



Club Diving Rules

BSAC London No 1

GENERAL

- In case of any inconsistency or ambiguity between these rules and the club constitution, the latter shall have sway
- These rules may be changed at any time by majority vote of the club committee so long as at least 75% of the committee, including the Diving Officer and Training Officer are present

NEW MEMBERS

- Qualification cards must be inspected for all new members before that member is allowed into the pool or on any club dive trips
- All new members, regardless of experience or qualifications, must go in the pool with an instructor before going on any club dive trips

POOL DIVING

This is where we train and where we instill good diving habits. Therefore, we don't do things in the pool that we would not do in the sea.

- An appropriately qualified person must be present at the water side to offer surface support whenever divers are in the water. Appropriate qualifications include: Lifeguard; BSAC Sports Diver; PADI Rescue Diver
- No solo diving
- All divers must perform a buddy check before entering the pool
- Divers must surface with at least 50 bars of air.

DIVE TRIPS

- The plan for all club dive trips must be presented to and signed off by the Diving Officer before the trip may commence. The Diving Officer will advise how much time is required before the dive trip to review and potentially revise the dive plan.
- Sports Divers may plan the diving aspects of a dive trip as long as a Dive Leader oversees this process and takes responsibility for the suitability of the plan. In this case the same Dive Leader must perform the Dive Manager role on the dive trip
- All divers must dive with a knife or line cutter
- All divers must dive with a whistle
- All divers qualified to deploy a DSMB must carry one on all dives
- All divers must carry either a flag or a DSMB as a means of visual surface identification
- All divers must carry a torch to be used in case low visibility is encountered under the water
- No solo diving
- All divers must be given an orientation of the club RIB, including all safety features, before leaving port

- Everyone on the rib must wear either a zipped up dry-suit or a life jacket at all times when the boat is under power
- Non-divers are allowed to come out on the rib subject to space and agreement from the DM and boat handler(s)
- No alcohol before diving. Once you have an alcoholic drink you are done for day.
- BSAC policy on air sharing will be followed. In particular, entry level divers must use “secondary take” as per BSAC training. Divers at Sports Diver level and above may use “secondary donate” or “primary donate” if both divers are confident and comfortable to do this and appropriate dry runs have been performed.