

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE U.W.A. UNDERWATER CLUB (Inc.)

1 CURRENT FEES (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2004)

1.1 Membership

Membership 1st December to 30th November			
	UWA Student Member	Other Student Member	Non-Student Member
UWA Sport Card (effective March 2002, not required for UUC membership) ¹	Free ²	\$45	\$55
Full Membership, Full Year (1 st December to 30 th November) ¹	\$30	\$55	\$95
Full Membership, Half Year (1 st May to 30 th November) ¹	\$15	\$40	\$60
Temporary membership. Must be visiting WA or leaving WA imminently. Maximum 2 months. ¹	\$10	\$35	\$45
Discount for current Sports Card Holders. The expiry date of the Sports Card must be later than the 30 th November in the year of the membership (eg anybody joining the UUC for the 2004 year must have a Sports Card with an expiry date of 30 th November 2004 or later to qualify).	N/A	-\$25	-\$25
Social Membership		\$10	\$10

Notes

- 1 All UUC Members automatically become Members of the UWA Sports and Recreation Association upon becoming members of the UUC (members may activate a Sports Card at the Recreation Centre after joining the UUC).
- 2 All UWA students receive automatic membership of the UWA Sports and Recreation Association.

1.2 Scuba Equipment

Item	Day Hire	Hire for Club Trips Only		
		Long Weekend	Week	
		3 - 4 days	5 - 8 days	
Type of Member	All Members	All Members	Student	Non Student
BC	7	20	30	35
Computer Reg	7	20	30	35
Tank	6	15	25	
BC + Reg	14	35	40	50
BC + Reg + 1 tank	20	50	65	75
BC + Reg + 2 tanks	25	Tank Hire Included in Trip Costs		
Weight Belt	5	10	15	15
Wetsuit & Weight Belt	10	20	30	30
Fills	3			

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1.3 Metropolitan Club Boat Trips

Location	Student	Non-Student	
Hall's Bank	25	30	Minimum of 8 (including skipper)
Carnac Island	20	25	Minimum of 8 (including skipper)
Coventry Reef	25	30	Minimum of 8 (including skipper)
Sky Show	25	30	Minimum of 8 (including skipper)
Rottnest Island	25	30	Minimum of 8 (including skipper)

1.4 Major Equipment

Item	Club Trips	Private Hire
Boat	\$100 per day	Not Available
Truck **	80c per km	80c per km
Compressor	\$70 per day	\$70 per day
15hp Outboard*	\$15 per day	\$20 per day
Freezer*	\$10 per day	\$10 per day

Notes

* For Club Trips, Outboard and Freezer hire is included in the Truck and/or Boat Charges.

** LR Class licence required for driving Truck

1 The hiring of items must be approved by the Equipment Officer. Hire and bond return is at the discretion of the Equipment Officer.

2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 UUC membership is restricted to the following categories:

- a) Student Member (All students - must hold valid student card);
- b) Non-Student Member (UWA Staff, UWA Graduates, Graduates of other Universities, General Public);

2.2 Persons applying to be diving members (excludes social members) of the club must hold a recognised scuba diving qualification and also satisfy the following requirements:

- a) Dived in the past 12 months;
- b) Be able to assemble and wash down gear;
- c) Completed 4 Ocean dives, preferably including 1 boat dive;
- d) Know local hand signals;
- e) Be competent in using a snorkel.

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2.3 Members must agree to and sign to the following disclaimer:

I understand that scuba diving is potentially dangerous sport which I undertake at my own risk.

Except to the extent hereinafter provided for, neither the University of W.A. Underwater Club (Inc.) (hereinafter referred to as the "the Club") nor its employees, servants or agents shall be liable for any injury, loss or damage (including any indirect or consequential injury, loss or damage) howsoever caused whether resulting from negligence on the part of the Club and/or its employees, servants or agents or otherwise.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph shall be taken to exclude liability on the part of the Club and/or its employees, servants or agents for any injury, loss or damage (including any indirect or consequential injury, loss or damage) in circumstances where any policy of insurance covers the Club and/or its employees, servants or agents but liability in such circumstances shall be limited solely to the risks and amounts recoverable under such policy or policies of insurance.

Nothing in the foregoing shall be taken to impose any duty howsoever arising on the Club or its employees, servants or agents to effect any policy of insurance whatsoever.

The disclaimer contained in the preceding paragraphs shall extend to cover all activities carried on or organised by the Club or in which the Club otherwise participates and to all activities carried on, organised or otherwise participated in by persons acting in their capacity as employees, servants or agents of the Club.

I have read the rules of the club and understand that it is my responsibility to comply with them at all times.

2.4 Life members are nominated through the UWA Sports and Recreation Association and therefore do not have to pay the Sports Card fee. All other membership fees for life members will be met by the club as long as they remain active within the club (at the committee's discretion).

2.5 Participants completing the Recreate Scuba course are entitled to free membership as follows:

- Course completed before August 31st in a year will take the membership through to November 30th of that same year;
- Course completed after September 1st students will receive membership for the following year as well.

2.6 Temporary Membership

The Club will make available temporary membership for divers who are visiting Perth for a short period of time and also divers who will be leaving Perth, shortly. Temporary member's names and the length of their membership will be placed on a list in the clubrooms and they will be required to produce ID when hiring gear. They will not be issued membership stickers. Proof of membership will be the membership payment receipt.

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3 GEAR HIRE

- 3.1 All club equipment is only available for use by club members or participants of the UWA Recreate Open Water Scuba course.
- 3.2 Club trips and Club approved Scuba courses have priority on equipment hire.
- 3.3 Each club member may take a maximum of 2 tanks, 1 regulator, 1 BC. Should a member require the gear for more than 2 days, a request must be approved by the Dive Co-ordinator.
- 3.4 When demand dictates members may be asked to take 1 large and 1 small tank, or only 1 tank.
- 3.5 Members are responsible for:
 - a) The gear signed out to them
 - b) Returning it in good condition and
 - c) Securing it against theft.
- 3.6 Committee members and fillers are the only persons authorised to book out club equipment.
- 3.7 All fees to be paid strictly before the equipment is taken.
- 3.8 No refund for unused items of equipment except for cancelled club trips, where a credit will be given for future gear or boat hire. Credit expires after two years (use it or lose it).
- 3.9 It is the member's responsibility to check gear you have hired before you leave club rooms, i.e. attach the regulator and BC to the tank and check that the tank is full and regulator and BC are working. Faulty equipment must be reported.
- 3.10 A late fee will be charged as per the daily schedule if equipment is not returned on time. If members cannot return gear on time they must phone a committee member to explain, which may save a late fee.
- 3.11 Members shall not carry out any repairs to club equipment whatsoever. Any problems must be reported on return of gear.
- 3.12 All gear must be washed on return to clubrooms; a fine will result otherwise.
- 3.13 Tanks drained totally or other gear abuse will merit a \$10.00 fine plus repair costs.
- 3.14 Please observe the following guidelines for the use and care of club equipment:
 - a) Wet the jacket tank strap before adjusting it to suit the tank, do not over tighten the strap;
 - b) Adjust the velcro cummerbund so it is slightly loose, otherwise when the jacket is inflated your chest will be constricted;

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- c) During the dive avoid the use of the oral inflator as it lets water into the jacket. When dumping air from the jacket to descend use the remote dump, not the oral inflator. To do this, just pull the inflator hose;
- d) Do not use undue force when closing tank valve as this damages the valve seats;
- e) The jacket must not be stored or transported with the tank attached. Take care to avoid the jacket being punctured. Store the jacket dry and slightly inflated;
- f) Keep the BC's and regulators out of the sun. Lay tanks down so they can't fall over;
- g) All gear must be washed thoroughly after use, including the inside of the BC's. Replace the dust cap on the regulators immediately, do not ever let water enter the first stage of the regulator.

4 USE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 The Club will meet only those costs incurred due to normal wear and tear to club equipment.
- 4.2 The club will not meet costs incurred through loss or damage to private equipment.
- 4.3 No smoking on the boat or in the clubrooms
- 4.4 Tanks will only be filled if they are in test.
- 4.5 All members must be off the boat when it is being refuelled.
- 4.6 The club Compressor, portable outboard and portable freezer are available to be hired by club members for private trips to isolated dive locations providing the following rules are followed:
 - a) Written application is received by the committee at least 4 weeks prior to trip, including details of where they are to be used;
 - b) Committee approval has been granted;
 - c) Not to be used in areas where local facilities could be used;
 - d) Minimum hire duration is 3 days;
 - e) Equipment must be secured against theft, those hiring the equipment are responsible for loss or damage;
 - f) All members taking the equipment on the trip must meet with the property officer prior to the trip to discuss operation and maintenance;
 - g) No repairs are to be done on the trip;
 - h) Only well planned trips will be approved;
 - i) Minimum of four full financial club members must be on the trip.

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- 4.7 The boat is only to be driven by club approved skippers (see section on certification of boat skippers).
- 4.8 Oxygen equipment is only for use on club trips or with the committee's approval.
- 4.9 Only financial club members may use the club boat. Social members are able to use the club boat if they pay the boat charge and non student social members must be members of the UWA Sports and Recreation Association.
- 4.10 The Club truck is able to be hired for private use by club members with an LR class licence. The Dive Co-ordinator must approve and a log book is to be filled in. All fuel must be paid for. Hire and fuel is free for those practising for a LR class licence.
- 4.11 Members who tow the boat must be approved by the committee.
- 4.12 Roster volunteers must be approved by the committee and must receive training before filling tanks.
- 4.13 Roster volunteers are entitled to 1 free tank hire for every 10 filled at the clubrooms.
- 4.14 Roster volunteers may fill their personal tanks without charge whilst filling other tanks.
- 4.15 Boat skippers incur no fee for boat trips in the metropolitan area. There is only one free spot.
- 4.16 Water skiing behind the Club boat is prohibited.

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5 CLUB TRIPS

- 5.1 The criteria for Club Trips are:
- a) Open to any current suitably experienced club members
 - b) If numbers exceed places a fair mechanism will be used to determine who goes
 - c) Notice given to members via the club's communication channels
 - d) Approval by committee
 - e) Is longer than a day or is outside the metropolitan area.
- 5.2 Private trips are those trips which doesn't meet all of the criteria in 5.1.
- 5.3 All members are entitled to a place on the boat at all times, providing space is available. Divers will be given priority, subject to trip organiser's discretion.
- 5.4 Any trips must be self funding and reimburse the club according to the hire charges.

6 CERTIFICATION OF BOAT SKIPPERS

- 6.1 The certification of boat skippers requires:
- a) A TL3 qualification, or small craft proficiency certificate, or as approved by the committee;
 - b) Practical experience with the club boat, under the instruction of an approved skipper;
 - c) Approval by two club skippers;
 - d) Approval by the committee.
- NB. The approval of a skipper is entirely at the committee's discretion.
- 6.2 A member who completes a TL3 course and is subsequently approved as a skipper shall be reimbursed for the half the cost of the TL3 course to a maximum of \$75.
- 6.3 The Committee may, at its discretion, award active skippers free annual membership based on their contribution to the club.

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7 DIVING PRACTICES

- 7.1 The skipper will nominate a member to maintain the boat dive log on the club boat. It is the responsibility of each diver to ensure that their dives are recorded in the boat dive log. The boat dive log will record (as a minimum):
- a) Time entering water
 - b) Time exiting water
 - c) Tank pressure at start of dive
 - d) Tank pressure at the end of dive
 - e) Maximum depth
- 7.2 It is the responsibility of Members to observe safe diving practice and to dive within the limits of their qualifications and their experience. Safe diving practice includes adhering to the buddy system, ascending at a safe rate and completing a safety stop on all dives.
- 7.3 Divers with recreational dive qualifications shall not perform decompression dives.
- 7.4 It is the responsibility of Members to dive with appropriate equipment, including BC; regulator; depth gauge; and dive computer or timepiece and conservative dive table (as specified by the Committee). It is the responsibility of Members to know how to use their equipment (If you have forgotten how to read your dive tables or aren't familiar with the Club computers and BC's, ask somebody for help!).

8 CONSERVATION

- 8.1 The club adopts the ethic that edible marine life is for immediate consumption by club members and not for profit or storage.
- 8.2 No member is allowed to return from a club outing with more than one days bag limit of edible fish, shellfish or crustaceans, regardless of the length of the outing.
- 8.3 On club outings no live shellfish may be taken, for collecting purposes.
- 8.4 All state rules and regulations including the Fisheries Department of WA, the Department of Transport, Conservation and Land Management etc. are to be strictly adhered to.
- 8.5 A club skipper or trip organiser has the right to declare more stringent restrictions on club outings that he/she is organising.
- 8.6 Spear fishing on club trips is only allowed with the explicit approval of all divers.