

DEPTH GUIDELINES

- 3m increment** The first dive of each day should not exceed any previous maximum depth by more than 3 metres. Further depth increases should be discouraged until the new diver has had several days experience or further training.
- 25m Depth** The maximum depth MBDE dive staff can do an orientation to is 25 metres.
- 40m Depth** Maximum recommended depth for all divers who have appropriate experience. (Previous dives to 37m)
- 40m + dives** Dives in excess of 40m can only be undertaken by divers who have experience at same depth to a maximum of 50 metres. The 3m depth increment increase cannot be used to descend below 40m.
- Solo Diving** **Maximum depth permitted is 30m (100ft). Staff engaged in solo diving are not permitted to dive beyond this depth. eg filming Black Jack, Gorgonia Gigantus must be done in a group led or buddy situation.**
- Staff** Staff exceeding maximum depths risk being dismissed, as this is a serious breach of company safety standards.
- Computers** Each buddy must use a computer. If one does not, the buddy pair must dive to the shorter times, ie the RDP table.
- Promote computer hire to table diver. If need be let diver use computer on day before making decision. Hire period does include 1st days trial.
- If a diver wishes to commence use of a computer part way through a trip they must not dive for at least 24 hours. If they do not wish to have a 24 hour break they must continue on RDP tables or the wheel but cannot use a computer for the trip duration.
- Diver Refusing
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Advice** If a diver refuses, after all reasonable attempts have been made by our staff to with any item covered by the "Code", a Diver Refusing Advice form must be completed.
- "Bounce"
Dives** Recent research indicates that "bounce" dives do increase the risk of DCS. For this reason extreme caution must be taken while retrieving gear, putting down the line on the Yongala etc.
A minimum surface interval of 20 minutes is required between all dives for both passengers and staff.
- Gear Retrieval** Should any gear be dropped overboard by either staff, passenger or student; the following applies:
A)An instructor, while onboard to complete student dives, may not retrieve the gear.
B)The gear should be retrieved by another member of the dive staff.
c) This should be done while carrying out a normal dive.
d) A buoy should be used to mark the position, if the boat is swinging.
e) Should a weight belt have to be retrieved, a line must be taken down and the belt pulled up from the surface.

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THIS IS A DUTY OF CARE PROCEDURE.