



Improving Air Consumption



One of Most Common Question's!



- New Divers (and Experienced Divers) frequently ask what they can do to improve their Air Consumption.
- Why?
 - Longer Dives.
 - Increased Bottom Time.
 - Greater Chance of seeing more Marine Life...
 - Become a more confident scuba diver.
 - Hate to be the One to Cut the Dive Short!!!!



Many Techniques to Improve



 There are a number of techniques / options to help you improve how long you can stay underwater----

One Possibility:

Not Necessarily so Extreme.

But You can Opt for 100's when others are using 80's or 120's when others are using 100's.



Top Basic Techniques to Improve Air Consumption



- Breathe Slowly and Deeply.
- Swim Slowly.
- Buoyancy Control.
- Reduce Weight.
- RELAX and CHILL!



Ultimate Goal





Additional/Detailed Tips



- Inhale-Exhale Slowly (5/1 or 5/5? -- Or 4/6?**)
- Get/Stay in Shape.
- Controlled Descent
- Stay Warm
- Adjust Your Trim
- Arrive Early Relaxed Setup.
- Reduce / Fix Small Leaks.
- Stay Shallow.

- Streamline Your Gear.
- Streamline Your Movements.
- Kick Properly- Efficiently
- Upgrade / Service Your Gear.
- Sleep More, Party Less
- Use Your Snorkel
- Dive Within Your Comfort Zone
- Dive Dive Dive

^{**} Sec's Inhaling / Sec's Exhaling – As Long as Comfortable – Shoot for Equal In and Out



Discussion



Most Important (My Opinion):

Breath Slowly and Deeply!!

But achieving that includes the other factors discussed:
Buoyancy, Trim, Conditioning,
Speed, Etc)



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