

Check yourself and your buddy before every dive
because **B**reathing **W**ater **R**eally **A**in't Fun!

Buoyancy: BCD + Drysuit

- ☐ BCD: oral inflate / power inflate / holds air / no leaks
- ☐ Deflators work / check all of them, up to 4!
- ☐ BCD partially filled for entry
- ☐ Cylinder secured
- ☐ Drysuit fully zipped / inflates / deflates
- ☐ Audible signaling device present & reachable

Weights

- ☐ Correct amount? Verify in water, use just enough
- ☐ Secured, snug, won't fall off
- ☐ Can reach and use quick releases by feel
- ☐ Weight belt right-hand release
- ☐ Weights positioned for proper horizontal trim

Releases

- ☐ BC & weight system(s) fastened / snugged
- ☐ Locate all releases by feel without looking
- ☐ Nothing trapped underneath straps, belts. No twists
- ☐ **Continue on the back side of this checklist.**

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Start on the other side, then continue here.

Air

- ☐ Gas mix known if air / analyzed if green/yellow nitrox tank
- ☐ Gas smells OK
- ☐ Gas sufficient for dive as planned?
- ☐ Valve fully on / breathe primary & watch SPG (no drop)
- ☐ Buddy breathes alternate & watches SPG (no drop)
- ☐ Properly locate / secure alternate air source
- ☐ Turn, ascent, & reserve pressures planned & discussed

Final OK

- ☐ Computer on / battery OK / correct gas / know how to use
- ☐ Flashlight works & fully charged. Carry 2+ if night diving
- ☐ Cutting tools / compass present
- ☐ Visual signaling device present (SMB, DSMB, mirror)
- ☐ Full scan: no gear out of place or missing / all streamlined
- ☐ Fins, mask, snorkel
- ☐ How feeling? Discuss concerns. Want/healthy to dive?
- ☐ Remember: primary objective is to return safely
- ☐ Any diver can cancel any dive for any reason –

always!

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