



Shore Snorkelling protocol

General

- Snorkelling is permitted in the Isle of Man.
- Shore snorkels are £7.50 for Discover Diving Club members, £15 for non-club members.
- Snorkel safari including full kit hire is £35 per person.
- If you are a Club member you must also have current BSAC membership.
- Anyone with Covid 19 symptoms should stay home and call the Covid helpline.
- All snorkellers will be asked to sign a new medical declaration form.
- Anyone who has tested positive for Covid but was asymptomatic should not snorkel for 1 month.
- Anyone who has tested positive for Covid and had any symptoms (whether or not requiring treatment) should not snorkel for 3 months and should see a diving medical referee.

Hire kit

- Hire kit is available.
- Junior club members can hire wetsuit and boots for £50 until the end of the school summer holidays. Other kit required includes mask, snorkel, hood, gloves, fins and snorkel vest.
- Please make an appointment for a fitting for hire kit.
- Snorkellers are not allowed to enter the workshop, kit store or classroom areas of the dive centre.
- Long term hire kit should be washed in fresh water, dried and stored out of sunlight between use. Do not put wetsuits in a washing machine.
- All hired kit must be returned to the yard and will be sterilised by staff after use.

Session management

- You must book your place on a snorkel so that we can manage numbers.
- Plans are due to change due to weather and sea conditions. Only those who have booked onto a session will be notified of any last minute changes.
- Parents must stay for the duration of the activity. Please do not drop your child and leave the site. We will not take any child into the water unless a parent/guardian is present.
- Payment for the session should be made using our contactless mobile payment unit at the session or can be made in advance by bank transfer or payment in the dive centre.
- Dive manager will brief group (socially distanced).
- Total group size limited to 10 people (including dive manager and/or shore cover).
- Shore cover must be present and have O2 set, AED, First Aid kit and PPE.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times on the surface.
- No night snorkels.

Snorkelling

- There will be limited assistance to kit up. Protective masks should be worn if closer than 2 metres.
- Parents are expected to assist their children especially with wetsuits and boots.
- Do not put hoods on until after briefing (you can't hear properly with a hood on).



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- All remaining kit except fins will be fitted after briefing. Fins will be fitted at the water's edge.
- Snorkel vests must be worn by all junior snorkellers and are recommended kit for all snorkellers
- You must not spit in masks to clear them. Please use mask spray and rinse with bottled water.
- Buddy checks must be carried out.
- Surface marker buoys must be used by each snorkel group.
- Rescue drills are not to be conducted at this time. Snorkellers should ensure that they don't swim further than they can return.

After the snorkel

- Please bring warm dry clothes to change into.
- Warm drinks and snacks can help recovery. Please do not share cups with others.
- Parents should assist juniors to remove wet kit and get warm and dried as soon as possible.
- Please ensure that you gather all your equipment before leaving the site.