



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 while maintaining the highest possible degree of safety. These rules and guidelines were 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 (30 fpm/1 foot every two seconds).
- **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, 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.** "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but bubbles."

General guidelines

- **Remember to review your buddy separation plan.**
- **Do basic gear checks and reviews** with your buddy before you enter the water so that you are familiar with their gear in order to be of the best possible assistance in case of 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.
- **Seasickness medications/remedies** should be taken *in advance* of the getting on a boat, according to the directions on the package or prescription in order for them to be effective. If you have a tendency to be seasick, please consult your physician. Please also make sure you are adequately supplied with medications/remedies
- **Tippling** suggested is \$5 per person per dive, collected by the organizer at the end of the trip. You may also give tips directly to the divemaster/captain if you so desire. On liveboards tips 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, water temperature in the 90's not withstanding** (some dive shops require it) for exposure protection and for maintaining warmth on multiple dive days. For shark dives you may be required to wear a full suit.
- **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.
- **If you are interested in engaging in activities outside the established itinerary of a trip,** please make your trip leader aware at the earliest convenience and he/she will attempt to make arrangements for you with a preferred and vetted vendor. If you make your own arrangements with a vendor you do so at your own risk (please see T&C document).
- **Your trip leader should be aware of your whereabouts at all times (within reason).**
- **Let the trip leader know if there is a problem.**
- **Dive and travel responsibly. Safety is paramount!**

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____