

SCUBA at Berkeley Safety Policy 2024-2025

Membership

1. Member must have completed the following prior to signing up for any dive trip:
 - a. Submitted all dive certification materials online
 - b. Passed safety exams (written & physical gear assembly)
2. In order to sign up for an advanced trip, members must have:
 - a. Prior experience in cold water diving
 - b. Advanced Open Water certification (PADI, SDI or equivalent)
 - c. Dived in the past 6 months
 - d. Minimum of 40 dives

Safety Exam

1. Must be completed once every academic year, including the following:
 - a. Written safety exam
 - b. Physical gear assembly of BCD on SCUBA tank
2. If a member fails the safety exam, he/she must attend a safety review lesson and retake the exam.
 - a. Failure is defined as:
 - i. Scoring less than 50%
 - ii. Answering ANY of the designated essential questions wrongly, regardless of the overall score.
 - b. Failure to pass the safety exam twice will require the member to hire a divemaster during dives.
3. Members must attend safety review meetings before dive trips, regardless of if they have already passed the safety exam.

Trip Planning

1. Group must meet before leaving for dive trip to create a plan. It must be approved by safety officer pre-departure and include the following:
 - a. Names and contact info of every group member
 - b. Planned dive sites and alternative options
 - c. Max depth and turnaround pressure for each site, depending on certification level of divers in group
 - d. Buddy pairs, safety liaisons
2. Divemasters are required if member has:
 - a. Not completed more than 20 dives
 - b. Not dived in the past 6 months
 - c. No experience in cold water
 - d. Failed safety exam more than once

By signing this document, I am hereby agreeing that I will abide by these policies for the safety of myself and other members. Failure to comply will result in a meeting with the board of SCUBA at Berkeley and potential revoking of membership.

Signature

Date