

OCEANBLUE DIVERS TRAVELING CODE OF CONDUCT

Following are a set of rules and guidelines for trips and excursions sponsored by Oceanblue Divers. The object of any dive trip or excursion is to have fun and enjoy diving, while maintaining the highest possible degree of safety. These rules and guidelines have been conceived with the safety of each individual in mind.

- **If you are buddy-paired with someone for a dive it is for the duration of the dive.** This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining similar depths, diving within a reasonable distance of each other for rescue purposes, keeping similar dive profiles, safety stops, etc. When the dive ends for one buddy, it ends for both *unless an instructor or divemaster indicates otherwise*. All normal buddy diving practices must be observed.
- **All dives must include a safety stop, except in the case of an emergency,** and ascend *slowly* to the surface after your stop.
- **The trip leader(s) reserve(s) the right to call off a dive for any individual on the trip/excursion for any reason.**
- **At no time should an individual dive beyond their certification, including, but not limited to, depth, decompression, Nitrox diving, or general skill level.** If for any reason you are not feeling comfortable or well enough to participate a dive, follow your instincts and opt out.
- **It is each individual's responsibility to make organizer(s) aware of any issues or problems that will impact their ability to dive or about any other issues while on a trip.**
- **Use of alcohol or drugs while diving will not be permitted under any circumstances.** If you consume alcohol, you are finished diving for the day.
- **Don't touch anything.** Exception: two fingers on *dead* coral for photographic purposes only. Do not molest the sea life and *watch your fins*. **Taking souvenirs from the ocean is absolutely forbidden, no exceptions.** Remember the diver mantra: "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but bubbles."

General guidelines

- Remember to review your buddy separation plan.
- **Do basic gear checks and reviews** for yourself and your buddy before you enter the water so that you are familiar with their gear so as to be of the best possible assistance in an emergency.
- **Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!** The chances of experiencing DCS go up when you are dehydrated. *Be conservative with alcohol consumption* at night after the dive day is over. Hangovers/dehydration and diving don't mix.
- **Sea-sickness medications/remedies** should be taken in advance of the getting on a boat, according to the directions on the package or prescription. If you have a tendency to be seasick, please consult your physician in advance of a trip. Please also make sure you are adequately supplied with sea-sickness medications/remedies and be sure to take them in enough time for them to be effective.
- **Tipping** is generally \$5 per person per dive, collected by the organizer at the end of the trip. You may also hand tips directly to the divemaster/captain or any other person you feel is deserving at the dive operation/resort. Tips on a liveaboard are generally recommended to be 10-15% of the cruise price and are usually collected when settling up your bill with the boat personnel.
- **It is always advisable to wear a full wetsuit** (some dive shops require it) for exposure protection and for maintaining warmth on multiple dive days.
- Please make sure that you are aware of any risks associated with on-land activities that you may engage in. Be aware of your surroundings at all times and be sure to secure your valuables.
- **Let the trip leader know if there is a problem.**
- Dive responsibly. **Safety is paramount!**

I, _____, have read and agree to the above rules and guidelines.
(please print name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____