



# Handicapped Scuba Association

Handicapped SCUBA Association (HSA) has an **adaptive SCUBA program** for people who are not able to meet traditional PADI scuba certification requirements. The program with HSA has comparable standards.

HSA was founded in 1981 by James Gatacre and started as a grassroots teaching effort and **sport diving group for the handicapped**. Several workshops were conducted with industry professionals from PADI, NAUI, physicians, as well as people with various disabilities to come up with a program that is comparable or adaptive to PADI training standards. Workshops were also conducted by the National Corporation in Aquatics Undersea Medical Society and Our World Underwater.



**TL SEA DIVING** has embraced this opportunity to expose the underwater realm to those who would otherwise never have an opportunity to participate in this spectacular sport. Since water is an excellent medium for rehabilitation, SCUBA diving can be considered one form of this. In HSA, there are currently **3 levels of certification** – A, B and C – based on protection and safety of all members of the dive team. Our class consists of PADI Open Water Knowledge Development, a **minimum** of 3 pool dives (with possibility of more if needed) and 5 open water dives. Our TL Sea Staff has been trained and certified as HSA Instructors and Dive Buddies, to assist with all dives.

## TL Sea's HSA Scuba Diving Course Includes:

- Full Equipment Rental
- 1 Academic Session
- 3 Pool Dives
- 5 Open Water Dives



For more information or to enroll in this wonderful program, please contact the Dive Center

