

Why I Do Not Post a Schedule of Courses

The reason why I do not post a schedule of courses is because when you want to take a course, you want it now. What I have found over the years of having planned a yearly calendar with a listing of courses is most people's schedules do not match when they want to take the course they are interested in. They do not want to wait for the numbers of people making it cost effective and what many times happens is, the course is canceled, delayed, or you end up frustrated and never take the course. Many shops require a non-refundable payment for a course. So you risk having to do something you may not want to do. Currently in the industry, the solution is to sell you a CD/ online/course where you learn on your own. Some of these programs are very good but they lack the hands on follow-up with an instructor necessary for you to master the practical knowledge and skills of the course. Some of these courses are somewhat limiting and lack the breath of knowledge and skills (why you need to look at course standards and disregard the hype). I have used this format of training but it is not the sole learning tools I use in the courses I teach. We master the knowledge and skills by doing (direct application). For some people this requires additional time. You may want to consider a private lesson to enhance your learning experience.

Keep in mind that diving is a social activity and taking diving courses is a way to network and meet people who share the same interests. However, you may also have certain goals, and I am flexible enough to assist you. Yes you will pay a little more for a private/semiprivate lessons, but what I have found is they are very pleased with this kind of service/results, and I often times see them as repeat customers.

As an independent instructor I am not forced to promote a brand of equipment that may not be right for you. I work with all shops because they all have something to offer you. This allows me to focus on the most important factor in your diving education. **YOU!** Isn't that what you would want? I do travel and can provide to you the quality, guidance, and the training service you deserve. If you should have any questions, on the courses I can offer you, please give me a call at 847-702-0790 or email me at ghawk@charter.net. I look forward in speaking with you and sharing the great adventure.

Yours in Safe Diving,

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