

## SCUBA @ Berkeley Safety Policy 2021-2022

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### **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.

### **Trip Planning**

1. Group must meet before leaving for a dive trip to create a plan. It must be approved by safety officer pre-departure and including 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 @ Berkeley and potential revoking of membership.

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Signature

Date