

GENERAL OPEN WATER TRAINING - INLAND SITES

Site: Inland Dive Sites:

Cromhall, Dosthill, Stoney Cove & Vobster Quay

Project: General Open Water Training & Skills Refreshment

Organisation's name: InDepth Dive Centre & Club - PADI 26763 - SAA 1170



OPEN WATER RISK ASSESSMENT



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COURSES & TRAINING COVERED BY THIS RISK ASSESSMENT

PADI COURSES COVERED

Scuba Diver
Open Water Diver
Adventure Diver / Advanced Open Water Diver
Divemaster
Assistant Instructor
IDC
Dry Suit
Peak Performance Buoyancy
Underwater Digital Imaging
 Photography
 Videography
 Photogrammetry
Underwater Navigation
Search & Recovery
Sidemount
Drift Diver
Equipment Specialist
DSMB Diver
Underwater Naturalist
Boat Diver
Fish ID
Multilevel Diver
Altitude Diver
Full Face Mask
PADI AWARE - All Courses

SAA COURSES COVERED

Elementary Diver
Open Water Diver / 1 Star Diver
Club Diver / 2 Star Diver
Dive Leader / 2 Star Diver
Dive Supervisor / 3 Star Diver
Skill Development - refer to PADI Equivalent

COURSES & TRAINING EXCLUDED

FROM THIS RISK ASSESSMENT

(See course(s) specific Risk Assessments)

PADI COURSES EXCLUDED

Rescue Diver
Deep Diver
Emergency Oxygen Provider
Enriched Air Nitrox - EANx
Wreck Diver
Cavern Diver
Night Diver
Ice Diver
Self-Reliant Diver
Diver Propulsion Vehicle - DPV
Tec 40, 45, 50
Tec Sidemount
Tec 40 Triimix, Tec 45 Trimix, Tec 50 Trimix
Tec Trimix 65
Tec Trimix Diver
Gas Blender / Tec Gas Blender
Discover Rebreather / Rebreather / Advanced Rebreather
Freediving - All Courses

SDI COURSES EXCLUDED

Solo Diver

TDI COURSES EXCLUDED

All Courses Excluded

PLEASE NOTE: Only those courses specified opposite are covered by this risk assessment. If the course is not listed, then please use the correct risk assessment or seek clarification and an updated document.

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RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Site: Inland Dive Sites:

Cromhall, Dosthill, Stoney Cove & Vobster Quay

Project: Recreational Open Water Training

Organisation's name: InDepth Dive Centre & Club

Date of last review: N/A

Date of next review: April 2024

Assessment carried out by: James Neal

Date assessment was carried out: April 2023

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DIVING (IN-WATER) SPECIFIC RISKS

GENERAL RISKS

What are the hazards?	Risk Rating					
		Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Trips & Falls	4,3-12			Yellow		
Lifting & Carrying Equipment	3,2-6		Light Green			
Deep Water Entry	3,2-6		Light Green			
Shallow Water Entry	3,2-6		Light Green			
Hypothermia (too cold) or Hyperthermia (too hot)	2,3-6		Light Green			
Manual Handling	3,2-6		Light Green			
Medical Conditions	4,1-1		Light Green			

What are the hazards?	Risk Rating					
		Green	Light Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Drowning	2,5-10			Yellow		
Entanglement	2,1-4	Green				
Out of Gas	2,3-6		Light Green			
Mask Breakage	1,2-2	Green				
Squeeze	2,1-2	Green				
Panic	2,3-6		Light Green			
Separation	2,3-6		Light Green			
Uncontrolled/Rapid/Breath-Hold Ascent	2,2-4		Light Green			
Dry Suit Training	4,2-8			Yellow		
Barotrauma	2,3-6		Light Green			
Decompression Sickness	2,3-6		Light Green			
Immersion Pulmonary Oedema (IPO)	2,4-8			Yellow		
Computer Failure	3,1-4	Green				
Freeflow	3,2-6		Light Green			
Toxic Gas	2,3-6		Light Green			
Drysuit / Wing / BCD Inflator Failure	3,1-3		Light Green			
Task Focusing	3,2, 6		Light Green			
Fatigue	2,2-4		Light Green			
Familiarity / Complacency	3,2-6		Light Green			
Heart Attack, Stroke, Haemorrhage	2,4-8			Yellow		

Risk factor is calculated by taking the Likelihood (L) 1-5

and associate it with the probable Consequence (C) 1-5

The risk control factors are then taken into account and

the risk is reviewed accordingly.

See Risk Matrix on page 5.

Risk Matrix

Risk Rating Guidance	Consequence (C)	5	5	10	15	20	25	20 - 25	STOP	Stop activity and take immediate action	
		4	4	8	12	16	20		15 - 16	URGENT ACTION	Take immediate action, stop activity if necessary and maintain existing controls rigorously
		3	3	6	9	12	15		8 - 12	ACTION	Improve (if possible) Ensure risks are well briefed and understood
		2	2	4	6	8	10		3 - 6	MONITOR	Monitor for any incidents and look to improve if possible
		1	1	2	3	4	5		1 - 2	NO ACTION	No further action, but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed
			1	2	3	4	5				
			Likelihood (L)								

Guidance. When completing a risk assessment, you should:	1. Establish what hazards are associated with the proposed task.
	2. Identify who is at risk, how they might be harmed, and the existing risk control measures.
	3. Calculate an initial Risk Rating for the activity.
	4. Identify risk control measures that reduce the risks to an acceptable level
	5. Calculate a revised Risk Rating – you should consider how much safer the task will be if the additional controls are followed; you should be looking to change the Likelihood (L) and Consequence (C) ratings.
	6. Record any required actions, who is responsible for these and when they will be completed by.

Note. Ideally, you should look to reduce the risks to as 'low as reasonably practicable'

Likelihood (L) Classifications	Consequence (C) Classifications
1. Very Unlikely: Remote or Improbable; past experience shows no known instances of any event occurring.	1. Insignificant: No injury, no damage to property or the environment.
2. Unlikely: Past experience suggests that event rarely happens.	2. Minor: Minor injury possibly needing first aid, resulting in no loss time; little or no damage to property or the environment.
3. Fairly likely: Experience shows that events can occur, either frequently or occasionally.	3. Medium: Up to 3 days absence; relatively minor injury, moderate damage to property or the environment requiring short remedial work.
4. Likely: Experience shows isolated incidents occur.	4. Major: More than 7 days absence, serious injury / damage to property or the environment
5. Very Likely: Very likely to happen unless actively prevented, possibility of repeated incidents.	5. Catastrophic: Accident resulting in death(s); destruction of property; irreversible damage to the environment.

Review Date:	This risk assessment should be reviewed periodically. Review sooner should conditions change, if additional equipment is introduced, or processes changes, new hazards identified or an accident or incident.
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GENERAL RISKS

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	How might people be harmed?	Existing risk control measures	Risk Rating					Additional Controls	Residual Risk	Action by whom?	Action by when?
				Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black				
Trips & Falls	Any team member	Risk of personal injury. Sprains, strains and breaks.	1. Safety briefings. 2. Minimise kit carried. 3. Appropriate footwear. 4. Awareness of uneven surfaces.						Monitor & continuous assessment	Ongoing Many open water sites are old quarries, uneven surfaces, loose stones.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Review annually
Lifting & Carrying Equipment	Any team member	Risk of personal injury. Sprains, strains. Injury to back.	1. Safety briefings. 2. Minimise kit carried. 3. Appropriate footwear. 4. Proper lifting techniques.						Monitor & continuous assessment	Ongoing Particular care should be emphasised as part of every site brief.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Review annually
Deep Water Entry	Any team member	Risk of personal injury. Incorrect procedure, fall face first. Dry suit zip left open / risk of drowning BCD / Wing failure	1. Safety briefings. 2. Pre-dive safety checks. 3. Appropriate training. 4. Equipment regularly serviced. 5. Awareness of site entry points.						Monitor & continuous assessment	Ongoing Underwater obstacles can move and visibility may obscure. Due care and attention should be given.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Review annually

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Shallow Water Entry	Any team member	Risk of personal injury. Incorrect procedure, fall face first. Increased risk of trips and falls, resulting in: Sprains, strains and breaks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety briefings. 2. Pre-dive safety checks. 3. Appropriate training. 4. Awareness of site entry points and hazards. 						Monitor & continuous assessment	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Underwater obstacles can move and visibility may obscure. Due care and attention should be given.</p>	<p>Dive Supervisor</p> <p>All team members</p>	Review annually
<p>Hypothermia (too cold) or</p> <p>Hyperthermia (too hot)</p>	Any team member	Any team members could be affected by exposure to the elements both surface and sub-surface affecting thermal balance of body temperature, resulting in ill health or fatality.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be mindful that dry suits can, and do, leak. 2. Dry suit training represents increased risks due to lack of experience. Increased risk of loss of buoyancy control. 3. Dive Supervisor / Top side safety to monitor divers at regular intervals. 4. Divers should wear appropriate thermal protection for the time of year and location. 5. Familiarity of symptoms and early detection. 6. Team to maintain good communications throughout the day. 						<p>Dry suit training should only be conducted in shallow water and any skills being undertaken should, ideally, take place at the start of the dive or after the safety stop. Ascent skills and inversion being the two main examples.</p> <p>Café (where offered) for hot / cold drinks. If a café isn't available then own waterside facilities should be available. Flasks etc.</p> <p>Team members & students advised and encouraged to all bring a dry bag with spare layers of warm, dry clothing & towels.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dry Suit training, MUST only take place once an orientation has been completed in a swimming pool. This MUST include inversion training and all other skills as stated in the course requirements / standards.</p> <p>Even after completing this there will remain a residual risk of a student(s) flooding their dry suit, (partially or fully) particularly during inversion exercises.</p> <p>Consider the time of year and try to avoid winter months.</p>	<p>Dive Supervisor</p> <p>All team members</p>	Continuous review

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	How might people be harmed?	Existing risk control measures	Risk Rating					Additional Controls	Residual Risk	Action by whom?	Action by when?
				Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black				
Manual Handling	Any team member	<p>Any Team member could suffer injury from climbing out of the water onto the pontoon or out of the water via the 'beach'.</p> <p>Injury from lifting an item or retrieving an item from the bottom.</p> <p>Injury from carrying cylinders in / out of the water and to / from the gas room.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear Appropriate footwear 2. When possible, use a cylinder trolley 3. ALWAYS Secure the load with a chain or strap Take care over rough surfaces 4. Take regular rest breaks 5. Two person lifts where practical. 6. Use of liftbag for any item over 7kg in-water. (Appropriate training required.) 7. Always use proper lifting techniques, bending knees and not back. 	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	<p>Monitor & continuous assessment</p> <p>Following the failure of a 1st stage on a pressured cylinder, advise divers that they should try and avoid carrying pressurised cylinders on their shoulders with 1st stages attached.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>A Residual Risk of sprain or strain will always be present, especially in older divers.</p> <p>Repetitive diving can increase residual risk as divers fatigue. This can be particularly the case on longer diving holidays, such as those on liveboards.</p>	<p>Dive Supervisor</p> <p>All team members</p>	Review annually
Medical Conditions & Medication	Any team member	Team members are likely to have any number of pre-existing medical conditions. These should not be contra-indicated conditions or medications.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dive Medicals 2. Disclosure to team 3. Assistance as necessary / required. 	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dive briefings should include asking if all team members are feeling well and able to dive. There should be absolutely no peer pressure to dive / complete a task. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Be mindful that divers may be tempted to lie on medical forms.</p> <p>Ideally, have new forms completed for every course, regardless of how recently they may have undertaken training. Doing so will either pick up on a problem or demonstrate deliberate and ongoing deceit.</p>	<p>Instructor(s)</p> <p>All team members</p>	Continuous review

DIVING (IN-WATER) SPECIFIC RISKS

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Drowning	Any team member	Any Team member could suffer a drowning incident, including any persons on the surface that may be taking part, assisting, etc	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any dedicated surface cover should wear appropriate attire. When around the water's edge everyone should walk, not run. All buoyancy equipment should be regularly inspected and serviced. 						Emergency buoyancy aids and throw lines.	Ongoing Scuba Diving, by its very nature, will always carry a residual risk of drowning. Managing that risk is critical. Safe Diving Practices should always be followed and equipment should be serviced regularly.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Entanglement	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Entanglement: Injury to diver from becoming entangled in lines / poor DSMB deployment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> All divers to be aware of potential underwater snagging (hanging lines / DSMB lines being used for practice, line laying skills) 						Entry point shall be assessed before entry and supervisor / instructor to constantly monitor the divers.	Ongoing Lines will always pose a hazard. Awareness is critical.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Out of Gas	Divers	Any student / members could drown if they run out of gas. Risk of serious decompression injury if a team member bolts for the surface as a consequence of running out of gas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check all cylinders for gas prior to entering the water. Double-check all student cylinders and ensure that they have at least 150 bar at the start of any in-water activities. 						Surface cover will be watching. In-water assistants with students.	Ongoing Complacency in those divers that are more experienced can creep in. It is important to periodically remind instructors and seasoned divers that they are not infallible!	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

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Mask Breakage	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Cuts Abrasions Eye damage	1. Masks should be stored in fins, face down when not in use. 2. Masks should be either on the face or around the neck, not on forehead.	Green					Instructors remind students and train good habits from the very beginning.	Ongoing	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Squeeze Mask Dry Suit	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Risk of skin damage to face (mask squeeze) or any part of the body as a result of a dry suit squeeze, typically resulting from a failure to correctly connect drysuit inflator hose.	1. Divers should perform proper buddy / self-reliant checks prior to entering the water. 2. Instructors brief students and ensure they understand the procedures.	Green					Remind all divers that their equipment must be in test and that they should perform a buddy check.	Ongoing Complacency, remind seasoned divers that they too can still forget to attach a dry suit hose or descend too quickly!	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Panic	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Any person may have a panic situation either underwater or on the surface. Risk of inhaling water, rapid ascent / breath hold ascent Drowning Harm others whilst panicking	1. Follow all training standards. 2. Remind students that panic is not an option. (Rule 2.) 3. Reinforce calm, controlled breathing techniques. 4. Do not allow peer pressure from family members or friends.	Green					In-Water support with a safety diver where appropriate. Brief any new Divemasters or trainees of the hazards.	Ongoing It's impossible to know what's going on in someone's personal life. Many factors could affect an individual. So be mindful of this and monitor all students at all times.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Separation	Divers	Risk of separation in poor visibility may result in diver panic and uncontrolled ascent to surface. DCS Lung Overexpansion	1. Dive briefing should always include standard procedure for separation. Stay for one minute and then make a normal, safe, ascent. 2. Support Divers / DMs if possible	Green					Ongoing Use of alternate dive site(s) if necessary. Reschedule if conditions are poor.	Ongoing Weather can easily affect visibility.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

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Uncontrolled Ascent / Rapid Ascent / Breath-Hold Ascent	Divers	Lung over expansion injury Decompression sickness / injury	1. Follow all training standards. 2. Remind students of the need to control buoyancy and not exceed maximum ascent rates of 18mtrs per minute. Ideally 10 mtrs per minute.	█	█	█	█	█	In-Water support where appropriate. Brief any new Divemasters or trainees of the hazards.	Ongoing Dry Suit training courses are particularly prone to potential uncontrolled ascent. Follow course guidance!	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Dry Suit Training	Divers	Increased risk of loss of buoyancy that can result in missed safety stop, breath-hold ascent, resulting in: Lung over expansion injury Decompression sickness / injury	1. Ensure Dry Suit orientation has been conducted in a swimming pool environment prior to any open water training commences. 2. Follow all training standards. 3. Remind students of the need to control buoyancy and not exceed maximum ascent rates of 18mtrs per minute. Ideally 10 mtrs per minute. 4. Inversion exercises should be conducted at the start of the first dive of any given day to ensure absolute minimum nitrogen loading 5. Ascent skills should be conducted AFTER a full safety stop has been completed.	█	█	█	█	█	In-Water support where appropriate. Brief any new Divemasters or trainees of the hazards. Club dry suits tend to be sized for the 'average' person. Try to ensure students are fitted with the best possible suit.	Ongoing Dry Suit training courses are particularly prone to potential uncontrolled ascent, by virtue of their very nature and the skill(s) being taught. Namely the inversion recovery skills. Follow course guidance!	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

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Barotrauma	Divers Freedivers	Damage to ears. Damage to lungs. Damage to eyes.	1. Divers should be made aware of the need to equalize their ears. 2. Maximum ascent rate of 18m per minute, preferably 10m per minute, should still be followed at all times. 3. All divers are taught how to equalize their ears and mask's air space.	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	Emergency Action Plan	Ongoing Scuba Diving, by its very nature, carries with it the risk of barotrauma.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Decompression Sickness	Divers	Little to no risk of physical injury in the swimming pool.	1. All divers are suitably supervised. 2. Maximum ascent rates of 10 metres per minute to be followed.	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	Emergency Action plan O2 kit	Ongoing Scuba Diving, by its very nature, carries with it the risk of DCS.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Immersion Pulmonary Oedema (IPO)	Divers Freedivers Swimmers	Potentially fatal	1. Whilst IPO is highly unlikely, it is not impossible, in a heated swimming pool, but this is an emerging condition that is poorly understood and can have serious consequences. 1.Awareness of IPO symptoms. 2. Include in all pre-dive briefings.	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	Although risk is generally low, IPO remains a relatively unknown condition and awareness is limited, ensure signs and symptoms are covered in all pre-dive briefs, especially if conditions are hot.	Ongoing Scuba Diving, by its very nature, carries with it the risk of IPO.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Computer Failure	Divers	No risk of physical injury in the swimming pool.	1. None required as computers are optional in the swimming pool. 2. Recommend back-up computers.	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red	Black	All computers should be checked as part of the buddy check and spare batteries should be available.	Minimal.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

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Freeflow	Divers	Potential risk of injury, serious injury or even death should a diver experience a catastrophic loss of gas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remind divers of risk, especially in colder waters and winter months. 2. Recommend some form of redundancy: 'Pony' bottles, bail-outs or stages. 	Green					Remind divers that their own kit should be regularly serviced. Club kit is routinely inspected and serviced.	Ongoing Scuba Diving, by its very nature, carries with it the risk of freeflow, especially in colder water and winter months.	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Toxic Gas	Divers	<p>Contaminated cylinder fills can cause potential carbon monoxide poisoning which, in turn, could be fatal at depth.</p> <p>Incorrect gas in a cylinder could cause death as a result of convulsion due to oxygen toxicity.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only fill cylinders at reputable filling stations. Preferably SWMA. 2. Analyse all gas mixes if qualified. 3. Record all mixes as appropriate in the dive management log. 4. Mark all cylinders appropriately with the mix, MOD, name and date of fill. 	Green					Taste and smell all gas mixes as part of the pre-dive safety check. And verbally state that the gas tastes good and that there is no flicker on the SPG.	Ongoing Risk typically increases when overseas, particularly on liveboards. Remind everyone of this!	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Drysuit / Wing / BCD inflator failure	Divers	<p>Potential risk for an uncontrolled ascent should an inflator jam open and not be easily / quickly detached.</p> <p>It is highly unlikely that both the drysuit and the wing/BCD would both fail.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All equipment must be in service and routinely serviced. 2. Drysuit can act as back-up buoyancy control should the wing/BCD fail. 3. Dive to be aborted should either fail. 	Green					<p>All inflators and dumps are checked as part of the pre-dive safety check.</p> <p>Remind divers that hoses should be replaced at least every 5 years.</p>	Ongoing	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

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Task Focusing	Divers	Potential risk of injury, serious injury or even death should a diver become overly task focused and consequently fail to monitor either their gas or their NDL. Risk is greatly reduced in a swimming pool.	1. Remind all students that monitoring their gas is an essential part of learning to scuba dive. 2. Remind those practicing skills that complacency causes accidents!						Dive briefs should remind all divers of roles and risks of task focusing. Identify high risk courses: Navigation Photography Videography Photogrammetry Search & Recovery	Ongoing Complacency in more seasoned and experienced divers. Human Factors	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Fatigue	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Fatigue can cause significant impairment to a divers' ability to perform even simple tasks.	1. If diving below 40 metres then only one dive per day will be permitted. 2. If any diver is fatigued prior to diving then they will not be permitted to dive that day / until suitably rested.						Team awareness Refreshments Minimum 1 hour surface intervals between dives is recommended.	Ongoing	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Familiarity / Complacency	Divers Freedivers Snorkellers	Dive site familiarity can lead to diver complacency	1. Participants should be reminded that all diving has risks. Dive briefs to include complacency warning.						Strict dive planning and surface to surface times Dive Supervisor	Ongoing Human Factors	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review
Heart Attack Stroke Haemorrhage Or other medical emergency	Divers Freedivers Swimmers	Potentially fatal. Serious life-changing disability	1. Follow Agency Standards. 2. Medical forms and disclaimers.						1. Dive briefings should include asking if all team members are feeling well and able to dive. There should be absolutely no peer pressure to dive / complete a task.	Ongoing	Dive Supervisor All team members	Continuous review

DEPTH RISK ASSESSMENT

HOW DOES RISK INCREASE WITH DEPTH?

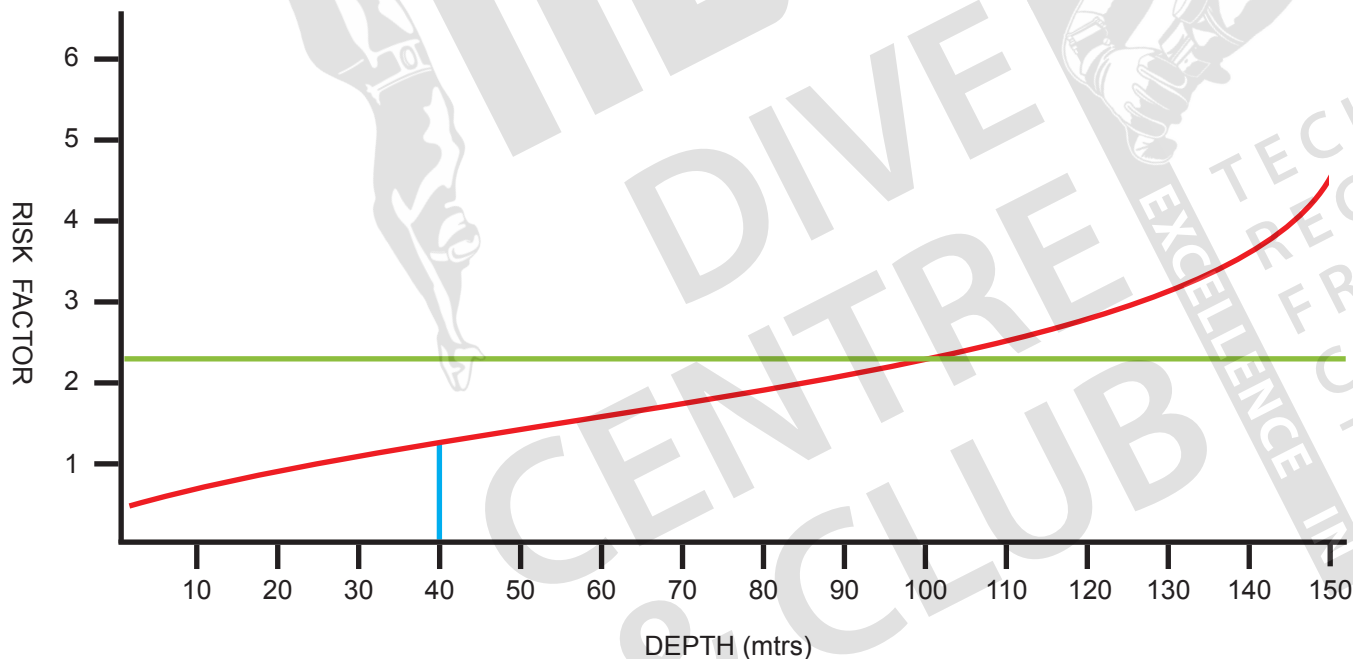
It goes without saying that the deeper you dive, the greater the risk. Therefore, the diver either has to accept that increased risk or put into place additional safety measures to negate said risk. The reality tends to be a combination of both. It is virtually impossible to remove all risks associated with deeper dives, particularly those below 100 metres.

Any dive below 40 mtrs or any dive that involves mandatory

decompression should be considered a technical dive. All project divers are required to dive within the limits of their training and experience. Only divers qualified to dive below 40 metres may do so and only divers qualified to dive on mixed gas may dive below 50 metres.

The graphic below is intended to represent what would be considered a reasonable level of risk to depth ratio.

The maximum depth of the pool is a mere 3 metres and therefore the maximum depth of any training dive would be similar. This depth falls well within the acceptable risk factor. And whilst the risk factor can never be zero where water is concerned, the risk is very low associated with these shallow depths.



GRAPH

█	RISK CURVE
█	ACCEPTABLE RISK
█	RECREATIONAL DEPTH LIMIT

RISK FACTORS

█	1 LITTLE / NO RISK
█	2 ACCEPTABLE RISK
█	3 ACCEPTABLE WITH CAUTION
█	4 EXTREME CAUTION
█	5 UNACCEPTABLE
█	6 EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE



The meaning and prioritized flow of AB-CABS is:

A = **A**irway Open?

B = **B**reathing Normally?

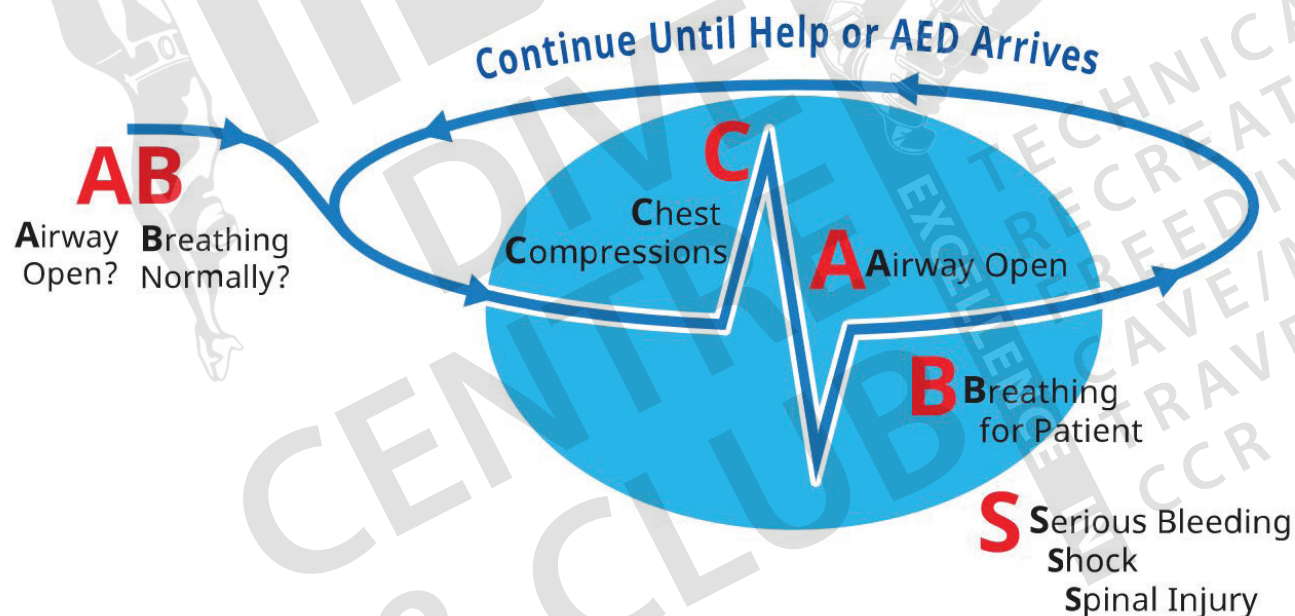
C = **C**hest **C**ompressions

A = **A**irway Open

B = **B**reathing for the Patient

S = **S**erious Bleeding, **S**hock, **S**pinal Injury

Cycle of Care: AB-CABS™



ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES



TEAM MEMBERS

All team members are EFR (Emergency First Response) trained.
All team members are Emergency Oxygen (O2 admin) trained.
All team members are trained in the use of an AED (defibrillator).

All training is refreshed every 24 months.

Key personnel are EFR Instructor Trainers.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

An O2 kit is always kept with the Dive Marshall / Surface Cover.
A First Aid kit is always kept with the Dive Marshall / Surface Cover.
A mobile phone is always kept with the Dive Marshall / Surface Cover.

Surface Cover vehicle is last to park in order to have immediate access to exit.
All mobile networks to be checked to ensure coverage waterside.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

A separate Emergency Action Plan is kept with the Project Plan.



LOCATION INFORMATION:

CROMHALL (South West Maritime Academy): Wotton Road, Cromhall, GL12 8AA

DOSTHILL: Wigford Road, Dosthill, Tamworth, B77 1LL

STONEY COVE: Stoney Stanton, Leicester, LE9 4LR

VOBSTER QUAY: Upper Vobster, Radstock, BA3 5SD

WHAT THREE WORDS:

CROMHALL: newsprint.gliders.safety

DOSTHILL: movies.upgrading.takes

STONEY COVE: activates.topping.tiling

VOBSTER QUAY: cobbled.relaxed.billiard

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