

RULES OF ESAC 514

1.0 EQUIPMENT

- 1.1. Air cylinders owned by the club may be hired out at the published rate, plus a returnable deposit. Cylinders must be re-filled and returned at the pool session following the dive. Failure to return the cylinder may result in loss of the deposit.
- 1.2. Club buoyancy compensators and regulators owned by the Club may be hired out at the published rate, plus deposit. If a member damages or losses this equipment the committee may withhold all or part of the deposit, or require the member to pay in full for the repair or replacement of the item.
- 1.3. Club buoyancy compensators and regulators are not to be used in open water.
- 1.4. Club equipment must be marked with ESAC 514
- 1.5. Club masks, snorkels and fins may only be used for 'introduction to diving' courses except by prior authorisation from a committee member.
- 1.6. Club equipment will only be used on official Club activities or with the written permission of the Diving Officer following a written request for the use of the equipment by a member, the request to include relevant plans.
- 1.7. Trainees must return hired buoyancy compensators, cylinders and regulators four months after commencing training, unless arranged otherwise with the training officer.

2.0 CLUB DIVING

- 2.1 A self declaration medical assessment form must be completed by all using scuba equipment as per BSAC guidelines. Members are strongly advised to have regular, basic health checks.
- 2.2 All divers diving in open water must be fully equipped. Minimum diving equipment is: Suit, Fins, Mask, BCD, Air Cylinder, Knife, Regulator and contents Gauge, Alternative Air Source, Timer, Depth Gauge, Compass, Whistle.
- 2.3 Club diving shall follow the rules and standards and practises as published by BSAC and as translated in writing by the Diving Officer.
- 2.4 Diving pairs shall use a surface marker buoy, except when overruled by the Dive Marshal, in which case delayed surface marker buoys shall be carried by all divers trained in their use.
- 2.5 It is strongly advised that a life jacket or suitable buoyancy aid is worn at all times in the boats.
- 2.6 All divers except those who qualified as an Ocean Diver during the current training period will take an annual revalidation test.
- 2.7 The Coxswain or Boat Handler is in charge of the boat whilst at sea.
- 2.8 Club boats must be used in accordance with the published Boat Rules and Operational Procedures.

3.0 POOL PROTOCOL

- 3.1 A parent or guardian must supervise all members under the age of 18.
- 3.2 No running or diving into the pool is allowed during sessions.
- 3.3 The pool Lifeguard is responsible for safety during pool activities.
- 3.4 No person shall dive in the pool unsupervised unless they have attained the Ocean Diver or equivalent qualification (see also Club Byelaw 15(ii)).
- 3.5 No snorkelling or diving equipment to be used in the swimming lane. No swimming in the diving area.
- 3.6 Weights must be covered to protect the swimming pool.
- 3.7 Pool training sessions are from 20:45 to 21:45. The pool building is to be cleared by 22:00.
- 3.8 Only members of ESAC are entitled to use the pool facilities on Club nights.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 Club financial transactions must take place prior to the pool training session.
- 4.2 Monies paid to/by the treasurer must be in the full amount.
- 4.3 All club expenditure must be by prior authorisation of the committee; persons not complying risk not being reimbursed.
- 4.4 Boat dive charges will be published by the committee
- 4.5 All persons signing a list for a social or diving activity or service arranged on their behalf by the club shall remain liable for that place, even if they cancel, until a full quota is met. This liability shall cease if a suitable substitute over and above quota is found. If, by your cancellation, any additional costs are incurred by other club members, then you will be liable to reimburse these costs.

5.0 GENERAL

- 5.1 Parents, or their nominated representatives, are responsible for the safety of their children at all times during club activities, including all pool and classroom sessions and at dive sites
- 5.2 All members consent to their photographic image being used for promotional purposes by authorisation of the Committee.