

TUDC Diving Code

All Tasmanian University Dive Club (TUDC) divers must have the training or experience required for the proposed dive(s). Each diver should use common sense when deciding whether or not to participate in a dive regardless of their capabilities.

Every TUDC Diver has responsibility for, but not limited to:

1. Diving safely within the limits of their experience and qualifications. If a diver is uncertain about their ability to safely undertake a proposed dive, they should refuse to attempt that dive, and may do so without prejudice;
2. Not diving within 8 hours of consuming alcohol;
3. Ensuring that they are medically and physically fit for each dive;
4. Giving their full attention during the pre-dive briefing, as this will include information regarding:
 - a. The dive plan and dive teams;
 - b. The intended max. depth, safety stops and the geography of the site;
 - c. Conditions to be expected at the dive site (entry, exit, current, weather, visibility etc.);
 - d. Any special considerations;
 - e. Anticipated hazards and other risks;
 - f. Familiarisation with lost buddy procedures; and
 - g. Allowing time for questions.
5. Following all Dive Coordinator's (DC's) directions in addition to the defined guidelines for TUDC diving;
 - a. Discuss the dive plan with their buddy before the dive, be familiar with their buddies equipment, inform DC of their dive plan;
 - b. Dive to the dive plan;
 - c. Maintaining contact with their dive buddy, monitoring their own air supply, and informing their buddy at regular intervals of air status. All dives should be completed with at least 30 bar of air remaining;
 - d. Undertaking Lost Buddy Procedures in the event of losing contact with a dive buddy (search 360°, ascend 3-5m, search 360°, then surface);
 - e. Checking that both they and their diving buddies are healthy before and after the dive;
 - f. Performing a 3 minute safety stop at 3-5 m on every dive of greater than 9m depth, unless unsafe to do so;
 - g. Not diving with any malfunctioning equipment, and reporting any equipment fault to the DC; and
 - h. Notifying the DC of any incident or injury that occurs to them or their buddy as soon as possible.
6. Ensuring they have all equipment required (see below), and conduct a functional check of their diving equipment in the presence of their diving buddy;
 - a. Adequate thermal protection;
 - b. Mask, fins, snorkel and a sharp dive knife;
 - c. A weight system with quick-release;
 - d. An in-test SCUBA cylinder and valve;
 - e. A regulator and an alternative air source;
 - f. A buoyancy control device (BCD) with oral and auto-inflators;
 - g. A pressure gauge, depth gauge and timing device;
 - h. Sufficient quantity of breathing gas (including a 30% safety reserve); and
 - i. Specialist diving equipment when required (eg. Torches, lines, redundant air supplies, etc.).