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Our Mission

The Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC) is dedicated to the safety of the recreational diving public. As such, one of the RSTC's primary goals is the development of worldwide minimum training standards. The establishment of globally recognized and implemented standards is a valuable asset in addressing local and national regulatory issues.

The RSTC is the mechanism for worldwide cooperation in reaching international consistency in minimum course training standards. The Recreational Scuba Training Council recognizes and accepts responsibility for the promotion of worldwide safety of the recreational diving public, international consistency of training standards and worldwide credibility of the RSTC.

The continued positive growth of the recreational diving industry requires a united effort by the certification associations. This places a great responsibility on the shoulders of those in the certification business to work together in the development of standards.



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History

In 1975 threatening legislation prompted the diving certification associations to form an organization to address the issue of minimum standards. Cooperation among the associations culminated in the acceptance of the standards by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These standards were published as the Z86.3 Minimum Standards for Scuba Diving.

A few years later, in 1986, during organizational meetings of the group, a decision was made to name the group the Recreational Scuba Training Council or more widely known as the RSTC.

The RSTC addresses many diverse issues involving certifications standards within the recreational diving industry. These issues involve all levels of certification, including leadership training and establishing industry-wide quality control procedures.

The RSTC works in concert with other diving standards organizations under the banner of the World Recreational Scuba Training Council (WRSTC) to ensure international standards consistency. RSTC minimum standards are the basis for the applicable International Standards Organization (ISO) Recreational Diving Services standards. The RSTC is also the Secretariat of the Recreational Diving Instructional Standards and Safety committee for ANSI, which is the official United States representative to ISO.

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Purpose

The primary purposes of the RSTC are education, the promotion of public safety and other items associated with the promotion and fostering of recreational scuba diving, including:

- The establishment of world-wide standards for the training of students scuba diving.
- The establishment of world-wide standards for the training and certification of dive supervisors, assistant instructors, instructors, and instructor trainers.

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Training Standards

The RSTC currently sets the minimum standards for the following courses.

- Introductory Scuba Experiences
- Supervised Diver
- Open Water Diver
- Recreational Nitrox Diver
- Entry Level Rescue Diver
- Recreational Dive Supervisor
- Recreational Assistant Scuba Instructor
- Recreational Scuba Instructor
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