

# **NASJAX Skin & SCUBA Diving Club, Inc.**

## **SCUBA Diving Safety Rules**

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1. When the Dive Club has a dive function, the Designated Trip Leader and/or Dive Club Coordinator are responsible for the enforcement of Club Safety Rules.
2. No one dives alone. While diving, buddy teams will always stay together.
3. No one dives without the proper and appropriate dive equipment. Additionally, Club divers will only dive within his/her level of certification. Many dive charters require higher levels of training, it is the diver's responsibility to obtain this training prior to that dive. It is highly recommended that divers have their dive logs in their possession as proof of their past year's dive dates and depths. A lot of dive charters/dive sites require this.
4. The Designated Trip Leader reserves the right to check any diver's equipment for proper operation at any time.
5. The Designated Trip Leader may exclude anyone from entering the water, if it is determined that water conditions are unsuitable for safe diving. No one will be permitted to make a dive requiring decompression.
6. Every diver must have a snorkel, audible signaling device and inflatable safety tube (safety sausage) when diving. It is recommended that each diver have a knife or cutting device and compass.
7. Each diver must have his/her own timing device and depth gauge, if not using a computer.
8. Every dive buddy team must determine before their dive, if they are going to use dive tables or computers to make their planned dive. If they are using dive tables, each diver must know his/her NO-DECO limits, repetitive group designator and be prepared for unexpected decompression procedures in the event of an emergency. **PLAN YOUR DIVE AND DIVE YOUR PLAN.**

9. If computers are to be used, both members of the buddy team must have his/her own computer. One member of the team cannot use dive tables, while the other uses a computer. If a computer defaults/blanks out, the team will end their dive and make a slow ascent at a rate recommended by the computer manufacturer and exit the water. The affected diver is recommended to follow the computer manufacturers or DAN guidelines for outgassing following a computer failure prior to continued diving.

10. Each diver must gauge his/her own tank before entering the water. Regulators must be equipped with a submersible pressure gauge and an alternate air source.

11. If using a NITROX oxygen mix while diving, ensure the oxygen percentage in each tank is verified when picking up your tanks. Also, ensure this NITROX oxygen percentage is entered into your dive computer.

12. Loaded spearguns will not be permitted on land or on the dive boat. Spearguns will be loaded/unloaded well beneath the water surface. All spear points and barbs will remain covered prior to entering the water. All State and Federal fishing regulations on fish and lobster sizes and limits will be adhered to. Loaded power heads are prohibited from club dives.

13. No one dives under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs. Termination of further diving is automatic by the Designated Trip Leader and the diver could be subject to club expulsion.

14. Decisions of the Club Dive Coordinator and/or Designated Trip Leader are final and binding.