

Deep Sea Divers Den - Advice to Divers Form

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIVE SUPERVISOR

Qualifications - Supervision Req Yes No Cert Card sighted? Yes No Assessment Dive Req Yes No

Experience - Supervision Req Yes No Assessment Dive Req Yes No Supervision Req Yes No

Medical advice obtained (if req): Name of Doctor _____ Time of call _____

Advice Given: _____

Dive Supervisor Name _____ Dive Sup Signature _____ Date _____

Name Age Date of Birth

Qualifications Agency Cert Level Cert Date

Experience Date of most recent dive Total Dives Max Depth

Ocean Diving: Yes No Number of dives Date of last dive

Night Diving: Yes No Number of dives Date of last dive

MEDICAL FITNESS: Do you consider yourself fit to dive? Yes No Date of last dive medical

Are you currently suffering from any illness or injury? Yes No If Yes please specify

Are you currently taking any prescription medication (excluding oral contraceptives) Yes No

If Yes please specify

Since your last dive medical have you suffered from any conditions that may affect your fitness to dive? Yes No

If Yes please specify

You will receive a briefing from a crewmember for every dive site. You are advised to ensure you are familiar with the following before commencing any dive at a particular site: Boundaries of the dive site, environmental conditions at the site, e.g. depth, terrain, currents, visibility and behavior of marine animals likely to be encountered, entry and exit points from the vessel, location and roles of supervisory staff, especially Dive Supervisor and Lookout

You are also reminded regarding the following about you diving practices: Regularly monitor air levels in cylinders. The minimum for returning on board is 50 bar (or 750 psi), always dive in buddy teams, Never dive to depths greater than that to which you have been trained or have experience, DIVING BEYOND 40 METRES DEPTH IS NOT ALLOWED FROM ANY DSDD VESSEL, PASSENGERS AND CREW INCLUDED, You have a responsibility as a diver to dive safely and comply with the instructions of the crew.

RECALL PROCEDURES - The **Underwater** recall signal is, continuous banging on the side of the hull of the vessel OR tender engine revving in neutral above you. This is an **EMERGENCY** signal and will not be used unless an emergency exists. When the recall signal is heard, all divers are to surface cautiously as soon as possible, all the time being aware that the vessel may be moving. Ascent speed should not exceed 18m per minute, but safety stops should be omitted. Upon surfacing, return to vessel as soon as possible, unless directed by the crew. The **Surface** recall signal is, Whistle or ships horn, with hand signal "come here".

DISTRESS AND RESCUE PROCEDURES Any diver in distress underwater, is advised to surface as soon as possible, preferably at a rate not exceeding 18 metres per minute. If possible, the diver's buddy should be signalled before ascending. If the diver has serious doubt about reaching the surface, they should drop their weightbelt and/or inflate their BCD. Once on the surface, immediately establish positive buoyancy by inflating the BCD or dropping the weightbelt or both. Once positively buoyant (floating) on the surface, signal for assistance by waving arms (distress signal), and/or taking one fin off and waving that towards boat and/or using the whistle to attract attention. If all the above fails to get a response, or the vessel can not be seen, inflate the "safety sausage" (SMB) and hold upright in the water. If dusk or after dark, activate the chemical light stick provided, or if using "safety sausage" seal torch in opening to illuminate signal tube. Divers who are not in need of urgent or immediate assistance, but would like assistance back to the vessel, please raise one arm and hold this upright with a clenched fist. To avoid "false rescues", all divers are requested to signal "O.K." back to the boat/lookout any time they arrive on the surface, or any time they are challenged for a signal by the lookout or crew.

PLEASE advise the Dive Supervisor or snorkeling guide if you have any concerns about a medical condition. We also advise that you consider the following factors:

1. The risks to health and safety from a build-up and release of nitrogen in the blood and bodily tissues because of multiple dives in any 24 hour period; or because of a series of dives over a number of days with inadequate surface intervals to allow the nitrogen to off-gas.
2. The risk to health and safety from nitrogen narcosis at depth and the need to move to shallower water if this occurs.
3. The danger of maximum bottom time non-decompression diving.
4. The risks of decompression diving.
5. The need for safety stops.
6. **The risks associated with flying or altitude exposure after diving: The longer the period between diving and subsequent flying, the less likely it is that decompression illness will occur. After a single dive, you are advised to wait a minimum of 12 hours before flying in pressurized aircraft. Where divers have had multiple dives for several consecutive days or have made dives that require decompression stops, the minimum time before flying after diving should be extended to 24 hours.**
7. The effects of dehydration after diving.
8. The risks associated with exertion after diving.
9. The risks associated with diving while ill.
10. You should remain aware of both your own and your buddy's limitations and take these into account when diving.
11. You should make use of the flotation devices that are available: wetsuits and flotation vests (BCD's).
12. If you cannot swim, or have any concerns about diving, you should discuss these with the Dive Supervisor.
13. You should abstain from drinking alcohol prior to diving
14. You should manage the risks of sun exposure and hypothermia, through the use of clothing, sun screen, wet suits and covering up from the wind on leaving the water.
15. A lookout wearing a brightly coloured shirt will be on duty at all times while diving and snorkelling is taking place and divers and snorkellers are advised to signal the lookout at any time if they require assistance.
16. The vessel is equipped with a first aid kit, oxygen, and suitably qualified crew to carry out this treatment if required.
18. A roll call will be conducted every time before the vessel departs any site .

I hereby affirm that I am a certified diver, or a student diver under the control and supervision of a certified scuba instructor, and that I thoroughly understand the hazards of scuba diving, including those hazards occurring during boat travel to and from the dive site. I understand that these hazards include being struck by a boat while in the water, injuries occurring while getting on or off a boat, and other perils of the sea. By signing this release, I certify that I am fully aware and expressly assume these risks involved in making such a dive or dives, whether conducted as a recreational dive or part of a diving class.

I understand and agree that neither the master of the vessel, Dive Supervisor, Instructors, Divemasters, crew members, managers or owner of the vessel, nor the vessels ReefQuest, SeaQuest, OceanQuest, TAKA nor Ecolight Pty. Ltd t/a Deep Sea Divers Den., nor the owners, officers, employees, agents, or assigns of the above listed individuals and/or entities (hereinafter "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any occurrence on this dive trip which may result in personal injury, property damage, wrongful death or other damage to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this boat trip and scuba dive(s) or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have obtained the written consent of my guardian.

I do, by this instrument, exempt and release all the above listed parties and/or individuals from all liability and responsibility for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death however caused, including, but not limited to, product liability or the negligence of the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing paragraphs, fully understand the potential dangers incidental to engaging in this boat trip and scuba dive(s), am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing this instrument, and that I understand and agree that this document is legally binding and will preclude me from recovering monetary damages from the above listed entities and/or individuals, whether specifically named or not, for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence or product liability.

Signature of participant

Date

Guardian Signature

Relation

Date

Address in Cairns

Home Address

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone

Relationship