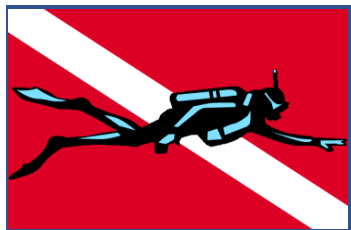


Boat and General Diving Etiquette



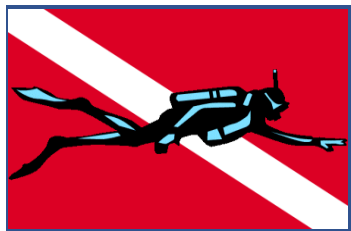
I'M OUT OF AIR, THE SHARK HAS MY LEG,
I HAVE THE BENDS, HONESTLY, YOU CAN BE
SUCH A WHINER!



What Bad Behaviour Have You Experienced



- As we dive in different locations with different groups, we always have the “opportunity” to encounter divers who interfere with the enjoyment of our dives.
- What types of behavior have irritated you on your dives?



Recent Situations



Ready to Dive??

- On Recent Dive, Diver waited until the last second to set up their equipment (After 10 min Warning)
- Then discovered an issue with their regulator – and initiated action make changes to their hoses and 1st Stage.
- All with all the other divers ready to dive.....
- **THEN– Did it AGAIN on the SECOND DIVE!!**

Blocking Other Divers

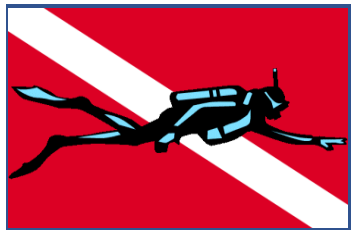
- Diver coming up ladder stops on platform for an extended Period – Blocking other Divers from Boarding Boat.

Camera Box

- Despite warning in Boat Briefing, Diver kept rinsing their mask in Camera Box.

Photo Bombing

- Diver consistently interfered with Divers taking pictures.



Avoiding Being “That Guy” or “That Gal”



- Characteristics of “That Guy” or “That Gal”:

Boat Slob

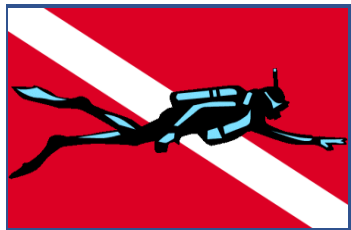
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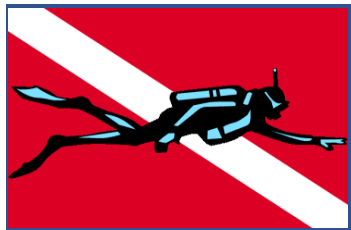


- Dive Boat Etiquette starts when you pack your gear at home.
- Before you get to the dive boat, ensure you have packed your gear in a COLLAPSIBLE dive bag:

• NOT THIS

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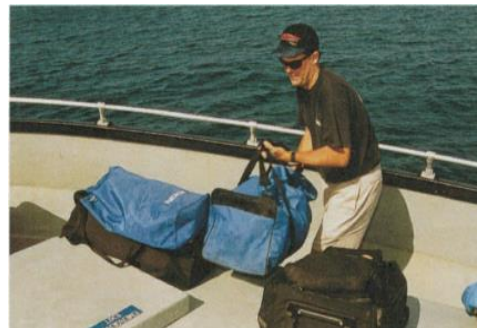


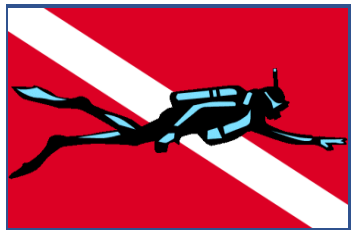


Pre-Dive / Boat Etiquette



- (5) Be on Time.
- (1) Check Equip Day/Night before Dive.
- (1) Check gear before leaving dive shop.
- (4) Keep Gear Organized. (Don't be a Boat Slob).
- (5) Set up gear in a timely manner.
- (1) Don't touch other people's gear without their permission.
- (5) Don't be Billie Blowhard (It's not a contest..)
- (3) Don't Feed the Fish – ie: throw items overboard – such as lunch/cigs.



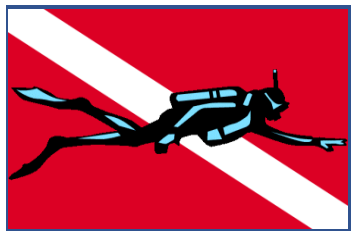


Pre/Post-Dive / Boat Etiquette



- (2) Reduce unnecessary movement while boat is moving.
- (4) Pay attention to Boat & Dive briefings .
- (2) Pre-Dive Buddy Check.
- (1) Check Air while breathing thru regulator and watching gauge.
- (3) Be ready to dive on schedule.
- (1) Help unload boat.
- (1) Respect the Crew.
- (4) Don't be a Tight Arse – Tip the Crew!



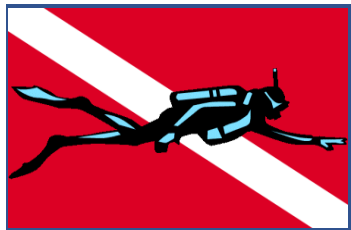


In-Water Etiquette



- (5) Don't Kick up bottom -- Maintain buoyancy control
- (5) Don't Disturb marine life -- Don't Touch Everything (Anything?)
- (1) Stay with your group (if group diving) – Follow your guide – Don't get Ahead...
- (1) When Diving as a group – Spread Out – Consistent with visibility...
- (1) Don't Keep on Finning / Burn thru Air (Take it easy when/where you can...)
- (1) Person above should watch out for those below – Look up/all around periodically.
- (1) Don't Be Noisy - except for appropriate signaling.





In-Water Etiquette



- (4) Photo Junkie – Don't hog the Subject.
- (4) Don't ruin someone else's shot.
- (1) Wait your Turn – Pull away gently!!!
- (5) Reef Wrecker (Control Buoyancy)
- (2) Keep guide/partner informed on Air/ Deco status or other issues. (Communicate!!)
- (1) Follow Air and DECO dive time limits
- (1) SMB Debate?? – To SMB at Safety Stop or Not?

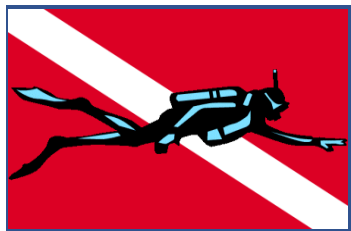




Special Considerations



- Hygiene:
 - **No Sense Bathing !! (1)** – Going to be in the water Anyway!!....
 - ****Wetsuit Rinse – (3)**
 - **When (Not IF) you relieve yourself in your suit – *RINSE/FLUSH* before you come back aboard / ashore – PLEASE!!!**

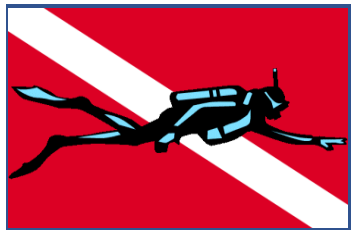


What Can you Do?



- **Coral Killer-** Signal Palm Up to raise Up-
- **Fish Handler-** Signal by wagging finger that it's a "No-No".
- **Photo Bomber-** Point finger and move it in direction to move them out of way.
- **Photo Hog-** Gently tap in shoulder and point to others waiting.
- **Bad-Boy (Girl?) Photographer-** Use "Stop" Hand signal and shake head NO.
- **Too Close Buddy-** Move away, Get their attention, Bring hands together and spread them to indicate "More Space Please".
- **More Diplomatic Divemaster Option – Let them handle!!**

- **Fall back – Ass-Chewing on surface if all else fails!!**



Don't be “That Guy” or “That Gal”



Boat Slob

Billy Blowhard

Delayed Diver

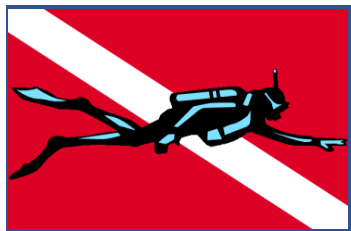
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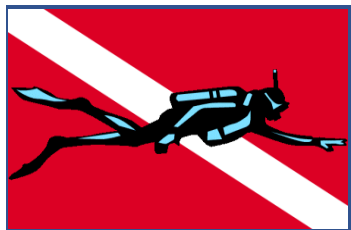
- **OBLIVIOUS DIVER** – Sum of the Whole!! No checks, Doesn't listen to brief, Swims into Others / Ahead of Guide, Below Recommended Depth, Doesn't monitor Air/Deco, Swims into Flora and Fauna, Etc, Etc....



Discussion



Anything We've Missed?



Avoid Being “That Guy” or “That Girl”



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- Gear bag explodes all over.
 - Showering is optional since they're diving.
 - Bore – last dive trip was the best ever – better than current one.
 - Doesn't need to log anymore – who cares what weight they used before...
 - The person everyone's always waiting on
 - Delayed Diver
 - Boat Slob
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