

AQUANAUT DIVE CLUB

Membership Form - 2010

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Mobile Tel:			
Home Tel:			
Last Dive:	Number Logged Dives:	Number Cold Water Dives:	
Current Dive Qualification:		PADI	BSAC
		Other:	

Fees:

Annual Membership Fee: £55	
Social / New UK Diver Membership Fee: £25	
Refundable Boat Fee: £100	
Payment by Cash, Cheque or Bank Transfer only please. No credit or debit cards accepted. Cheques should be made payable to Aquanaut Dive Club .	
Bank details are available for electronic transfers. Nat West 60-24-07 Acct # 69598789	

Any known medical issues:

Please list:	
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Emergency Contact Information:

Name:
Relationship:
Address:
Mobile Tel:
Home Tel:

Data Processing Statement

I consent to the collection and processing of my "personal data" for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. Aquanaut Dive Club (the "Club") is the "data controller" and I agree that my personal data may be held in electronic and/or manual form and may be used by the Club and its Committee from time to time for the purposes of the proper administration of my membership. This includes, without limitation, bringing to my attention (through the use of email or other publicity) possible Club trips and other events in which I may be interested and ensuring my full participation in Club activities. In the event of a medical emergency arising which involves me, I consent to the disclosure by the Club, its Committee and/or trip organisers of all or any part of this form to the emergency services and/or to my next of kin.

Adherence to Code of Practice, Respect Rules and Trip Booking Policy

I have read, understood and agree to adhere to the Club Code of Practice, Club Respect Rules and Club Trip Booking Policy.

Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Date



Liability Release and Assumption of Risk - 2010

This form must be completed, signed and submitted by all active diving club members.

A new form is required each year and is to be submitted with annual membership renewal.

Please read carefully, insert your name where appropriate, and initial each paragraph before signing the document.

I, _____ (Diver), hereby affirm that I am a Certified Diver, and have been advised, or otherwise am fully aware, of the hazards of skin diving, scuba diving, and associated boat operations.

- I understand this Liability Release and Assumption of Risk (this **"Release"**) hereby encompasses and applies to ALL diving and non-diving activities organised by the Aquanaut Dive Club, in which I choose to participate and/or associated boating operations. These specialised diving activities include, but are not limited to, boat handling, and navigation, night, deep, altitude, boat, drift, dry suit, wreck, multilevel, search and recovery, underwater naturalist, underwater photography, and underwater videography dives.
- I understand and agree that this Release applies to all members, leaders, agents and each of their respective personal representatives and assigns (each from time to time) of the Aquanaut Dive Club, through which such activities as identified above are organised.
- Further I understand that scuba diving involves certain risks including decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I understand that the diving trips may be conducted at sites that are remote in time, distance, or both, from such a recompression chamber. Despite the possible lack of a recompression chamber near the dive site, I still choose to proceed with such dives.
- I understand and agree that to the maximum extent permitted by English law, the Aquanaut Dive Club and its members, leaders, agents, contracted skippers/boat owners/ boat crew and their respective successors, personal representatives and assigns (each from time to time) (hereinafter referred to as the **"Released Parties"**) may not be held liable or responsible to me (or to my successors or personal representatives) in any way (whether in contract, negligence or on any other legal basis) for any injury, death, loss or damage to me or to my property that may occur as a result of my participation in these diving or other non-diving activities and I hereby release the Released Parties from the same. The foregoing is not intended to exclude the liability of any of the Released Parties for death or personal injury caused by negligence or for other liability which cannot be validly excluded under English law.
- As a condition of being allowed to participate in these diving and non-diving activities, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with said activities, for any harm, injury, or damage that may befall me while I am involved in any of these activities, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen. I understand that these hazards include, but are not limited to, air expansion injuries, drowning, decompression sickness, slipping or falling while on board, being cut or struck by a boat while in the water, injuries occurring while getting on or off a boat, and other perils of the sea. The foregoing is not intended to exclude the liability of any of the Released Parties for death or personal injury caused by negligence or for other liability which cannot be validly excluded under English law.
- I also understand that skin diving and scuba diving cause physical strain or exertion not necessarily experienced in non-diving situations, and that subject to the foregoing I assume all risk for the same.
- I understand and agree that this document is legally binding.
- I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.

Print Name

Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Date



Membership Details & Respect Rules - 2010

Club Mission

The Aquanaut Dive Club is a recreational dive club organising both social and diving trips in the UK and overseas for divers of all experience and levels. Our aim is to enjoy our time both in and out of the water as much as possible, in a safe and relaxed manner. We actively want to help develop your skills and experience as a diver, as well as give you the opportunity to dive new and interesting places. We'll try to buddy you up with someone more experienced, whatever your interest, whether it be as a new diver getting your fins wet in the UK sea for the first time, a photographer who wants to learn how to get the best out of their new kit, or a technical diver who wants to develop their skills. And we want to have fun doing it!

1. **2010 Membership:** membership runs from 1st March 2010 to 28th February 2011.
2. **Dive Club website:** visit us at <http://www.diveaquanaut.co.uk> The website has full details of all events, including planned UK and Overseas dive trips, and you can register your interest in joining these trips there too. You can also find all forms concerning Dive Club Membership for 2010 on the website, as well as other Dive Club information.
3. **Social Events:** Diving isn't just about getting wet on the outside; there are plenty of opportunities to get wet on the inside too! Monthly Club Nights are a chance to meet with other members of the club in a relaxed yet lively environment; the subsidised weekly pool nights in Putney give you a chance to play with new bits of kit, practice your newly learned skills or take part in all sorts of different training sessions. The club also has a Summer Barbeque and a Christmas Party as well as slightly more sober but equally stimulating activities such as educational and informative talks given in the Aquanaut shop. Our club has an open arms approach and you'll find we're a really friendly bunch with a wide range of experience.
4. **UK Orientation Trips:** these are for new UK divers. During the trip you will be buddied with an experienced diver so you can relax and enjoy your first few dives in British waters.
5. **Dive Trips:** all Dive Club Members have first option for spaces on all trips – both organised overseas and in the UK.
6. **Club Pool Night** on Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. £10 per session, to include tank and weights. All other kit available for hire – please ask at the shop. Social "re-hydration" at a local pub afterwards.
7. **Equipment hire:** members benefit from a reduced rate for equipment hire for weekend dive trips. Please ask at the shop.
8. **Boat deposit:** a deposit of £100 is required for those who will join the club for UK diving. This deposit is only paid once, is carried forward from one year to the next and is refundable at any time on termination of club membership. Members who have paid a boat deposit will have first option on UK dive trips.

Club Respect Rules

1. Aquanaut Diving Club was set up to enable as many people as possible to enjoy diving in all its forms. We believe diving should be an enjoyable hobby both in the water and on dry land. To that end the club also organises social activities for club members. These activities may be organised as part of a "dive trip" or simply as a standalone event.
2. In all our activities we expect each of our members to treat each other and the general public with respect.
3. The club expects sensible and reasonable behaviour by all members at all times. We expect all club members to consider the environment in which they find themselves and moderate their behaviour accordingly.
4. We expect all club members to deal with our suppliers with respect (i.e. hotels, dive centers, boat captains etc).
5. We expect club members to pay any monies owed to the club and its suppliers in a timely fashion.
6. We expect all club members to treat their committee / trip organisers with respect and aim to become involved in club decisions.
7. We expect all club members to behave in a way that does not bring the clubs good name in to disrepute.



Membership and Code of Practice – 2010

Membership

There shall be 2 categories of membership:

- **Full Member:** Full membership is £55 annually and also requires a (refundable if you leave) boat deposit of £100. There are no minimum entry requirements for full membership, and gives priority on all organised trips, subsidised entry to paid social events.
- **Social / Overseas:** Membership is £25 annually and gives the member priority on all overseas trips and subsidised entry to paid social events.

Membership fees shall be paid annually on 1st March, and the Club Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date register of all members. Membership of the Club from year to year shall be at the discretion of the then Club Committee. There is no right to membership.

Members joining after 1st September will have a membership valid for the remainder of that year and continuing into the following year.

Diving Code of Practice

As a club diver, from time to time you may be asked to Buddy up with someone less experienced than you to help them develop their skills – this is one of the key aims for the club

All persons wishing to dive with the Club are required to produce Certification and Log Book evidence of diving qualification and experience to the dive leader prior to a dive expedition.

Club Members will ensure that they are physically fit for diving, or suspend their diving activity until fit again. If a diver has any doubt, the diver must seek medical advice before recommencing diving activities.

All Members diving under the auspices of the Club shall have completed the Club's Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Form. Parents of Members under 18 shall complete this form on behalf of their children.

All diving during a club trip must always be done in Buddy Teams. No solo diving will be allowed.

Members must have the appropriate training and experience for the intended dives, and accept full responsibility for understanding and following the codes of practice and safe diving standards as recognised by diving organisations such as PADI, BSAC, NAUI, SSI etc

Leaders shall ensure that all divers on the trip receive a formal "dive briefing" and have sufficient information to prepare full and safe dive plans.

Leaders shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of divers on their expedition, however, individual divers shall ultimately be held fully responsible for their own safety and, as far as reasonably possible, for the safety of their nominated Buddy. Leaders shall always ensure that full details of the intended dive are left with a responsible person who can raise the alarm in the event of divers failing to return by the agreed time.

The responsibility for ensuring adequate personal preparation for a dive rests with the individual diver and Buddy Teams, and NOT the boat skipper/dive leader.

The dive leader or boat skipper reserves the right to cancel a dive if he/she has any doubts about a diver's ability or health.

Divers shall be individually responsible for the safe storage and handling of their equipment.

Dive plans, including entry and exit procedures, established and agreed with the skipper/dive leader, are to be followed unless conditions become unsafe to do so.

Divers are to familiarise themselves with the location and operation of safety equipment, including oxygen and radio/emergency systems.

Divers who are not in the water are to be prepared to assist other divers with entry and exit procedures.