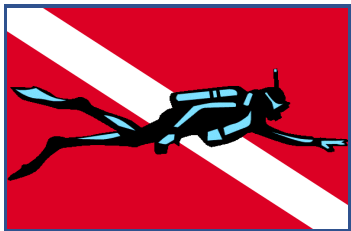
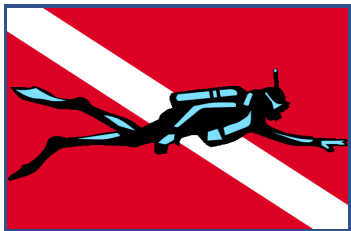


Staying Within DECO Limits



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- **Since most of us are Recreational Divers, our goal is to stay well away from a requirement to Decompress.**
 - **However, Stuff Happens!**
 - **And we find ourselves approaching DECO,**
 - **or possibly actually in DECO (hopefully, only barely...)**

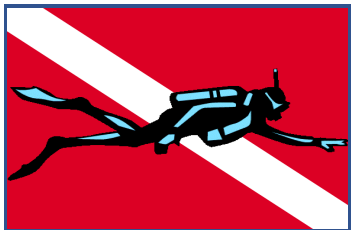


Recent Events



On recent dives (all Nitrox), we've had the following occur:

- **Diver was deeper than buddies on Second Dive, then found themselves right at Deco limit (~1 Min)! Headed Up.....**
- **On a separate 1st Dive, a diver found themselves in a similar situation (~1 min) and couldn't communicate this to buddy as they headed up!**
- **On a Second Dive, one diver wanted to know "Time to DECO" status of buddy; but didn't know how to ask – Ended Up looking at buddy's computer. (37% vs 35% between Divers).**

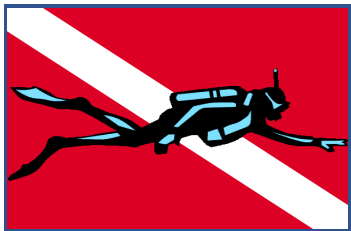


Issues



- **Two Issues:**

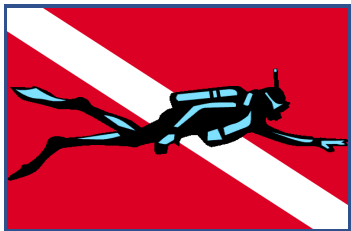
- 1. Staying out of DECO**
- 2. Communicating DECO Status**



Staying Out of DECO



- **Plan Your Dives.**
- **Use Your Computer's Features:**
 - **Know your Computer's Terminology:**
 - DTR
 - NDC
 - NDL
 - **Accurately Set Your Air/Nitrox Status**
 - **Use your "User Options" to keep Aware of your Status**
 - Visual Alerts If your computer has them.
 - Aural Alarms (Max Depth, "X" Time to Deco, Etc)
 - **Monitor your Computer (Placement??)**



Communicating “Time to DECO” or DECO



- Is there a DECO Hand Signal? IF So, What is It???



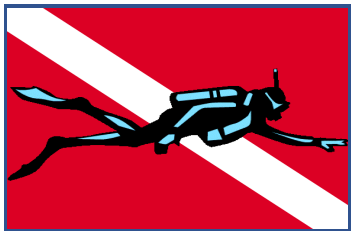
Considerations:

- Usually used by Tech Divers to Indicate Need / Time for DECO Stop.
- Can Use “Question” Sign” to inquire on “Time to DECO”

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Discussion



**IF You Find that You have, In Fact, Gone Into A
“Decompression Required” Situation:**

FOLLOW YOUR COMPUTER’S INSTRUCTIONS!!!