

## **Dive Options: Bonaire**

You can read about the dive courses and equipment rental Buddy's offers here, <https://buddydive.com/diving/dive-courses/>.

Below are some suggestions, as well as info on how to liaise with other divers at the conference.

### **Not Yet Certified**

- You can take a guided Discover Scuba Diving dive specifically for uncertified divers, <https://dive.buddydive.com/product/e-learning-discover-scuba-diving/>
- Or (even better) you can do the PADI Open Water Course from the comfort of your own home. You do an online book-learning course and then you do four open water dives once you get to Buddy's. After this, you have your PADI Open Water Certificate and can dive to 60 feet, <https://dive.buddydive.com/product/e-learning-open-water-course/>.

### **Already Open Water Certified**

- Peak Performance Buoyance is the best class to take to up your diving skills. Getting the buoyancy just right really makes everything so much easier, see here under "specialty courses", <https://buddydive.com/diving/dive-courses/>.
- Nitrox is the best class to take to add a margin of safety and comfort. It's an online class only. You can do it via Buddy's website (or via PADI online). Once you're nitrox certified you can dive with 32% oxygen instead of air's 20% oxygen. Within recreational limits, there's really no reason not to use nitrox. It decreases your chance of getting decompression sickness, makes you less tired when you're done with the dive, and (for me at least) does away with the post-dive headaches one sometimes gets, <https://dive.buddydive.com/product/e-learning-nitrox-course/>
- PADI Advanced Certification is a fun class if you want to do more supervised dives. You can pick some specialties and get some more training. It lets you go deeper, but many people who want to stay above 60 feet anyway just take it to learn some more skills, <https://buddydive.com/diving/dive-courses/>.

### **Connecting with Other Divers**

- If you're already Open Water Certified and would like to be on a divers' list to facilitate setting up pre-, during, or post-conference dives, email Dana at [dgoswick@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:dgoswick@unimelb.edu.au). Please include (i) your certification level and date, (ii) number of dives, and (iii) date of last dive.