RAID UK & MALTA – DIVEMASTER XOVER PROCEDURE

Step 1 – Getting Started

If you are a **Dive Master Instructor or higher** with RAID UK & Malta you can **now** do a DiveMaster xOver with an individual within RAID UK & Malta territories.

Any specialty levels that allow the Divemaster to assist an instructor on a specific RAID Specialty course should be verified and xOver to RAID. For example a Divemaster assisting on a Deco40 course as a certified assistant, should xOver as both a RAID Deco40 diver and a RAID Divemaster. Levels can only xOver if the instructor in question has the ability to do so.

Please complete the xOver Credit Allocation spreadsheet and include:

- Divemaster rating
- Try Dive Instructor rating
- Specialty Diver ratings (if appropriate)

The xOver Credit Allocation spreadsheet (C.A.S.) can be found in the Pro Member Portal.

Please submit proof of:

- Certification(s)
- Experience
- Insurance
- Medical

RAID UK & Malta will then allocate the credits to appointed Dive Center which include:

- Try Dive Instructor (if relevant)
- Divemaster
- Relevant Specialty Levels

ALL LEVELS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY THE xOVER CANDIDATE PRIOR TO CLASSROOM OR IN WATER SESSIONS.

Step 2 - Online Registration

- All xOver candidates MUST register online to their instructor's dive center prior to enrolment on the xOver program.
- A valid photo must be uploaded.
- All xOver candidates must log at least one dive into the system. This is the first dive that the xOver candidate will have loaded into the RAID system. This dive should state that it is represents all the cumulative time and dives that the xOver candidate has completed during their career. The instructor must verify this based on their logbooks.

These all steps should be completed before the candidate attends the xOver, but it is mandatory they are done prior to certification as a new RAID Instructor.

Step 3 – Equipment

All xOver candidates will be required to have all equipment (in service) for use during the in-water sessions.

It is **MANDATORY** that all candidates bring their tablet or laptop to the xOver program.

Step 4 - XOver Process

Prior to participating in the xOver program, candidates MUST complete the quizzes and exams for:

- Divemaster Course
- Relevant Specialty Levels
- Try Dive Instructor*

*Candidates who are not qualified to conduct Try Dives or equivalent programs from their previous agency need to be encouraged to schedule in for an extra day and upgraded to Try Dive Instructors. They will be a much greater asset if they can conduct try dives in the pool.

It is highly recommended to load the core level courses into the candidates account, including:

- Open Water 20
- Advanced 35
- Master Rescue

This allows the xOver candidate to familiarize themselves with the RAID course structure enabaling them to perform their duties as a RAID Divemaster better, there is no need to certify these programmes simply assign the credit and remove it so they have access to the materials but not the exams.

The xOver program MUST be conducted as follows:

- XOver PowerPoint session. This can be found in the Pro Members Portal under XOver Program.

Candidates will receive information on the following topics:

- What is RAID.
- RAID history.
- Doing business with RAID.
- The RAID system.
- Course flowchart overview.
- Standards overview.
- Online course Quality Assurance
- How the diver and instructor signs off all confined and open water skills.
- How the dive center checks everything is satisfactory and signs off the student and the e-card is issued.
- Use of the online logbook and log their own dives.
- Confined water session where specific RAID skills will be discussed, demonstrated and practiced.
- Try Dive Instructor Assessment*
- Open Water Assessment
- Specialty Assesement

Step 6 - Confined Water Session (Recreational)

The primary reason for completing this session is to demonstrate the important differences between the RAID and other agency's philosophies.

The RAID buoyancy workshop. "Earn your Fins"
Step A

- Candidates enter deep water wearing only suit, mask and snorkel – NO FINS
- Candidates carry (in their hands so they can drop it easily and remain safe) a weight belt with only the weight they think they will need to sink. In order to sink the instructors will obviously exhale and start sinking.

There are two methods of exhalation

- Method 1 is to exhale while looking straight forward
- Method 2 is to extend the neck (look up) and exhale; this method should allow more air to be exhaled allowing them to remove some weight.

Once the correct weighting has been decided, then discuss the weight of the scuba apparatus and adjust weighting for the negative buoyancy of the gear.

Step B

- Candidates enter deep water with full equipment – NO FINS
- Practicing the two exhalation methods while adjusting weight to find the correct the amount of weight needed.
- Once candidates have descended they then hover horizontally on the bottom.
  Cylinders and weights may be needed to be repositioned for good trim.
  Once they are in trim, they have "earned their fins"; they can now hover while wearing their fins to perfect the skill.

Other Confined skills to be practiced and demonstrating by candidates

- Ideally using a long hose configuration, (2 meter / 7-foot) positioning and practical use must be practiced.
- Snorkel Remove and replace with regulator switch while on the surface.
- Regulator recovery.
- Gas sharing with primary regulator donate.
- SMB deployment underwater.
- S-Drill with bubble check and regulator switch.
- Hover and trim.
- Every ITALIC skill on the Pro Skill Circuit slate
- Every skill with an asterisk* on the Pro Skill Circuit slate
- A perfect demonstration of mask remove and replace while neutrally buoyant.
- A Rescue Workshop conducted by the xOver candidate.
- Try Dive Workshop (role play)

Step 7: Open Water Session (Recreational)
The Primary reason for this session is to ensure that the base diving skills are up to scratch and any specialty levels that require in-water time can be covered.

Assign the xOver candidate with at least 1 Open Water skill assessments from <u>each different level</u> they are taking with them to RAID.

Step 8: Sign-off
Ensure all Confined Water and Open Water sessions have been signed by both the certifying professional and the xOver candidate for the following programmes:

- Try Dive Instructor
- All Specialties
- Divemaster

Upon completion of all sign offs, notify the administrator for the relevant RAID center to sign these off.

Step 9: Consultation, Certification & Feedback forms

The Instructor must spend some time with each xOver candidate, remember the xOver is not an assessment or exam, it is a process during which diving professionals can be inducted into RAID, that being said it is important to ensure our quality and the RAID difference.

During the consultation you must encourage an open dialogue between you and the candidate.

- If all standards haven't been met and remedial training is required prior to certification make it specific why certification in not yet appropriate and create a progression plan with the candidate.
- If all standards have been met and the candidate is certified but remedial training is still needed ensure a specific follow up plan is made.