

UNIVERSITY UNDERWATER CLUB

DIVER BRIEFING

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PRE-TRIP:

Once gear is stowed and divers are seated and attentive before starting the boat safety briefing:

1. Location and operation of:
 - Flares
 - Lifejackets
 - EPIRB
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Radio
 - GPS
 - Boat water
 - Sunscreen
 - First aid and O₂ gear
2. Introduce all divers
3. Go over the plan for the day
4. Advise everyone to stow the dry gear in the forward cabin as will get wet if it is stowed under the seats
5. Prevention of dehydration and sunburn
6. Determine whether there are any first aid trained people on board
7. Expected conditions and time of voyage
8. Ask who is familiar with boats and if they would help out during the day – note about staying safe by not letting themselves get caught between boat and jetty, in ropes, etc.
9. Advise everyone that they are responsible for their own dive profile and that as skipper, you are only responsible for the boat.
10. Select the dive site and see if it suits everyone's diving ability. People are free to object if they are not comfortable with a dive site, conditions, etc.

DIVE SITE:

Ensure boat is secure and all divers are present and attentive before starting briefing:

1. Site details:

- Name of site
- Min and max depths
- Conditions
- Terrain
- Depth and location of anchor in relation to dive site

2. Safe diving procedures:

- Divers are responsible for their own dive profile - dive within training and experience limits and how they are feeling the day.
- Current/tides. Remind divers that currents may be different on the surface and below water.
- All divers must have a safety sausage.
- Air on return (min 50 bar)
- Log in and out
- Buddy check
- OK signal (one or two hands on head)
- Distress signal (wave one hand above head)
- Reminder of general look but don't touch eco friendly policy – in particular be careful of coneshells, blue ringed octopus etc.
- Bag limit reminder for crays etc – ensure that measuring devices are aboard.
- Remind all to help the buddy pair currently getting in or out of the water by either helping with gear as requested or staying well out of the way
- First divers to check anchor, last divers to check and move (if required).