



DIVING RULES

1. You must have a snorkel, timer, depth gauge, cutting tool, compass and whistle on all dives
2. Tables must be checked and depths and times considered before diving
3. Ascend from dives no faster than 10 meters per minute (no faster than your slowest bubbles)
4. Safety stops must be made on ALL dives deeper than 10 meters
5. The maximum bottom time for any dive is four Pressure Groups from the NDL minus 5 minutes
6. All diving is to be carried out using the PADI RDP (table or wheel) – no computer dives
7. No ReefDoctor dives are to exceed 30m
8. No ReefDoctor dives are to exceed 60 minutes
9. No ReefDoctor dives are decompression dives
10. No one to make more than three dives per day
11. No dives are to be made at night
12. No skin dives are to be made after scuba diving
13. New tanks must be used for all exterior dives, on interior sites tanks with 120 bar or more (green bands) may be used, if you are happy to do so
14. The following must ALWAYS be on the boat: O₂, First Aid kit, drinking water, dive spares, boat spares and toolkit, communications equipment
15. A dive team must have a minimum of two divers for dives up to 15m, and three for deeper dives
16. On all dives there must be a Dive leader
17. The Dive Leader must carry a full size DSMB that can be inflated in the event of an emergency
18. On all dives there must be a Base Leader who remains in the ReefDoctor house to monitor VHF calls for as long as the boat is in the water
19. Everybody must know the diver recall signal and respond to it by ascending to the surface as quickly and as safely as possible – continuous groups of three revs of the boat engine
20. Always ensure that you are properly hydrated
21. Everyone must have a day of NO diving each week – usually Saturday
22. There will be a rescue practice once a month
23. No smoking on the boat or in the dive shop
24. Do NOT touch marine life or collect shells

Do NOT dive if:

25. You feel unwell or dehydrated
26. You had more than 1 bottle of beer last night
27. You do not want to – discuss it with the dive officer, you do not have to

DIVE EQUIPMENT

All of your equipment should have been serviced within the last year.

On arrival you must provide the Dive Officer with a list of ALL your equipment (include serial numbers if appropriate).

Equipment borrowed from ReefDoctor MUST be signed for and returned when you leave.

All equipment should be put inside the house if there is no one is staying in Ifaty over night.

Everybody is responsible for cleaning and maintaining their own kit, the Dive officer will supervise if you are unsure about anything.

Once a month:

- Soak, wash and rinse all equipment thoroughly in fresh water from Toliara
- Wash regulators, masks, snorkels and the inside of BCDs with a disinfectant solution
- Check second stages and open and clean if necessary
- Soak low-pressure inflator hoses in a vinegar and water mix
- Soak and flush through BCD power inflators with fresh water and check and clean all dump valves

If there is anything wrong with your equipment tell the Dive Officer so that it can be repaired or replaced

Except where the above rules differ, standard PADI dive procedures, emergency procedures and the buddy system should be followed at ALL times.