

# Deploying a Surface Marker Buoy



ON BOAT DIVES, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY AN SMB, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL LEARN TO USE IT.

IT AIN'T ROCKET SURGERY, BUT IT MAY TAKE SOME PRACTICE.

# Why deploy an SMB?

- ▶ You deploy the SMB so the boat you are diving off of can find you when you surface
- ▶ So other boat traffic knows you are in the water and avoid you

# When to deploy the SMB:

- ▶ On the surface – it is acceptable, especially when you first start using an SMB
- ▶ At your Safety Stop – for safety reasons, it is preferable to surface deployment; boat traffic knows where you are before you try to surface.
- ▶ Before you reach your Safety Stop - better still, so you don't overshoot your safety stop with a run-away SMB.

# Ways to inflate your SMB:

- ▶ Orally
- ▶ With your Low Pressure Inflator hose
- ▶ With your Octo line

# Tip 1:

- ▶ 1. Using a double-ended spring-loaded bolt snap with your reel



## Tip 2:

- ▶ Disconnect bolt-snap from reel BEFORE inflating SMB, or say good-bye to your SMB and reel.



## Tip 3:

- ▶ Go with us on the monthly Spring Dives and practice deploying SMB – practicing various safety techniques is one of the reasons we go to the springs