

## CHECKOUT DIVE SKILLS EVALUATION

DIVER LAST NAME	DIVER FIRST NAME	MI	DATE
DIVING UNIT NAME	DIVING UNIT LOCATION	UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR	
DIVE PLAN			
DIVE LOCATION		DIVE PLATFORM	
WATER TEMPERATURE	SURFACE CONDITIONS		
BOTTOM DEPTH	BOTTOM TIME	VISIBILITY	CURRENT

Prior to commencing the checkout dive, the equipment used by the individual shall be inspected to ensure that it is in a safe/operable condition. The individual should be diving with equipment that will be used during the project or operation. The dive plan and dive emergency assistance plan shall be reviewed with diver prior to dive.

Diving Equipment Condition: Check that all diving equipment has been properly maintained. Verify gear chosen is adequate and diver is trained and authorized for use. (i.e. A diver must have attended an approved training course in the use of dry suits in order to use a dry suit on a checkout dive.)

(Note Condition as either; P = Poor, S = Satisfactory, or E = Excellent)

EQUIPMENT ITEM	MANUFACTURER	CONDITION	PURCHASE DATE	LAST SERVICE	NOAA (N) or PERSONAL (P)
Regulator					
Alternate Air Source					
Pressure gauge					
Depth gauge					
Bottom timer					
Cylinder					
Buoyancy Compensator					
Wet suit / Dry suit					
Knife					
Fins					
Mask / Snorkel					

### Pre-Dive Assessment

- \_\_\_\_\_ Diving physical completed, reviewed and approved by NDC
- \_\_\_\_\_ Observe set-up of equipment, note any fumbling or improper set-up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluate knowledge of equipment operation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the individual physically fit and able to carry own equipment topside?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anxiety level (observe for unusual or questionable behavior)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determine if any deficiencies exist prior to commencing dive
- \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluate judgment, motivation, and professional attitude
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review safety protocols with diver (in water and topside)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Select and discuss the characteristics of appropriate dive sites
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review evaluation skills on surface prior to dive
- \_\_\_\_\_ Verify that diving gear chosen and diving technique are adequate and authorized for use

### Pre-Dive Evaluation and Review

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dive Planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dive Table Knowledge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dive Emergency Assistance Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diving from a Small Boat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ascent/Descent Rates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Conditions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment at Dive Site

## CHECKOUT DIVE SKILLS EVALUATION

Assess diver ability on execution of skills relative to performance of tasks required for project/diving operations. Make objective observations. (Note Skill as either; U = Unsatisfactory, N = Needs Improvement, S = Satisfactory, or E = Excellent)

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| _____ Physical condition                      | _____ Surface kick (flutter / scissors)                      |
| _____ Swimming ability                        | _____ Snorkeling skills (clearing at surface)                |
| _____ Equipment knowledge / set-up            | _____ Ditch and don buoyancy compensator (surface & bottom)  |
| _____ Water entry                             | _____ Regulator recovery                                     |
| _____ Weighted properly                       | _____ Clearing flooded mask                                  |
| _____ Free dive with mask and snorkel         | _____ Mask removal, replacement, and clearing                |
| _____ Buoyancy control at surface             | _____ Buddy breathing to the surface                         |
| _____ Buoyancy control at mid-water depth     | _____ Alternate air source to the surface                    |
| _____ Buoyancy control at bottom depth        | _____ Weight belt removal / replacement (surface & bottom)   |
| _____ Controlled ascent / descent rate        | _____ Variable volume dry suit roll out and venting          |
| _____ Underwater communication (hand signals) | _____ Disconnect / reconnect inflators (BC / Dry suit)       |
| _____ Underwater navigation / orientation     | _____ Knowledge of systems gas mixtures used during the dive |
| _____ Buddy check                             | _____ Buddy contact and awareness during the dive            |
|   | _____ Break down of equipment and site clean-up              |

Awareness / anxiety assessment: (apprehensive, cautious, comfortable) \_\_\_\_\_

Critique of ability and skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks or problems encountered: \_\_\_\_\_

Critique judgment, motivation, professional attitude, and proper use of diving tables. \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate deficiency areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Should the diver be recertified? ☐ YES (at same level) ☐ YES (at lower level) ☐ NO (requires refresher training)

Certification level of: ☐ TRAINEE ☐ OBSERVER ☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ WORKING ☐ ADVANCED WORKING ☐ DIVEMASTER

Certification Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Training requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

EVALUATED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form and the last six Monthly Dive Logs (NOAA Form 57-03-24) or a Diving Activity Resume (NOAA Form 57-03-41) to the NOAA Diving Center for diver recertification.