



Course Announcement

Crossover AAUS certified research diver – DGUV certified research diver

Helgoland, 08.05.2023 - 13.05.2023

The certified education centres for scientific diving¹ of AWI (Centre for Scientific Diving) and ZMT (Scientific Diving Centre) in close cooperation with the German Statutory Accident Insurance (DGUV) jointly organise a crossover course from the certification „US-AAUS / CAUS research diver“ to the German licence “Certified research diver / geprüfter Forschungstaucher” respectively “European Scientific Diver (ESD).

Certified public safety divers as e.g. „Lehrtaucher DLRG“ can also apply, but require individual approval by DGUV (statutory accident insurance).

This course is designed as a competence test to prove that an applicant is fully competent with the national (German) and European standards in scientific diving and fulfils both the theoretical and the practical skills for a safe operation of scientific dives according to the safety standard defined in the German Labour protection law and the German rules for Scientific Diving DGUV Regel 101-023 “Einsatz von Forschungstauchern” (Operation of Scientific Divers).

The course includes a theoretical part in April 2023 that is held as weekly video conference. The practical part is from the 08.05.2023 to the 13.05.2023 at the AWI on the island of Helgoland (**Arrival date is 07.05.2023**). The last 3 days of the course are reserved for the examination.

The course prerequisites are listed here:

[Rational and Prerequisites](#)

Certification:

The final decision if an applicant has the required competence to be certified as “German Scientific diver/European Scientific diver” is made by the German Statutory Accident Insurance based on the results of the competence test. The competence test includes a theoretical written part (2h), a scuba part and an oral final part.

¹ In Germany, scientific diving is regulated in the framework of the statutory accident insurance as defined in the national rule for scientific diving DGUV – 101 023 (“Einsatz von Forschungstauchern). Certified education centres for scientific diving must comply with these rules and must be certified as education centre by the statutory accident insurance “BG BAU”.

Fees:

- The crossover course is calculated on the basis of a full cost coverage with a basic course fee of 600 €. This includes the certification fee. The course is designed for a maximum number of 3 applicants
- The minimum number of participants for the course is 2

Deadline for applications is 30.04.2023

- Applications have to be send to 2023-helg@forschungstauchen-deutschland.de
 - Please include a scan of your logbook and PDF copies to proof your fulfilment of all listed prerequisites

Course schedule

Date	Program	Responsible for organisation
03.04.2023	Mandatory - Online session: 1. session "German and European Law and regulations in scientific diving" (90 min)	Philipp Fischer
24.04.2023	Mandatory - Online session: 2. session "German and European Law and regulations in scientific diving" (90 min)	Michael Schmid
02.05.2023	Mandatory - Online session: 2. session "German and European Law and regulations in scientific diving" (90 min)	Markus Brand
07.05.23, 13:00	Arrival by Ferry from Cuxhaven	
07.05.23, 14:00 - 16:00	Opening session with safety introductions	Michael Schmid
07.05.23, 16:00 – 17:00	Equipment preparation	Markus Brand
08.05.23, 09:00 - 12:00	Checkdive	Markus Brand
08.05.23, 13:00 - 16:00	Dive planning and risk assessment	Markus Brand
08.05.23, 16:30 - 18:00	Seminar	Michael Schmid
09.05.23, 08:00 - 12:00	Diving competence test from boat	Markus Brand
09.05.23, 13:00 - 16:00	Dive planning and risk assessment	Michael Schmid
09.05.23, 16:30 - 18:00	Seminar	Markus Brand
10.05.23, 08:00 - 12:00	Diving competence test from boat	Markus Brand
10.05.23, 13:00 - 16:00	Dive planning and risk assessment	Michael Schmid
10.05.23, 16:30 - 18:00	Seminar	Markus Brand
11.05.23, 08:00 - 12:00	Q&A Session, Preparation of dive equipment	Markus Brand
11.05.23, 14:00 - 18:00	Examination with scientific task and rescue scenario	Markus Brand
12.05.23, 09:00 - 11:00	Oral or written examination	Michael Schmid
12.05.23, 13:00 - 15:00	Apnoea and Pool examination	Markus Brand
12.05.23, 16:00 - 17:00	Debriefing of course	Michael Schmid
13.05.23, 10:00 - 13:00	Cleanup Dive centre	Markus Brand
13.05.23, 15:00	Departure to Cuxhaven	