

## STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT PROGRAM OFF-DUTY EQUIPMENT USER AGREEMENT

The NOAA Diving Control and Safety Board (NDCSB) recognizes the safety benefits of NOAA divers maintaining a high level of proficiency by diving as often as possible. Using SEP gear during dives, either on-duty or off-duty, further increases the safety margin by increasing familiarity with the gear and insuring the use of high-quality, well-maintained gear. Therefore, the use of SEP gear for off-duty dives is permitted provided the users agree to abide by the following stipulations:

### AGREEMENT

1. I agree to limit my maximum dive depth to 130 feet.
2. I agree to use the NOAA Reserve Air Supply System (RASS) on dives >100 Feet Salt Water (FSW), in overhead environments, or if visibility precludes easy reading of the pressure gauge.
3. I agree to keep my bottom times within the NOAA no-decompression limits.
4. I agree to always dive with a buddy (i.e., no solo diving) that is certified by a nationally recognized training agency and outfitted with a secondary air delivery system (e.g., octopus regulator).
5. I agree to always surface with at least 500 psi in my scuba cylinder.
6. I agree to always have access to an emergency oxygen kit within 30 minutes of the dive site.
7. I agree to submit an electronic dive plan to [ndp.diveplans@noaa.gov](mailto:ndp.diveplans@noaa.gov) (if possible). This dive plan does not require UDS approval.
8. I agree to use my SEP gear for non-commercial purposes only.
9. I understand that my use of SEP gear during off-duty hours may be revoked for violation of any of the above requirements.

DIVER NAME

DIVER SIGNATURE

DATE

UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR NAME

UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

DATE

EFFECTIVE DATE

EXPIRATION DATE

This Agreement is effective as of \_\_\_\_\_.

This Agreement expires on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_.