



## UNDERWATER EXPLORERS CLUB OF SA (Inc)

### BY-LAWS

#### DIVING OPERATIONS

1. No Member shall be permitted to use the diving gear, equipment or any belongings of any other Member under any circumstances unless consent has been obtained from the owner prior to use.
2. Each Member is charged responsible to see that their diving equipment is maintained in safe working order. Such equipment is to be open to inspection at all times by Members of the Committee and no Member shall continue to use equipment considered defective by Members of the Committee at dives of the Club.
3. All Members are required to dive with at least one other person.
4. As each Member is ready to enter the water with diving equipment they are to have their gear checked by their buddy.
5. All persons wishing to dive with the Club must have the experience deemed necessary by the Dive Safety Officer and the Dive Leader.
6. All persons wishing to dive with the Club must have all of the personal equipment deemed *essential* by the Club for that dive and they must be competent in its use.

That list of essential equipment is –

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| ! Buoyancy vest  | ! Cylinder                         |
| ! Depth and contents gauges<br>(or dive computer for previous two items) | ! Diving boots                     |
| ! Knife  | ! Gloves                           |
| ! Regulator and Octopus  | ! Mask, fins and snorkel           |
| ! Slate and pencil   | ! Safety Sausage                   |
| ! Weight belt  | ! Watch or other timing device     |
| ! Whistle or similar device  | ! Wet suit, preferably with a hood |

On night dives a torch and cylumes (or similar) are also essential.

A compass is also recommended and on some particular dives other equipment such as a reel and a catch bag may be useful.

7. All SCUBA cylinders used on the dives of the Club must carry a current test stamp to the effect that they have passed the test for compressed air cylinders as required by the Australian Standards Association.
8. The Club compressor shall not be used to fill SCUBA cylinders which do not carry a current test stamp as in sub-clause (7) of these By-Laws.
9. Club equipment shall only be used with approval of the Committee.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

The following positions, if deemed necessary or appropriate to properly manage the Club's affairs, may be appointed by the Committee at its discretion –

- Safety Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Manager
- Equipment Officer

1. The Safety Officer shall –
  - (a) be responsible for the coordination of the safety procedures of the Club.
  - (b) provide reports on all incidents to the committee for review.
  - (c) allocate Dive Safety Officer and Dive Leader duties for Club dives.
2. The Newsletter Editor shall –
  - (a) be responsible for the editing, publishing and circulation of the Club Newsletter.
  - (b) be responsible for uploading each newsletter onto the Club website.
3. The Website Manager shall –
  - (a) be responsible for the maintenance and control of the Club Website.
4. The Equipment Officer shall –
  - (a) be responsible for the safe keeping and tracking of the Club equipment,
  - (b) be responsible for ensuring the equipment is made available to all Club members for all Club activities.
  - (c) be responsible for keeping detailed records of when, where and what equipment has been used by who.
  - (d) be responsible for arranging the maintenance of equipment as directed by the committee and maintaining the maintenance register.

## **DIVE OFFICER POSITIONS**

The following positions, are deemed necessary to properly manage the Club's diving activities and are appointed by the Safety Officer –

- Dive Safety Officer
- Dive Leader

1. The Dive Safety Officer shall –
  - (a) be appointed by the Committee before the dive.
  - (b) have absolute control over the dive.
  - (c) make the decision on whether an individual or the Club shall dive when they consider there to be a risk to the safety of the individual or the Club according to safe diving practice.
  - 1.1 If a member nominated to officiate in the capacity as Dive Safety Officer at a dive does not attend the dive, the remaining divers shall appoint a current financial member present at the dive as a replacement.

2. The Dive Leader shall –

- (a) be appointed by the Committee before the dive.
- (b) be responsible for the safe, efficient conduct of the dive.
- (c) appoint buddy pairs and boat crews.
- (d) organise who from the divers present shall provide a written dive report.

2.1 If a member nominated to officiate in the capacity as Dive Leader at a dive does not attend the dive, the remaining divers shall appoint a current financial member present at the dive as a replacement.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any person who has rendered special and important services to the Club, may be nominated and seconded as a Life Member in writing to the Committee by two Financial Members, three calendar months before the Annual General Meeting. If the nomination is supported by the Committee, the appointment shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

1. Membership subscription for Full Members shall be \$70.00.
2. Membership subscription for Social Members shall be \$35.00.