

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. No planned deco diving, and no 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; Not diving with any malfunctioning equipment, and reporting any equipment fault to the DC; and
 - g. 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.).
7. The Tas Uni Dive Club is a group of qualified SCUBA Divers brought together and affiliated with the Tasmanian University Union. The club engages in activities related to SCUBA diving including the use of equipment. I recognise that SCUBA diving is dangerous and I could die and/or suffer permanent injury or disability. As a qualified diver I acknowledge that I am responsible for my actions and ensuring my safety while engaged in any activities with the club. I am not to undertake any activity that I am uncomfortable about. If I am unsure about anything I will ask until I am satisfied that I understand. I am qualified at least to an 'Open Water' (or equivalent) level and I acknowledge that I am competent to dive and be responsible for myself. No member owes me a duty of care beyond that of a reasonable 'Open Water' SCUBA diver, except where the parameters of the dive demand a higher qualification and/or equivalent level of experience, when the duty of care expected may be that of a diver qualified and/or suitably experienced for that particular dive. I agree that I am responsible for checking all equipment is in working order before use, or if unable to do so not using the equipment until it has been checked. I understand club equipment will not normally be professionally checked or serviced more frequently than once a year. I will report any problems that I find but will not attempt to repair them or have them repaired.

I, in consideration for myself receiving permission to participate in club activities hereby release, waive and discharge the Tasmanian University Dive Club affiliated with the Tasmanian University Student Association (hereinafter referred to as Releasees) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by myself or to any property in the possession of myself, while participating in the above activity or whilst travelling to or from this activity.

I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with allowing myself to participate in this activity, including the risk of physical injury or disability as the result of such injury, and I hereby allow myself to voluntarily participate in said activity. I voluntarily assume full responsibility of any risk of loss, property damage, or personal injury that may be sustained by myself, or any loss or damage to property in the possession of myself, as a result of being engaged in such activity.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs that may incur due to my participation in said activity.

It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives, if I am not alive, and shall be deemed a release, waiver, and discharge above named Releasees. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability shall be construed in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

I understand the Releasees will not be held responsible for any medical costs associated with an injury I may sustain during the above activity.

I further agree to become familiar with the rules and regulations for my conduct and agree that I will not violate said rules or any directive or instruction made by the persons in charge of said activity and that I will further assume the complete risk of any activity done in violation of said rule, directive, or instruction.

I also understand that I am urged to obtain adequate health and accident insurance to cover any personal injury to myself which may be sustained during the activity or transportation to or from said program and activities.

In signing this release, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed: no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing agreement have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the release for full, adequate, and complete consideration, fully intending to be bound by the same.

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