



AAUS Scientific Diver Swim Test Requirements

SCUBAnauts International is an organizational member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS). Members of AAUS all agree to train their divers to a rigorous and shared standard. There are limited opportunities to participate in AAUS training, and even fewer for youth. Most AAUS courses are offered in university settings or as part of a profession that requires scientific diving.

One standard all divers must meet annually and prior to getting in the water with SCUBAnauts is a swim test. This test is measured very specifically and is non-negotiable. Nauts should practice before scheduling a swim test and show up confident they can pass. We can provide coaching and multiple attempts at each component, but some effort must be put forth by the naut to prepare.

An AAUS medical must be on file and approved by the Dive Safety Officer prior to participating in a swim test.

Swim test components include:

- Swim underwater for a distance of 25 yards (23 meters) without surfacing
- Swim 400 yards (366 meters) in less than 12 minutes
- Tread water for 10 minutes
- Transport a passive person of equal size a distance of 25 yards (23 meters) in the water.