



RIB Diving Briefing

Good morning. My name is ----- and I'm your dive leader for the day/weekend/week.

If you are prone to seasickness you should have already taken a tablet. If not, do it now.

[Type of diving: wrecks, drifts, reef dive. Possible depths. Prior knowledge, hazards, sharp wrecks, etc. Wreck tours, books, marine life. Where to get information.]

KITTING UP

Check the contents of your cylinder (pressure and Nitrox) and then turn it OFF. Assemble your scuba unit.

THE SKIPPER, THE RIB AND PEER PRESSURE

The skipper may brief us when we arrive at the rib. Listen out for information on where the safety equipment is stored (e.g. O₂ kit). If you are unhappy with any part of the skipper's briefing, the dive leader's briefing, or are unsure on any procedures please ask someone. If you are not happy, tell your buddy right away. If this is before the dive, for any reason, do not succumb to peer pressure and consider sitting out the dive. You can always dive another day.

GETTING ABOARD

Small ribs/short trips: we will be wearing our kit on the rib for the duration of the journey out to the dive site.

Large ribs/long trips: place your checked scuba unit in the rib. The skipper will lay it down on the deck ready for arrival at the dive site. **DO NOT WEAR YOUR WEIGHTBELT.**

[Please ensure you visit the toilet before boarding the RIB!](#)

DON'T FORGET ANY EQUIPMENT

Be sure you have all your equipment (e.g. weights, hood, gloves) before we leave the jetty and **DO A BUDDY CHECK** before each and every dive. Keep small bits of kit (e.g. torch, mask, fins, etc) in a small goody bag.

DRYSUIT

For your safety, be sure your drysuit zip is closed before getting in the rib, unless the skipper advises it is possible to wear it around your waist.

ARRIVAL AT THE DIVE SITE

On arrival we will carefully kit up. Take particular care when wearing weights and no scuba unit, and while donning fins. We may kit up in pairs or groups of four. Do a buddy check.

ENTRY

Prior to entry check you are not snagged on any part of the boat. Backward roll only when told to do so, and keep clear of the propeller. If you miss the entry command, wait to be told it is clear before entering. Check your mask strap has not slipped off your head. Then make your way immediately to the shot line and wait there for your buddy to join you (especially if there is a current running).

DESCENT AND EARS

A few points about dive procedures. Please start ear clearing immediately on leaving the surface and clear all the way down. If you cannot clear your ears ascend a metre or so and try again. If they won't clear **ABORT** the dive. Descend slowly and keep in good eye contact with your buddy. Try to keep in touching distance of your buddy – if you are further away than this you will be unable to help in the event of a problem occurring. Stop briefly at about 5m to carry out a bubble check.

KEEP GOOD BUDDY CONTACT

During the dive keep close to your buddy, especially if the visibility is poor. Monitor your air regularly, and communicate it with your buddy. And also keep a close eye on your no decompression time. If you are separated from your buddy, PADI states that you spend one minute looking for them, and then make a slow ascent to the surface. Do not continue the dive on your own.

DSMB, MONITORING AIR AND USE OF THE PONY

Ensure you have plenty of air left for DSMB deployment, ascent and a safety stop – this will depend on your experience level, dive depth, etc., but please remain on the conservative side. You should be on the surface with 50bar in accordance with PADI recommendations. We can discuss an appropriate amount of air needed for the ascent when we know what dive we are doing. If you are unsure on DSMB deployment procedures please speak up. And if your reel jams on deployment let it go immediately or you could end up ascending out of control – we can collect it later – and use your buddy's DSMB.

[Pony cylinders are meant as a back up air source, and should not be used to prolong a dive.](#)

ASCEND CLOSE TOGETHER AND SLOWLY. DO A SAFETY STOP

On ascent keep in close proximity to your buddy and in eye contact. Ascend slowly – within the rate displayed on your computer, and certainly no faster than 18m per minute. Keep a good lookout for boat traffic, jellyfish, etc. A 3 minute safety stop at 5m is encouraged after **EVERY** dive, and longer stops are recommended in some conditions (i.e. cold water). Also, if the dive tables or your computer dictate a longer stop you should undertake it.

GETTING BACK ON-BOARD

On surfacing stay close together, and give the OK sign to the boat. Let the boat come to you. Pass up your weightbelt, then your scuba unit (help the skipper please). Then enter the rib. After your buddy has joined you in the rib, place all loose bits of kit back in your goody bag. Keep your drysuit zipped up for the return journey unless told otherwise.

BACK AT THE DIVE CENTRE/JETTY

Unload all your kit and store it neatly in the designated place. Enter your dive details in the divelog.

ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCY OXYGEN

Divestyle Pirate Club



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If you are involved in an accident, incident or are injured in any way please notify the skipper and dive leader. If you think you might be suffering from DCI/DCS inform someone, and ask to be put on oxygen immediately – DO NOT REMAIN SILENT.

WATER

And remember to drink **lots of water** during the day/weekend/week – don't get dehydrated.