

West L.A. Dive Club



Membership Application General Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____ Date of birth ____/____/____

To participate in club activities, the West L.A. dive Club requires that all divers be certified by a nationally recognized agency, (PADI, NAUI, SSI etc...) and that all divers get dive health/accident insurance. Members intending to dive with the club have 30 days after joining the club to get their own dive insurance. Dive insurance typically costs between 30 to 100 dollars per year, and members can use any recognized dive specialty insurance company. (Divers Alert Network, Dive Assure, DiveSafe etc...) Please provide a photocopy of your Scuba certification card and your insurance card with your application. Within 60 days of joining. The West L.A. Dive Club reserves the right to refuse or revoke membership to person who act in ways that may be harmful to themselves, other divers or the club. Initial Dues is 35 dollars. The monthly newsletter will be provided for you via email as link To a downloadable Acrobat PDF file. This is the preferred method. Hardcopy can be mailed to you upon request.

Certification

Agency _____

Cert # _____

Level _____

Num of Logged Dives _____

Date of Last Dive _____

Diving Interests

- Night Diving Hunting
- Deep Diving Dive Related Travel
- Wreck Diving Sightseeing
- Beach Diving Other _____
- Local Boat Diving _____
- Photo/Video _____

Insurance

Company _____

Id/Policy # _____

Exp Date ____/____/____

Application can be mailed to

West L.A. Dive Club
P.O. Box 2073
Culver City CA 90231
-2073

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday
of the month at

I.H.O.P.
1920 Santa Monica Blvd
Santa Monica CA 90404
(310) 829-9597

I fully understand that diving is a hazardous sport which can result in a personal injury or death. I agree that neither I nor my heirs will hold the West Los Angeles Dive Club, it's officers and members responsible for any injury or harm which I may receive or encounter during any club activity including but not limited to club dives, parties, and meetings. Additionally, I have read and signed the PADI Safe Diving Statement and the separate voluntary liability release and assumption of risk statement.

Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____

PADI Standard SAFE Diving Practices Statement of Understanding

Please read carefully before signing

This is a statement in which you are informed of the established safe diving practices for skin and scuba diving. These practices have been compiled for your review and acknowledgement and are intended to increase your comfort and safety in diving.

Your signature on this statement is required as proof that you are aware of these safe diving practices. Read and discuss the statement prior to signing it. If you are a minor, this form must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

I, _____ Understand that as a diver I should:
(Print Name)

1. Maintain good mental and physical fitness for diving. Avoid being under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs when diving. Keep proficient in diving skills, striving to increase them through continuing education and reviewing them in controlled conditions after a period of diving inactivity
2. Be familiar with my dive sites. If not, obtain a formal diving orientation from a knowledgeable, Local source. If diving conditions are worse than those in which I am experienced, postpone diving or select an alternate site with better conditions. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience. Do not engage in cave or technical unless specifically trained to do so.
3. Use complete, well maintained, reliable equipment with which I am familiar, and inspect it for correct fit and function prior to each dive. Deny use of my equipment to uncertified divers. Always have a buoyancy control device and submersible pressure gauge when scuba diving. Recognize the desirability of an alternate air source and a low pressure buoyancy control inflation system.
4. Listen carefully to dive briefings and directions and respect the advice of those supervising my diving activities. Recognize that additional training is recommended for participation in specialty Diving activities, in other geographic areas and after periods of inactivity that exceed six months.
5. Adhere to the buddy system throughout every dive. Plan dives – including communications, procedures for reuniting in case of separation and emergency procedures – with my buddy.
6. Be proficient in dive table usage. Make all dives no decompression dives and allow a margin of safety. Have a means to monitor depth and time underwater. Limit maximum depth to my level of training and experience. Ascend at a rate of not more than 18 meters/60 feet per minute. Be a SAFE diver – Slowly Ascend From Every dive. Make a safety stop as an added precaution, usually at 5 meters/15 feet for three minutes or longer.
7. Maintain proper buoyancy. Adjust weighting at the surface for neutral buoyancy with no air in my buoyancy control device. Maintain neutral buoyancy while underwater. Be buoyant for surface swimming and resting. Have weights clear of easy removal, and establish buoyancy when in distress while diving.
8. Breathe properly for diving. Never breath-hold or skip-breathe when breathing compressed air, and avoid excessive hyperventilation when breath-hold diving. Avoid overexertion while in and Underwater and dive within my limitations.
9. Use a boat, float or other surface support station whenever feasible.
10. Know and obey local dive laws and regulations, including fish and game and dive flag laws.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purposes of these established practices. I recognize they are for my own safety and well-being. And that failure to adhere to them can place me in jeopardy when diving.

Participant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable) Date ____/____/____

West LA Dive Club
Voluntary Liability Release and Assumption of Risk

I, _____ hereby declare that I a currently certified scuba diver, trained in safe diving practices and am aware of the inherent hazards of scuba diving.

I understand and agree the neither the WEST LA DIVE Club; nor its officers or board of directors, nor the agents or Assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties"), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me or my family, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of any and all participation in Club activities, or as a result of product liability or the negligence of any party, including the release parties, whether passive or active. **(Please initial _____)**

I declare that I am in good mental and physical fitness for diving, and that I shall not dive under the influence of alcohol, nor shall I dive under the influence of any drugs that are contra-indicatory to diving. If I am taking medication, I declare that I have seen a physician and have approval to dive while under the influence of the medication/drugs. I understand that scuba diving is a physically strenuous activity and that I will be exerting myself during these activities and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc... that I assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same. **(Please Initial _____)**

I will inspect all of my equipment prior to the club's activities. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to diving. **(Please Initial _____)**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in club activities, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection With the dives for any harm, injury or damage that my befall me while I am a participant, including all risks connected therewith whether foreseen or unforeseen. **(Please Initial _____)**

I further save and hold harmless said club activities and released parties from any claim or lawsuit for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, by me my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my participation in club activities, including both claims arising during the activities or after I complete the activities **(Please Initial _____)**

I further declare that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. **(Please Initial _____)**

I understand and agree that should medical or other services be rendered to me by, or at the insistence of any club Representatives or members, such services do not constitute an admission of liability or an agreement to provide or to continue to provide such services. **(Please Initial _____)**

I hereby grant full permission to the club to use photographs, videotapes, and/or other record of my participation in the club activities, including my names, likeness, and/or voice for an legitimate purpose. **(Please Initial _____)**

I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, that this instrument is legally binding Document, and that I have signed this document of my own free act. **(Please Initial _____)**

I, _____ ,by this instrument do hereby exempt and release West L.A. Dive club, and Its officers or board of directors, its agents or assigns, and all related entities as defined above, from all liability or responsibility whatsoever for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death, however caused, including but not limited to liability or the negligence of the released parties whether passive or active.

I have fully informed myself of the contents of this liability release and assumption of risk by **reading** it before I signed it on behalf of myself and my heirs.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____/_____/_____

_____ Date _____/_____/_____

Witness or Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)