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Tiedemann's Diving Center Advanced Specialty Program

UNDERWATER DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Underwater Photography is about taking pictures. The more you take - the more you learn. Since digital photography is the perfect way to learn the art of underwater photography, Tiedemann's Diving Center is proud to announce our new **Underwater Digital Photography** Course. This program uses the new **Reefmaster DC200 Digital** camera and housing to make getting great digital pictures easy.



The best thing about digital photography, is our ability to delete the pictures we're not happy with. The ReefMaster's one-button operation, with instant delete function, allows the diver to shoot a picture, preview it with the large 1.8 inch LCD color monitor, then delete it within 3 seconds if they are not satisfied with the image. The camera comes with an 8 MB memory which gives you 17 high-resolution images, or use your own higher-capacity compact flash memory card and take more pictures than you'll have time for!

There is a principle of photography, which is - you will take many "so-so" pictures to get one really good picture. This "shooting ratio" for above water photography is about 5 to 1 (5 so-so pictures to 1 good picture) for an accomplished photographer. For an amateur photographer the ratio might be as high as 10 to 1. In underwater photography, the ratios are a bit higher. Once you get good at underwater photography you can expect a ratio of about 20 to 1. Most new underwater photographers can hope for a ratio of about 30 to 1. But don't let the numbers bother you, many professional photographers shoot at ratios of 100 to 1!

This course can be your shortcut to getting great underwater pictures. The program includes many interesting topics which will help to get good pictures and share them with friends and family. Topics covered include; camera handling above water, camera and housing setup, camera placement in housing, camera handling underwater, strobe use, media types, downloading, picture editing and photo slideshow creation to CD.



The underwater photography program consists of one pool session and one day of diving during one of our Dutch Springs Advanced Specialty Weekends. A deposit of \$25.00 will hold a spot for you. The cost of the course includes all instruction, use of the Reefmaster camera and housing and your Specialty certification with SSI in Underwater Photography. This program counts as one of the programs needed for SSI Advanced Certification. Please check the Calendar for the dates this course will be held.

The total cost of the program is \$110.00. If you have your own digital camera and underwater housing, the cost is only \$70.00. Ask us about our special price on the Reefmaster set up.

Call us today at 516-796-6560 to hold a position in the next class for you.