



Supplemental information for New Scuba Divers

1. Keep up your log book.
 - a. Provides a record of your dives by tracking location, dive times/depth, wet suit used for different water temperatures, weights, etc.
 - b. Some dive charters want to see your log book prior to booking on advanced dives.
 - c. Required for advanced dive training.
2. Use Triptone.
 - a. Diving is expensive, so don't take a chance on getting sea sick.
 - b. Do not follow instructions on the box: take the night before, first thing in the morning, then 4-6 hours during the dive trip.
3. Get organized for off-shore charters.
 - a. A dive tool and computer or watch is required for Charleston Scuba charters.
 - b. Compass, gloves, small light, and safety sausage is highly recommended.
 - c. Keep your gear organized and contained on the boat. Loose gear is a safety hazard.
 - d. Have proper gear bags and organize for efficient packing and unpacking.
 - e. Setup and breakdown gear at the soonest opportunity.
 - f. Start building your "save-a-dive" kit.
 - g. Mark your gear. Many divers have the same gear and stuff can get mixed up on the boat.
4. Support your local dive shop.
 - a. The purpose of a good dive shop is to support divers by maintaining equipment, providing training, and providing dive opportunities.
 - b. We're not in business to get rich, but because we love to dive.
 - c. Product support is worth more than the product cost.
 - d. Become a fan of Charleston Scuba on Facebook.
 - e. Contact info:

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5. Consider buying your own dive gear.



- a. You get familiar with your own gear.
 - b. Configure gear for the way you dive.
 - c. More comfortable.
 - d. Safer because you know the service record.
6. Dive often to stay in practice and gain experience.
- a. Not like “riding a bike”. You must dive often to stay in practice.
 - b. Come in for a refresher if you haven’t been diving for a few months.
 - c. Gain experience by seeking out different dive locations and types of sites, i.e. wrecks, reefs, and shore diving.
7. Continue your dive training.
- a. Provides dive “practice” during the off season.
 - b. Makes dives much more enjoyable because you’re more comfortable and secure.
 - c. Register with Padi.com to keep abreast of the latest courses and industry trends.
 - d. Advanced Open Water course allows new divers to explore a variety of underwater activities and enhanced skills.
 - e. Rescue Diver course provides training for self and buddy care and rescue techniques. Achieving Rescue Diver level of training is highly recommended.
 - f. Consider joining the PADI Diving Society: www.padi.com
8. Learn about the aquatic environment.
- a. Gives purpose to your dives.
 - b. Use photography for fish, coral, invertebrate, etc. identification.
 - c. Stewardship of the oceans and waterways.
 - d. Visit Project AWARE website: projectaware.org.
 - e. Visit Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF): reef.org.
 - f. Participate in Fish Counts.
9. Protect yourself and your equipment with Divers Alert Network (DAN) insurance: diversalertnetwork.org.
- a. Hyperbaric chamber support.
 - b. Trip insurance.
 - c. Equipment insurance.
 - d. Latest safety protocols.
 - e. Diver casualty reports.
10. Tip your Dive Master.
- a. Normal tip is \$5 per tank.
11. We will always be your instructors.
- a. Discuss training issues.
 - b. If you need a dive buddy.