

STATEMENT OF CLUB DIVE POLICY OF THE NASJAX SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING CLUB, INCORPORATED

(Revised 02/17/2016)

1. Restrictions on Who May Dive

SCUBA dives are open to those who have successfully completed a course of instruction in scuba diving, have been certified, and have a waiver on file with the club. A SCUBA course is defined as one sanctioned by one of the nationally recognized certifying agencies.

Apart from the general rule with respect to certification, who may dive will also depend upon the degree of skill and experience required under the circumstances to make a given dive safely. Many dives are open to all certified divers.

As a general guideline:

Novice Divers are individuals with little or no diving experience beyond their scuba training, pool work, open water checkout dives, and within one year of being certified. Under appropriate supervision they may participate in club dives such as, but not limited to lake dives, spring dives, sink dives, ocean dives and specified boat dives.

Experienced Divers are individuals who have had more than one year(s) of active diving and/or have acquired certification(s) beyond the Basic level. Experienced divers are qualified to participate in novice dives, certain wreck dives, deep-water dives, and dives where bottom and/or conditions require a degree of skill and experience for safety.

FINAL SAY as to who will be permitted to make a particular dive rests with the Club Dive Coordinator and/or Designated Dive Trip Leader in charge of that dive.

2. General Policy with Respect to Scheduled Club Dives

Each scheduled club dive shall have a designated Dive Trip Leader. The Designated Dive Trip Leader may suspend an individual's privilege to participate in the scheduled dive event if the Designated Dive Trip Leader perceives the safety of the individual or others will be jeopardized. The Designated Dive Trip Leader for the trip and/or dive reserves the right to assign additional and/or alternate Designated Trip Leaders. In order to dive on a club sanctioned or club sponsored dive, a club member must have a waiver of indemnity and their guest(s) must sign a waiver of indemnity in order to dive.

3. Policy with Respect to Dives/Events Requiring an Individual's Financial Commitment

Many club events have a charge to pay for the costs incurred in holding that activity. These activities include all sponsored events where club funds have been committed. Because of the extensive planning, financial outlay involved and on boat dives, limited space available, the rules on these activities are more stringent and will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. A club sponsored dive is defined as a dive approved by the executive board and prepaid with club funds. A club sanctioned dive is a dive set-up by a club member and is not prepaid by the club. It must have prior Club Dive Coordinator approval before being announced at a club meeting in order to be covered by these policies.

The Dive Coordinator or designated Trip Leader will take sign-ups for a particular dive trip. Full payment will be made in advance when you sign-up or within a schedule set by the Trip/Event Coordinator. If it is a club sponsored dive, payment may be made in cash or check payable to the club Treasurer. If it is a club sanctioned dive, payment is made to the Dive Trip Leader. In both types of dives, club members will pay for their dives on or before the payment date set by the Club Dive Coordinator or Dive Trip Leader. It should be noted that any person who affirmatively (i.e. payment) indicates to the Dive Coordinator or Dive Trip Leader, that they want to attend a particular event they will be considered as “signed up” for that event. They are under obligation to tender the appropriate sum unless they cancel in accordance with the rules noted below. No Money, No Go!

Sign-up preference will be given to qualified club members in good standing. If a given dive cannot be filled within a reasonable period of time (set by the Club Dive Coordinator or assigned Dive Trip Leader, it will be opened to qualified non-members. The rule is “First Come, First Serve” based on payment. A waiting list will be maintained by the Dive Coordinator or assigned Dive Trip Leader.

If for any reason an individual who has signed up for a dive must cancel, he/she must give the Club Dive Coordinator or Dive Trip Leader oral or written notice of the cancellation not later than the designated cutoff date in order to obtain a complete refund. Failure to give proper notice of cancellation will result in forfeiture of deposit, unless the Club Dive Coordinator or assigned Dive Trip Leader has a substitute on the waiting list or the canceling individual finds a substitute. The substitute must be acceptable to the Club Dive Coordinator or designated Dive Trip Leader. If no substitute is found, the canceling individual will be given no refund. Bear in mind that time and tide waits for no one. If any individual is tardy (fails to show at the dock) and misses the dive departure, he/se will not be refunded his/her money. All departure times will be strictly adhered to.

Failure to fulfill an individual financial commitment on club sponsored events will result in loss of club membership and will make that person ineligible to participate in any club activities even as a guest until obligation is resolved.

If the dive activity is canceled in advance of the scheduled date, the Club Dive Coordinator or assigned Dive Trip Leader, will attempt to contact personally all those who have signed up and all money will be refunded at or before the next Club meeting.

If a dive activity is canceled at dockside, by the dive operation or the boat captain, because of inclement weather, etc., all unexpended monies associated with that dive activity will be refunded.

Prices of dives vary and those stated on the newsletter calendar are subject to change without advance notice.

Dive shops and/or boat operators, may offer the person coordinating the trip a complimentary space on the boat. Club policy is that the trip/event coordinator of this dive has the option at his/her discretion to utilize this space. Members will be charged the lowest possible price at time of booking based on the dive operation's discount policy based on number of divers.

4. Alcoholic Beverages and Illicit Drugs

Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed at club activities where specifically prohibited by trip/event coordinator. Club sanctioned or club sponsored dives specifically prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on boats and chartered carriers. Illicit drugs will not be allowed at any club activity.

5. Raffles and Door Prizes

Any person, member or guest, present at a regular monthly meeting may win a door prize. Eligibility to receive the quarterly meeting raffle prizes, or raffle prizes at the Christmas party, will be restricted to club members in good standing only.