

The Villages Scuba Club

A large sea turtle, likely a hawksbill, is swimming horizontally across the frame. The turtle's shell is dark with a mottled pattern of lighter spots. Its flippers are also dark with a lighter, webbed pattern. The background is a clear, blue ocean with a coral reef visible in the lower half of the image. The water is bright and clear, suggesting a healthy reef environment.

Why You Should Always Dive with a Dive Light

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- Obvious Reasons -
 - Look under nooks and crannies for creatures,
 - Highlight a creature to your buddy, or others,
 - Restore color lost at depth, and
 - Diving at night or at Blue Grotto or Devil's Den.

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- Not So Obvious Reasons -
 - Signaling underwater in low visibility conditions:
 - Flash at buddy who has wandered off,
 - Grab someone's attention,
 - Light up your hand signals, and
 - Use light as a signaling device.
 - Signaling on the surface during low visibility:
 - During rainstorms, and
 - Signaling light if your day has gone bad and it is now dark.

How many lights should you carry?

- During daylight conditions, most agencies recommend at least one light.
- In low light conditions, you are using the primary light during the dive and should have a backup.
- Camera lights don't count, especially as a primary.
- Two is One and One is None.



Comments? Questions?

*"Safety doesn't happen by accident."
— Jerry Smith*