

**VESSEL LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER
THIS IS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS TO SUE**

1. I UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT IS TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE _____ (NAME OF DIVE STORE, HEREAFTER CALLED DIVE STORE) AND _____ (NAME OF VESSEL, HEREAFTER CALLED VESSEL) ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND DIVE BOATS WHETHER OWNED, OPERATED, LEASED OR CHARTERED AND TO HOLD THESE ENTITIES HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION ON THEIR PART INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE.

2. I am by my signature affirming that I am a certified scuba diver or a student diver. I have been taught and understand that scuba diving is a hazardous activity with inherent risks and dangers associated therewith including, but not limited to risks associated with equipment failures, perils of the sea and acts of fellow divers which could result in my serious injury or death. BY WAY OF MY SIGNATURE I EXPRESSLY ASSUME THESE RISKS. I assert that I am physically fit to participate in the sport of scuba diving and snorkeling and I agree by way of my signature that I will not hold any of the above named individuals, persons, or entities responsible if I am injured as a result of any medical conditions while scuba diving and/or snorkeling. I do not have in my possession any illegal drugs, nor am I taking, nor have I recently taken any drugs or medications which could cause an adverse reaction as a result of combining such drugs and/or medication with scuba diving.

3. Prior to leaving the dock I will inspect all of my equipment to be used and I will notify the dive store of any equipment which I find to not be functioning properly. I will not hold the dive store or any of its employees, agents or dive boats, nor the vessel responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to diving.

4. I will be present and attentive to the safety briefings given by the divemasters and the boat captain. I understand that I have an affirmative duty to plan and carry out my own dive and to be responsible for my own safety. By way of my signature I expressly agree that I will plan all my dives as no decompression dives with at least a three minute safety stop at 15 feet prior to ascending to the surface. I fully agree that I will start my ascent at the end of each dive with enough air to guarantee being on the vessel with a minimum amount of air in my tank as required by the dive leader.

5. I will immediately cease and abort my dive if:

- (1) I feel uncomfortable with my diving abilities and/or;
- (2) Diving conditions are worse than those for which I have been trained or for which I am comfortable.

6. I am fully aware and have been trained in the dangers, risks and hazards of holding my breath while diving on compressed air. I fully agree not to hold the above named individuals, entities or vessels responsible for any such act by me. In the eventuality that I become distressed at the surface, I will IMMEDIATELY drop my weight belt and INFLATE MY BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR. I understand that if I want or need any assistance from the vessel, the Dive Master, or the Captain I will give the proper "Diver in trouble" signal. I understand that this activity may be conducted in a remote site by time and distance from a medical facility and a recompression chamber. Nevertheless I expressly wish to proceed with this trip.

7. BY WAY OF MY SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENTION BY WAY OF THIS INSTRUMENT TO GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO SUE ALL INDIVIDUALS, OR ENTITIES OR VESSELS REFERRED TO HEREIN, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NAMED OR NOT AND IT IS ALSO MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE VESSEL, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND DIVE BOATS WHETHER OWNED, OPERATED, LEASED OR CHARTERED FROM ALL LIABILITY ARISING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE. BY WAY OF MY SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT I FULLY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THESE ENTITIES NAMED WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OF ANY SORT, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH BY MYSELF, HEIRS AND ASSIGNEDS, AND I ASSUME EXPRESSLY ALL RISKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF SNORKELING AND SCUBA DIVING.

8. BY WAY OF MY SIGNATURE GIVEN VOLUNTARILY I EVIDENCE THAT I HAVE READ FULLY AND UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF BEFORE SIGNING MY NAME BELOW. I FULLY AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN AND REALIZE THEY ARE GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE DIVE STORE AND THE VESSEL ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A CONTRACT.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Print Name)

(Telephone)

(Permanent Address)

(City, St, Zip)

Participants under the age of 18 must also have parent or guardian's signature.

Local address

(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

Local telephone



STANDARD SAFE DIVING PRACTICES STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Please read carefully before signing.

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving. Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, _____, understand that as a diver I should:
(Print Name)

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity, and refer to my course materials to stay current and refresh myself on important information.
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical diving unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar; and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Have a buoyancy control device, low-pressure buoyancy control inflation system, submersible pressure gauge and alternate air source and dive planning/monitoring device (dive computer, RDP/dive tables—whichever you are trained to use) when scuba diving. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive planning (dive computer or dive table use). Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 metres/60 feet per minute. Be a **SAFE** diver – **S**lowly **A**scend **F**rom **E**very dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 metres/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear for easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving. Carry at least one surface signaling device (such as signal tube, whistle, mirror).
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float or other surface support station, whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and dive flag laws.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well-being, and that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.

Participant's Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)

Date (Day/Month/Year)