



Pre-departure Check List

This must be completed prior to setting off from harbour. It is strongly recommended that DMs go through the list once a week before the trip to ensure everything will be in place, and then again, on the morning of the dive, prior to setting off to the harbour, to ensure nothing relevant is left at the accommodation.

Dive planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell everyone their buddies – so they can arrange equipment appropriately, start dive planning etc• Ensure divers have the required equipment (DSMBs, whistles, line cutters, torches etc).• Dive site location info (including for any backup sites)• Tide/slack info (including for any backup sites)• Weather information (for next 6 hours)• Dive slate(s)• Pen/pencil for recording info• (if appropriate) notify harbour master or other relevant authorities of plans
Emergency planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• O2 / Defib / First aid kit - in the hatch under the bench• Emergency contact details for all on board (inc non divers) present.• Manifest of who is on board (inc emergency contact details) sent to the designated shore cover• Notify Coastguard or shore cover of plans and expected return time• Casualty assessment forms (in the DM pack)• Charts (if required - as a backup to the boat's computer)• Ample water on board
Boat Check List (delegate to cox'n)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bung is in (esp if launched from the dry-stack – send someone in!)• Boat briefing – esp for any new people• Tubes inflated• Fuel sufficient• Tools and fire extinguisher present under driver's seat• Radio – working and on channel 16 (do a routine traffic to the coastguard)• Backup hand-held radio (if going out of mobile phone range)• Flares present and in date• Kill cord (and spare on the rack behind driver's seat)• Echo Sounder working• GPS working• Nav lights working• Elephant trunk is up• A-flag is present (under the tubes on the starboard stern)• Everyone is wearing a life jacket or a zipped up dry suit