



# ODD Club

## Membership Details and Club Rules

### Club Mission Statement

Ocean Diver Dive Club is a dive club for recreational and technical divers, of all levels. We organise diving trips both at home in the UK and abroad. We also organise social events out of the water for members, members' families and non members alike. Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all to be able to relax and have fun diving, while at the same time promoting education, environmental awareness and entertainment.

We want to help you develop your skills as a diver, experiencing the underwater environment in a safe and relaxed manner in new and interesting places. We will always try to buddy you up with a diver of similar experience, or more experience, so that you can continue to learn even while having fun. Whether you are a new diver looking to improve your basic skills, a tropical water diver thinking about getting wet in the UK for the first time or an experienced technical diver looking for new challenges we aim to provide the environment in which to do just that. And we even find time to have FUN!

### Membership Details

1. Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.
2. There are four classes of membership:

**Full member:** This costs just £40 annually and gives you full rights as a club member (priority booking on trips, subsidised entry to paid social events etc)

**Family Member:** This is at the reduced rate of £30 per member annually and gives you full rights as club members.

**Junior member:** for those under 18, this is at the reduced rate of £30 annually and gives you the same rights as a full member, with the exception of voting rights and there are also certain restrictions in place with regards to diving from some dive boats.

**Honorary member:** for a non diving parent or guardian (same rights as a full member, with the exception of voting rights)

Members joining after the 1st December will have their membership valid for the remainder of that year and continuing into the next membership year.

3. You can find us at [www.oceandiver.co.uk](http://www.oceandiver.co.uk) just look under the club section. Members of the ODD club have access to the latest trips are open for booking before anyone can. Diving is not just about getting wet, we also organise social events such as our new years day dive and chilli fest, our Christmas dinner and of course; the night dive experience....!
4. We have a club pool session every month where you can come and have a splash, try out your new kit, refresh and practice long forgotten skills, bring a friend for a 'try dive' or just to have a social chat at the pub afterwards.



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5. For new divers and for divers new to the UK we have a team of qualified divemasters and instructors who are just looking for an excuse to go diving in the UK. They will gladly take you under their wing and help you to find your feet (fins) on the UK diving scene.
6. All club members get first refusal on club dive trips, both overseas and in the UK.
7. There is a club social once a month at the pub, to announce all the coming trips and events. Non members are more than welcome, but unless you are a member you may not get a space on that once in a lifetime trip...!
8. Members benefit from a reduced rate for equipment hire, subject to availability.
9. Club members get a 10% discount at Amphibian Sports West Norwood
10. Club Talks at club meetings are free for members, There is a small charge for non members to attend.

### Club Rules

1. The Ocean Diver Dive Club was started in order that as many divers can enjoy their pastime in as pleasant an environment as possible. We not only organise club dive trips but also social activities. Members can also organise trips themselves although we do ask that the club be kept informed simply so that we can make sure that trips don't clash with the club organised ones.
2. In all of our club activities we ask that our members respect each other and the general public. We also expect members to conduct themselves accordingly on non club activities that have been organised within the club.
3. The club expects all members to show restrained and sensible behaviour both above and below the water. To consider the environment in which they find themselves and to moderate their behaviour accordingly.
4. The club expects all members to treat our suppliers with respect (dive boats, hotels, dive guides, skippers etc)
5. The club expects all members to pay any monies owing to the club, a supplier or a fellow member in a timely manner.
6. The club expects all members to treat the committee and trip coordinators with respect, and to aim to join in the running of the club and the making of club decisions.
7. The club expects all members to behave in a way that does not bring the good name of the club into disrepute.
8. Club members must ensure they are physically fit to dive, or suspend their diving activity until fit again. If the diver has **any** doubt the diver must seek medical advice prior to recommencing diving activities.



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### Club Diving Code of Practice, to be signed by all club divers

All persons wishing to dive with the club must produce certification and log book evidence of their diving qualification and experience to the trip coordinator prior to a dive expedition.

Club members must ensure they are physically fit to dive, or suspend their diving activity until fit again. If the diver has **any** doubt the diver must seek medical advice prior to recommencing diving activities.

All members diving under the auspices of Ocean Divers Dive Club shall have completed the club's liability release and assumption of risk form. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18, having made sure the child understands fully the terms of the form.

Members must have the appropriate training and experience for the intended dives, and will accept full responsibility for understanding and following the safe diving standards and codes of practice as recognised by their respective training organisation(s).

All diving during club trips and expeditions will be done in buddy teams. No solo diving will be allowed.

Coordinators shall ensure that all divers on the trip receive a formal dive briefing and have enough information to prepare a full and safe dive plan.

Coordinators shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of divers on their expedition, however, individual divers shall ultimately be held responsible for their own safety and, as far as reasonably possible, for the safety of their nominated dive buddy. Leaders will ensure that full details of the intended dive are left with a responsible person who can raise the alarm in the event that divers fail to return by the agreed time.

The responsibility for ensuring adequate personal preparation for a dive rests with the individual diver and buddy team, not the dive coordinator or boat skipper.

The dive coordinator and boat skipper reserve the right to cancel the dive, at any time, if he/she has any doubts about a diver's ability or health.

It is the individual responsibility of each diver to ensure the safe storage and handling of their equipment.

All dive plans established and agreed with the dive coordinator and/or boat skipper, including but not limited to, entry and exit procedures, depths and times, are to be followed unless conditions become unsafe to do so.

Divers are to familiarise themselves with the location and operation of all safety equipment; including oxygen, first aid kits and radio/emergency systems.

Divers who are not in the water should be prepared to assist other divers with their equipment, entry and exit procedures and kit handling.

As a club diver you may, from time to time, be asked to dive with a buddy less experienced than yourself. This will help them to build up their skills and confidence in the water – this is one of the key aims of this dive club.

### **Adherence to club diving code of practice, club rules and membership details**

I have read, understood and agree to adhere to the club diving code of practice, club rules and membership details

**Print Name**

**Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)**

**Date**