



Boat diving protocol

General

- Diving activities only permitted through Clubs or Dive Centres.
- Discover Diving is not liable for any diving outside of this protocol.
- If you are a BSAC diver, you must have current BSAC membership.
- If you are a PADI diver you must show current 3rd party liability insurance.
- Anyone with Covid 19 symptoms should stay home and call the Covid helpline.
- All divers will be asked to sign a new medical declaration form. Q6 asks if you have had any chest or lung problems. Q19 asks if you have been treated by a doctor.
- Anyone who has tested positive for Covid but was asymptomatic should not dive for 1 month.
- Anyone who has tested positive for Covid and had any symptoms (whether or not requiring treatment) should not dive for 3 months and should see a diving medical referee.

Costs

- Boat dives are £20 for Discover Diving Club members, £17.50 for Elite members and £30 for non-club members.
- Due to the reduced capacity on the boat at this time, a £2.50 fuel surcharge will be charged to each diver.
- If you book a place on the boat and receive a confirmation text, you will be liable for the cost of the place & fuel surcharge even if you don't show up
- Dive fees must be paid in the dive centre BEFORE you go to the boat. Contactless or card payment preferred.

Dive management

- You must book your place on a dive so that we can manage numbers.
- At least one incident free shore dive must have been carried out prior to diving off the boat.
- Only 8 divers on the boat
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times on the surface.
- Maximum 30 metres depth
- No planned decompression dives
- Diving in pairs only (no threesomes).
- No night dives.
- No entry to the wheelhouse except for crew.

Loading

- Crew will direct you where to load your kit and where to stand.
- Handwashing/sanitising must happen before you start loading. Please bring your own sanitising gel.
- Face masks must be worn during loading and unloading.
- Each diver must load only their own kit
- Divers must board the boat unaided
- Only 1 person on the harbour stairs at any time. Wait at the top or bottom as needed.
- Avoid taking any unnecessary items onto the boat



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- Scuba kit must be assembled before loading
- Mask, fins and other equipment must be loaded in a boat bag
- Do not touch anyone else's cylinder valve, regulator or BC mouthpieces.
- No spare cylinders are to be carried.
- Dry suits should be done up before you get on the boat. It is easier to position yourself across the wind on the harbour wall than it is on the boat. Do not stand down-wind of the diver you are helping.
- We recommend that divers wear a face mask whilst travelling on the boat.

Diving

- There will be limited assistance to kit up. Protective masks should be worn if closer than 2 metres.
- Buddy checks must be carried out but do not breathe from your buddy's AS. Ask your buddy to demonstrate their AS is working.
- You must not spit in masks to clear them. Please use mask spray. There is no bucket to rinse masks.
- Divers should carry sufficient gas for their dive. It is advisable to carry your own redundant supply (pony, twinset, stage cylinder).
- In an out of air situation, primary donation of a regulator is not acceptable. Divers should donate their octopus/secondary reg and should include this in their buddy check.
- DSMBs be used by each diver pair
- Masks and regulators should be kept in place while waiting for pick up, and whilst on the lift.

Toilets

- Ideally the toilet should only be used for urinating.
- Put the lid down to flush the toilet to reduce aerosols
- Please wash your hands.
- After use, please use the sterilising spray to clean down the toilet, taps and door handles.
- Leave the door open

Refreshments

- A post dive drink will be served by the crew.
- You are not allowed to enter the wheelhouse to get a drink
- Please only use your cup
- Used cups to be placed in the bucket of soapy water. They will be taken and sterilised.
- You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks. These should be contained in a bag to reduce contact by others.

Hire kit

- Hire kit is available. We will not hire masks, snorkels, hoods or gloves.
- Please tell us when you book on if you need hire kit.
- You will need to collect hire kit from the dive centre. We will not bring dive kit to the boat for you.
- Hire kit must be collected from the yard. Staff will bring kit to you from the kit store.



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- Divers are not allowed to enter the workshop, kit store or classroom areas.
- All hired kit must be returned to the yard and will be sterilised by staff after use.

End of the dive

- Please remove all your kit from the boat as quickly as possible
- The crew will wash down the boat especially the high contact areas.
- If you become ill at any point after a dive please notify Michelle on 300090 as soon as possible.
- Dive rotas will kept and used for contact tracing should this be necessary. All data will be kept secure and only shared with the proper authorities.