# Boat Diving Tips and Costs

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# Tips for a good day on the boat

- Nitrox is a must. Kyalami limits bottom time to 30 minutes on Air, 50 minutes on Nitrox, Wreck dives require Nitrox. Most of the regular TVSC divers use 36-37% as it provides optimum bottom time with MODs exceeding all dive sites.
- Advanced Open Water is required for Jupiter dives.
- A Nitrox-capable dive computer is required.
- With 45-50 minutes of bottom time, 80 cu ft tanks don't cut it for most divers. 100 cu ft tanks allow divers to dive to NDL while also providing an additional safety margin.
- A Delayed Surface Marker Buoy (DSMB) is required of all divers. DMSBs can be deployed at your safety stop or once arriving at the surface.
- 3MM wetsuit should be fine for late Spring to Fall, a 5MM will keep you warm in the late Fall to early Spring.
- These are great dives for a camera. Most dives will require a light for quality photos. Make sure you fully charge your batteries. Neither boat has a camera table and the camera tanks leave a lot to be desired. Consider a wet bag.

# More tips for a good day on the boat

- Don’t forget:
  - Cert card and Nitrox card, if renting tanks
  - Cash for guide/deckhands tips - $10 per dive suggested
  - Cash for ride share - $35-$40 per rider estimated
  - Sunglasses and hat
  - Reef-safe sunscreen
  - Jacket for boat for the ride out and back
- Pack your dive gear in a collapsible boat bag, roll-boards and hard cases take up lots of room. A small dry bag is great for keeping your non-waterproof valuables safe while diving.
- Both dive charters have places ashore to change clothes.
- Hydrate!



**Don’t be that diver!**

# What does it cost?

| | Jupiter | Riviera Beach |
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| **Charter Fee (w/ Club discount)** | $100 | $100 |
| **Tanks (2 Tanks - Nitrox)** | $46 | $46 |
| **Equipment Rental** | - | - |
| **Tips ($10 per dive suggested)** | $20 | $20 |
| **Ride Share** | $35 | $40 |
| **Lunch** | $20 | $20 |
| **Total** | **$221** | **$226** |

Travel Costs assume $4/gal, plus tolls, plus parking at RB Marina