

# Snorkel Programs

## Participant-Level Programs

# Snorkel Diver

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### I. Intent

The SSI Snorkel Diver program provides a basic introduction to the common equipment and skills needed to snorkel safely.

### II. Minimum Instructor Rating

An active status Snorkel Instructor may conduct the Snorkel Diver program.

### III. Administrative Requirements

Prior to beginning training, they must complete the:

- Snorkel Diver, Try Freediving and Try Mermaid Participant Registration Form
- SSI Snorkel Diver, Try Freediving, and Try Mermaid Fit to Dive Screening and Responsible Diver Code
- SSI Snorkel Diver, Try Freediving, and Try Mermaid Assumption of Risk, Liability Release & Hold Harmless Agreement | Where required
- Youth Addendum | Where required

### IV. Student Prerequisites

- There is no minimum age for the Snorkel Diver program.

*Note | Students do not need to be proficient swimmers to participate in the Snorkel Diver program. They should be comfortable and able to maintain their buoyancy in water too deep to stand in prior to participating in open water sessions.*

### V. Duration

- There is no recommended duration for the Snorkel Diver program.

### VI. Depth Limitations

- If breath-hold diving is taught during the Snorkel Diver program, do not conduct training deeper than five (5) meters.

*Recommendation | If students are interested in breath-hold diving, they should be encouraged to take the SSI Basic Freediver program.*

### VII. In-Water Ratios

- There is no maximum in-water ratio for this program.
- The student-to-instructor ratio should be set by the individual instructor, based on their ability to effectively supervise and respond to their students' needs.
- Decrease this ratio whenever conditions or logistics require.

### VIII. Minimum Supervision

- An active status Snorkel Diver Instructor must directly supervise all academic and in-water activities.

### IX. Requirements For Completion

- Complete all in-water sessions as outlined in the instructor manual for Snorkel Diver in a pool, confined water, or open water environment.

### X. Issuing a Recognition Card

- The Snorkel Diver program is a recognition program only.
- Upon completion, process all students in MySSI so that they may receive their free digital recognition card on the MySSI app.