



Questions to Ask Your New Dive Buddy



Dive Certifications and Recent Dives

- How many dives do you have?
- Have you done this dive or a similar dive before?



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Medical Conditions and Medications

- Any medical conditions you need to be aware of?
- Any emergency medications, such as an inhaler, epi-pen or insulin; and, where is it kept?



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Health and Mental Status

- How is your buddy feeling today? Is he/she ready to GO mentally?
- Any physical reasons to cancel the dive?
- Is your buddy under the influence of alcohol or drugs?
- Are they experiencing psychological events such as anxiety or fear?
- Do they have the right mindset for a safe dive?

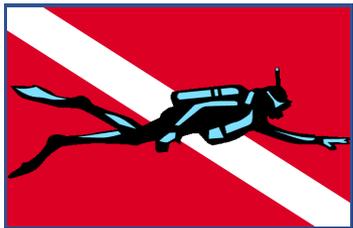


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Tasks

- Is your buddy bringing a camera?
 - If so, will he/she be taking off at a moments notice to follow a turtle, shark or mermaid leaving you to follow as best you can, or to stay with a group awaiting their return?
 - Will they hover for more than 30 seconds to get the “perfect” picture or a decent B-roll, leaving you to ponder trails in the sand.
- Ensure you both know (and agree upon) the priorities for your dive.



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After discussing items to determine training, experience, risk mitigation and how you both feel, it's time to discuss your goals.



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Dive Plan

- If a dive plan has not been determined by a dive guide, it's time to ensure you and your dive buddy are on the same page regarding TIME and DEPTH LIMITS for your dive; where you plan to go, what you intend to see or do; and, when you will turn your dive.
- Additionally, discuss any emergency action plans, such as buddy separation procedures, etc.



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Additional discussion topics include (covered last time):

Signals and Communication;

Gear Familiarization;

Buddy Checks