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Australia International Dive Expo (AIDE) 2018

The 2018 instalment of the Australia International Dive Expo (AIDE) will take place once again at the International Convention Centre Sydney as part of the Sydney International Boat Show from 2-6 August.

- New Marine Program for Schools
- Presentations by Industry Experts
- Dive Try Outs in On-site Pool

For the second year, AIDE will feature in the largest recreational boating event in the Southern Hemisphere, taking up prime positioning again in the main hall.

2017's collaboration between the two Shows proved a huge success in bringing together water-lovers, while opening up a host of new opportunities to both exhibitors and visitors. With interest in scuba diving on the rise, the organisers of AIDE have shared that a marine program for school students will debut this year.

AIDE Director Ness Puvanes says the decision to start a school program as part of the Show is to not only get the next generation excited about the underwater world, but importantly, inspire them to take up scuba diving and also to learn about and get involved in marine conservation. The marine program will cover the key topics of scuba diving, photography/videography skills and ocean conservation.

Other highlights in this year's show include three on-site pools for dive try-outs and product demonstrations, dive gear maintenance workshops and a series of presentations by marine experts.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to shop for their next dive holiday, sign up for new dive courses, check out the latest scuba gear, photography equipment and get updated on new underwater gadgets and gizmos.

As per every year, there will be prizes to win including dive holidays, equipment and courses. There will also be a kids' corner for families with young children and for young photographers, there will be video and photography competition for registered schools.

Registration will open in June, when visitors can purchase their tickets online to avoid queues. The Australia International Dive Expo will be running from 2 - 6 August 2018 as part of the Sydney International Boat Show. Opening times will be 10am to 8pm in the halls, with the adjoining marina display closing daily at 7pm.

For further information about AIDE including the list of exhibitors, presentations, activities and workshops will be updated from time to time at www.australiadiveexpo.com. To find out more about the boat show, visit www.sydneycanboatshow.com.au. 

Create Your Own Custom Master Scuba Diver Program

PADI Master Scuba Divers™ are an elite group of respected divers with a wide range of training and experience, but your path to this ultimate scuba achievement can be customised according to your interests. Here are a few ideas:

'Eco' Master Scuba Diver

Whether you're an aspiring marine biologist, fish geek, or passionate environmentalist, an 'Eco' Master Scuba Diver program can greatly enhance your knowledge of underwater ecosystems. You only need five specialties for the Master Scuba Diver rating, but there are several courses to consider including: Peak Performance Buoyancy, Underwater Naturalist, Fish ID, Digital Underwater Photographer, Project AWARE Shark Conservation, Coral Reef Conservation, and/or Dive Against Debris specialties.

'Photo/Video-Focused' Master Scuba Diver

Shooting underwater photos and video has never been easier. That said, obtaining professional-quality images requires both training and experience. A Master Scuba Diver program that includes the Digital Underwater Photography online course (which also includes a section on video), Peak Performance Buoyancy, and Underwater Naturalist specialties will give an aspiring photographer or videographer the basic skills required to capture underwater images. The Enriched Air Diver specialty allows for longer, deeper dives.

Another course to consider would be PADI Rebreather Diver. By eliminating the noise and bubbles of an open circuit scuba system, divers can experience closer, more natural interactions with underwater life.

'Cold Water' Master Scuba Diver

Some of the world's coolest climates have some of the most spectacular diving - and fewer crowds. Whether you're preparing for an epic trip to Antarctica or a winter diving hotspot, the Dry Suit Diver, Ice Diver, and Full Face Mask specialties will help you go places other divers can't. Add Altitude Diver, Enriched Air Diver, or Wreck Diver depending on your diving destination. Use the ideas above as a starting place for your Master Scuba Diver journey. Talk to your PADI Instructor about what specialties they would recommend, and ask about any distinctive specialties your PADI Dive Centre or Resort may offer. In 2018, complete your training at a PADI Dive Shop in the Asia Pacific region and the usual PADI Master Scuba Diver application fees will be waived. 





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PHOTO/VIDEO COMPETITION

A chance for School Students (marine studies) from 16-18 year olds to show off their love for the water through their lenses

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