

BRITISH SUB AQUA CLUB

Dive Definitions & Responsibilities



Dive definition	DO Responsibility	Member Responsibility	Example
Diving within current "Safe Diving"	If the dive is conducted with DO approval, DO accepts full responsibility for the dive. The DO is accountable to ensure that the person appointed as the Dive Manager is properly qualified and experienced for the task and will manage operations so as to be within current "Safe Diving".	To comply with "Safe Diving" and with the instructions given by the appointed Dive Manager. To report to the Dive Manager any departures from "Safe Diving" whether planned or unplanned. To be aware that "Safe Diving" and DO or Dive Manager's instructions are designed to minimise risk and maximise safety of the diver and others. Deliberate contravention may result in the DO taking action to protect BSAC members and other divers. DOs may refer to the document "BSAC Volunteers – Procedure for change of status" in the event of required action.	Any DO authorised dive. DO may sanction all DL (and above) in club to organise and run branch dives to known locations without notification unless training is to be conducted or inexperienced members (eg Ocean Divers) are in attendance. DO may sanction all Advanced Divers (and above) in club to organise and run branch dives to unknown locations without notification unless training is to be conducted or inexperienced members are in attendance.
	If the dive is conducted without DO approval, the DO is not responsible for the dive but is still responsible for the conduct of branch training and previously awarded qualifications.	To comply with "Safe Diving". Deliberate contravention may result in the DO taking action to protect BSAC members and other divers. Warning: the dive manager, the most experienced diver and/or the member may be held responsible for any adverse consequences of the dive.	A BSAC member diving on holiday A BSAC member diving on a shuttle boat A BSAC diver attending a BSAC course (and therefore not requiring the approval of the branch DO)
	Technical Dive planned to depths below 80m within "Safe Diving". An appropriate Risk Assessment to be submitted to the NDO (via HQ) for review and approval. DO is not responsible for the dive but should ensure that approval from NDO has been sought.	To comply with "Safe Diving" - members should only dive to the depths that they are qualified to dive to and must submit an appropriate Risk Assessment to the NDO via HQ for review and approval. To comply with the procedures listed within the approved Risk Assessment.	A deep dive conducted by an experienced team of divers who are qualified to dive to the planned depths and who have received approval from the NDO based on an appropriate Risk Assessment. A team of BSAC divers developing new diving techniques at depth who have received NDO approval based on an appropriate Risk Assessment.
Diving outside current "Safe Diving"	A DO must not permit or sanction plans to dive outside current "Safe Diving" and they should warn the members accordingly. Although they are not accountable for the dive, the DO would still be accountable for previous BSAC training and qualifications awarded.	Member is not able to dispense with legal responsibility of "duty of care". Members must recognise that the further away they stray from recommended guidelines ("Safe Diving"), they expose themselves to a greater risk of incidents and a greater risk of litigation. To be aware that "Safe Diving" is designed to minimise risk and maximise safety of the diver and others. Deliberate contravention may result in the DO taking action to protect BSAC members and other divers. DOs may refer to the document "BSAC Volunteers – Procedure for change of status" in the event of required action. Note: disclaimers accepting personal responsibility or absolving others of responsibility for personal injury or death have no validity in UK law. It is not possible to avoid responsibility for negligence through disclaimers.	A diver exceeding the depth to which they are qualified to dive. Solo Diving