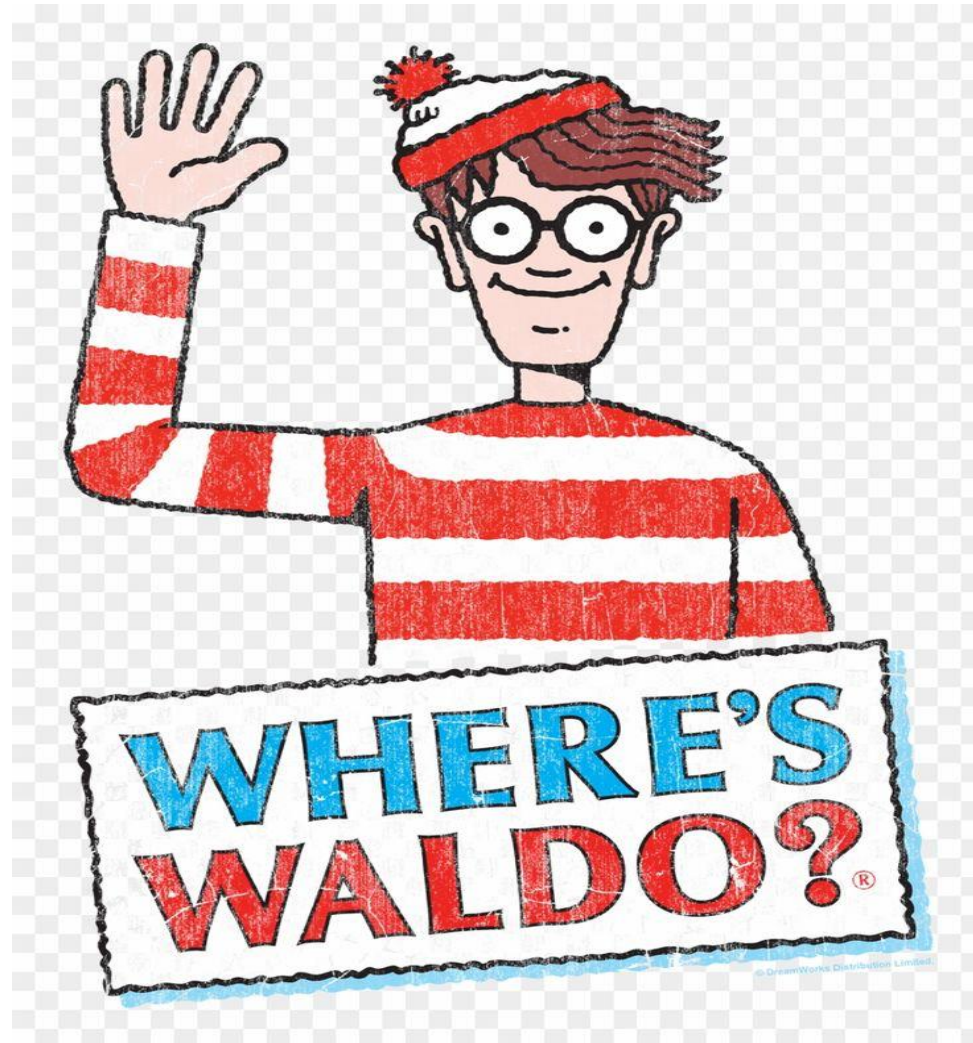


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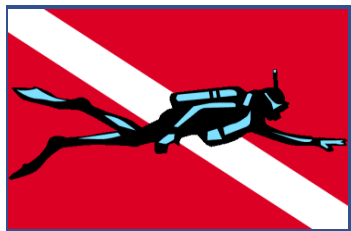


What should you do if your buddy disappears (or never appears)?

PADI¹:

“The general procedure is to look for each other for *no more* than a minute, then if unable to relocate each other, carefully ascend and reunite on the surface.”

“It’s your responsibility to stay with your buddy and follow the rules, guidelines and recommendations for each other’s dive safety.”



Buddy Separation



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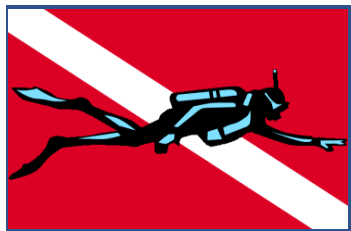
- 1. Get vertical in the water and look in all directions for your buddy or their bubbles. If in low visibility water, return to where you last saw your buddy and start your search there.**
- 2. Rise about 3 meters (10 feet) in the water and look again for your buddy or their bubbles...**
- 3. Ascend slowly to the surface after a minute if you do not see your buddy. Keep turning as you ascend and look for your buddy or their bubbles.**
- 4. Surface, note your position relative to two points on the shore, and wait for your buddy. When your buddy surfaces, get back together and continue your dive.**



Buddy Separation



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5. If you are diving where help is readily available to assist you in a search for a lost buddy, signal for help if your buddy does not surface within 5 minutes. It is your role in the emergency to contact and guide the help.



Buddy Separation



References:

¹PADI Open Water Diver Manual, 2013, p. 90

²NAUI Open Water Diver, 2nd ed.,2022, p. 77