Wind chill can make it seem much colder at times. Typically, though, you will need your shorts and sunscreen. Average rainfall during January is 2.2”.

#### May and September in Seattle:

Weather in Seattle is often rainy or overcast. Wind chill can make it seem colder. The clothing you bring must function well in a wide-variety of conditions and should include cooler weather clothing that is lightweight, quick drying, and allows you good freedom of movement. Adequate foul weather shell jacket and pants that repel water are recommended. Adequate footwear to ensure warmth and dryness on dive platforms is recommended.

Average temperatures in September: 47 to 68°F

Average temperatures in May: 45 to 74°F

### What to Bring

#### The following items are REQUIRED:

1. Bring your own Laptop or tablet.
  - a. NDC will provide electronic course materials for students to access on a class designated Google Drive and tests will be taken online. There will be a wireless network in the classroom.
2. Wrist watch or other timing device.



3. A cutting device.
4. Closed-toe shoes; open-toe shoes will only be permitted when not hauling SCUBA equipment or conducting diving operations.

**Recommended items:**

- Bring a lunch and snacks to class every day (days are busy and there is limited time during breaks)
- Refillable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Raincoat / Foul weather gear

**Checklist:**

- Arrange flights
- Arrange vehicle transportation, carpool, or rental car
- Make lodging arrangements
- Bring the above required and recommended items