

## Underwater Pumpkin Carving Diver Course

Welcome to the course!

Pumpkin carving has been a tradition for many years during the fall and Halloween months. Pumpkins have been grown in North America for five thousand years and are indigenous to the Western Hemisphere. The carving of gourds originated in Ireland hundreds of years ago, but on turnips or potatoes. Once the Irish discovered pumpkins in the United States, the Jack-O-Lantern was born! We are taking it one step further and adding the challenge of carving our pumpkins underwater!

**Course Starts at 2pm:** You should have received paperwork to complete PRIOR to showing up at the Dive site. If you have not – Contact Dive World- 512-219-1220

Paperwork will include: RSTC Medical, Liability Form and Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement.

We will have a short “class” beginning at 2 pm at Windy Point. Then using your new found knowledge, we will dive and carve your pumpkins. You may enter this pumpkin in the contest or carve another.

### **What to bring:**

#### **Required:**

All diving equipment (including tanks)

Pumpkin to carve

Carving tools to remove the top of the pumpkin. (Pumpkin Carving kit or BLUNT tip Dive Knife)

Carving tools to carve your design. (could be same as above - NO pointed tips)

Most carving tools are small and some float!! so be sure to attach them on a string!

Extra weight to make your pumpkin neutrally buoyant. (small increments recommended – 6 to 8 lbs)

Mesh bag to hold pumpkin and pumpkin guts. (guts and cut out pieces will float!)

#### **Recommended:**

Etching tool to shave shallow detail into the pumpkin exterior. (The design cannot be exclusively etched)

Slate ( pre-drawn desired design ).

Extra props to add to your pumpkin on the surface

A means of lighting up your pumpkin underwater ( small dive light, caylume ( glow sticks), strobe, etc.).