

Murdoch University Divers

Safety Regulations

1 All members will agree to abide by the safety regulations of the Club as listed.

2 Safety Regulations: General

2.1 Members of the Club are responsible for their own safety at all times. The Club will not accept liability for any injury, loss of life or any other loss or damage arising from the use of Club equipment or participation in Club activities.

2.2 No member of the Club will dive with SCUBA equipment loaned from the Club, or on a Club organised dive, unless accompanied at all times by another diver in a pre-arranged 'BUDDY' system.

2.3 No member will allow the use of Club SCUBA equipment by any non-member.

2.4 No SCUBA equipment will be loaned to any Ordinary Member unless:

2.4.1 the diving qualifications (i.e. at least 'Open Water' or equivalent) of all relevant divers have been sighted by a Committee member or a member performing the duties of Equipment Officer on roster; or

2.4.2 the member is undergoing training for such qualification.

2.5 While using Club equipment, or on a Club organised dive, no member will undertake a dive which would require a decompression stop as recommended under any approved dive tables. All dives will be 'no decompression dives'.

2.6 While using Club equipment, or on a Club organised dive, no member will dive to a depth exceeding the recommended maximum depth of their highest ranking dive qualification.

2.7 While using Club equipment, or on a Club organised dive, a dive flag must be displayed at the dive site when divers are in the water.

2.8 While using Club equipment, or on a Club organised dive, after sundown, each member must dive with at least one water-proof torch and no less than three torches between a buddy pair. Glow sticks should also be used. All other light sources required by the relevant government regulations for night diving must be adhered to.

2.9 No member while using Club SCUBA equipment, or on Club organised dive, will engage in spear fishing.

2.10 No Club member is to fill a SCUBA tank, or fit a SCUBA tank with other Club equipment, unless it has undergone an authorised hydrostatic test within the previous twelve months and bears the appropriate stamp.

2.11 All members should surface with at least 50 Bar pressure remaining in their tank.

3 Safety Regulations: Club Organised Dives and Dive Courses

3.1 A qualified Dive Master must be present on all Club organized dives and all members will obey the Dive Master's directions at all times subject to these by-Laws.

3.2 All members should surface with at least 50 Bar pressure remaining in their tank.

3.3 A surface watch will be maintained for all dives

3.4 The Dive Master will ensure that all persons are aware of the location and use of all safety and emergency equipment, diving safety procedures and the Club's safety By-Laws.

3.5 The Dive Master will maintain a log of all member's dives including their bottom time, total time under water, maximum depth and pressure group.

3.6 The Dive Master will inform members or be informed by members of their dive plan and pressure group at the briefing preceding the dive.

3.7 Pre-dive buddy checks will be performed.

3.8 A dive flag (International Code Flag A) will be flown whenever divers are in the water.

3.9 Any dive instructor providing a dive course using Club equipment shall agree to the "Dive Instructor/Murdoch University Divers Club Agreement"