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SSI STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SNORKELING AND SCUBA DIVING COURSES

You are about to embark on an exciting and rewarding adventure. Diving is an exciting and enjoyable lifetime sport that will challenge both your mind and body. There are risks, as you would expect from any demanding outdoor activity, but these risks are minimized through proper instruction.

The purpose of this Statement of Understanding is to provide you *and* your Instructor with a way to focus on the important responsibilities you each have for your successful training as a diver. When you have completed this training you will be ready to enjoy gaining more open water diving experience.

Learning to dive is similar to growing up. As you grew you shared the responsibility for your well-being

and your quality of life with your parents. As time passed you took more and more of the responsibility until you became wholly responsible for yourself as an adult. During your training as a diver you will share the responsibility with your Instructor. As the course progresses your Instructor will gradually shift the responsibility for your own safety and enjoyment to *you*.

As a part of the SSI course printed materials, there will be times and places for both you and your Instructor to sign off that you are comfortable with what has been accomplished and you are ready to continue the training.

To enter the very different underwater world requires special equipment. Therefore, diving is an equipment intensive sport.

With this in mind, you will want to use correct, complete, high quality equipment. Much of your instruction will concern equipment and the related skills.

Based on extensive diving experience and training, your Instructor has developed a high degree of caring about and for student divers. This will be clearly brought out during the course and during the completing of both this statement and your medical history form. Please be as complete and honest as possible. If you are unsure concerning any aspects of the course, please ask.

The following responsibilities are carefully designed to help assure that you will have a safe and enjoyable experience learning to dive.

PLEASE INITIAL EACH LINE TO INDICATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO EACH REQUIREMENT.

Instructor Responsibilities — As your Instructor, I agree to provide:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> An SSI course of instruction in diving activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Current liability insurance for diving instruction. | <input type="checkbox"/> Several open water training dives or assistance in arranging for open water training by referral. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI course educational materials. | <input type="checkbox"/> Information on health and safety considerations, such as when not to dive and important skills needed to dive safely. | <input type="checkbox"/> Certification upon satisfactory completion of the course. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The use of the SSI audiovisual teaching system. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete information on all course costs. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of my current Instructor certification. | | |

Student Responsibilities — As a student, I agree to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Be in good physical and mental health for diving and to complete a medical history form. <i>You may be required to have a medical examination.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Take care of personal dive equipment and equipment assigned to me. | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the required number of open water dives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prove that I know how to swim and am comfortable in the water. <i>You do not necessarily need to be a good swimmer.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay with my assigned partner, Instructor or group during water work. | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform my Instructor if I am excessively cold or tired; under undue stress; injured; low on air; not feeling well; or have been sick during the preceding week. <i>The two of you will then decide what is in your best interests. You should not dive if you are having a difficulty with yourself (physical or mental), your equipment or the environment.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend all classes or make up missed classes. | <input type="checkbox"/> Give special and careful consideration to the needs and safety of my diving buddy. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete all class assignments. | <input type="checkbox"/> Perform skills as requested, but not attempt any skill I do not feel ready to safely perform. <i>Your Instructor will provide additional time or instruction, if needed.</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pay course fees, rental fees, or other costs as listed by the Instructor. | | |

Mutual Responsibilities — Together as Instructor and student, we agree to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy, rent or provide diving equipment as mutually agreed. <i>This varies depending on the situation, but it needs to be clearly understood before continuing with the course.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate as completely and as clearly as possible. | <input type="checkbox"/> Each be ultimately responsible for our own personal actions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not use any intoxicating liquor or dangerous drugs before diving. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be considerate of the rights, feelings and needs of each other and the others involved in the course. | <input type="checkbox"/> Work together and share the responsibility for the diving course, as preparation for later diving adventures. |

Having read and discussed this Statement of Understanding, we agree to conduct ourselves as described here.

▲ Student's Name (PRINTED)

▲ Age

▲ Instructor's Name (PRINTED)

▲ Instructor N°

▲ Student's SIGNATURE

▲ Date

▲ Instructor's SIGNATURE

▲ Date

▲ Parent or Guardian signs here IF STUDENT IS A MINOR

▲ Dive Business Name and Contact Information

STUDENT INTEREST SURVEY

How did you hear about this course?

- Newspaper Yellow Pages
 TV Radio (Station) _____
 Friend Other _____

Which courses interest you?

- Specialty Diver Stress & Rescue
 Advanced Diver Dive Control Specialist
 Master Diver Instructor

Specialties

- Boat Diving Ecology or Archaeology Night Diving Videography or
 Deep Diving Equipment Techniques Search & Recovery Photography
 Dry Suit Diving Navigation Wreck Diving Other _____

Where are you planning your next trip location?

- Australia Caribbean Mexico Red Sea
 Bahamas Europe Micronesia U.S. East Coast
 Bermuda Florida New Zealand U.S. West Coast
 Canada Hawaii Asia Other _____