



**2017 DIVE BOOKING PACKAGE**



## Dive Chair Message

Welcome to the 2017 dive season. Last season several new sites were tried and I received good feedback so we will continue with these additions. If you missed The Tiller wreck near St Catherines along with Port Colborne and Niagara River sites I suggest you book early as to not be disappointed.

Note that we have reduced the capacities on some of our charters to increase the room as per your requests. This will effect the costing and will make your prompt registration even more important to insure a spot.

The Dive Manager is your main contact when you have questions concerning a dive. Please do not hesitate to ask. Contact information will be available on the web calendar or contact [euc\\_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca).

Please ensure that you read all the pertinent policies etc., prior to booking. As was the case last season we will be utilizing wait lists.

Upon request you must present your certification card signifying your diving level along with your logbook, monies, and completed paperwork in order to book your dive(s).

Please note that the signing of paperwork has been reduced but still requires your acceptance of all the policies outlined in our booking package plus any additional requests as required.

Please ensure you complete the Seasonal Diver Registration Form as this gives the Dive manager important information to ensure you have a safe dive.

Note: Divers Den waiver only available on their web site. Please fill out if going to Tobermory prior to arrival and remember to obtain your park tag.

Thank you to all in making our club a strong, safe, scuba diving experience.

Safe Diving,

Bruce Thorpe  
E.U.C. Dive Chairperson

# Have a safe DIVE season!!!

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# DIVE BOOKING POLICY

**Please review and complete *all* documents BEFORE you submit your dive request. The *Diver's Responsibilities* document along with additional required forms is available in the Dive Booking Package which can be downloaded from our website or contact Dive chairperson at [euc\\_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca)**

1. All current certified EUC (Etobicoke Underwater Club) divers are permitted to book dives for the current season. Spaces will be reserved for new EUC certified divers, until the second Thursday following the Annual General meeting or as determined by the Dive chairperson
2. Dives are to be paid for in full at time of booking via cash or cheque made payable to Etobicoke Underwater Club. Paid spots are transferable, providing the Dive chairperson and the acting Dive manager have been informed and have authorized transfer.
3. Bookings may be made via the following methods:
  - In Person at the pool Thursday night
  - Via Mail. Address request to [euc\\_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca)
  - By special arrangement. Contact Dive Chairperson at [euc\\_divetrips@euc.ca](mailto:euc_divetrips@euc.ca)

Payment is cash or cheque. Please make sure you have the exact amount if paying by cash as no change will be available. Cheques should be made payable to: Etobicoke Underwater Club. Cheques are to be made out at time of booking in case dive is full.

4. A Dive booking requires the following to be read, understood and completed:

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- Payment in full\*\*
  - Proof of certification level (photocopy of C – card if by mail) and or log book if requested
  - Divers Responsibilities (in dive package)
  - Completed Divers Acceptance Form (in dive package) \*\*
  - Completed Seasonal Diver Registration Form (in dive package) \*\*
    - i. Dive Event Booking (in dive package)
    - ii. Dive Event Participation (in dive package)
    - iii. Dive Booking sheets - keep one, one to EUC (in dive package) \*\*
    - iv. Toronto Port Authority form to be done in duplicate (TPA) – required if diving in Toronto harbour area. (Contact dive chairperson for forms, costs, etc.)

\*\* give to Dive Chairperson or authorized person to reserve dive request.

5. Divers who are not available to pay for dives at the pool can mail their payments to EUC Dive chairperson. A dive event may be reserved once all the required elements as describe in section 4 are received. Do not send cash through the mail.
6. Dives are booked starting second Thursday in April on a first come first served basis (or as determined by Dive chairperson) until the charter is sold out.
7. A wait list will commence once all the spots have been sold. Should a space become available you will be contacted via information provided on “Seasonal Diver Registration Form”.

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8. Transportation, meals and accommodation are the divers' responsibility.
9. It is each diver's responsibility to sell his/her space should cancellation be necessary. The space can only be sold to a EUC club member, unless special permission from Dive chairperson and/or Dive manager is given. An additional fee may apply. The Dive manager in charge must be notified and approve.
10. Divers must be at the dive site at least 30 minutes prior to the dive (unless advised otherwise). The boat will leave on time. No refunds will be issued.
11. Each dive scheduled by the club will receive the following ratings:
  - a. Certification Rating (O - open water, A – advanced) as per ACUC standards
  - b. Specialty Experience Rating\* (where applicable)

Members who do not meet the above ratings must receive approval from the Training Committee by way of a signature on the "Seasonal Diver Registration Form". \*See "Seasonal Diver Registration Form" for more information on the Specialty Experience Rating.

12. Non-Divers may be allowed to attend charters as passengers if space permits and at the discretion of the designated Dive manager and/or boat captain. Cost to passenger will be determined on the advice of the Boat Captain (a waiver must be signed before visitors can board the vessel).
13. If there are vacancies, (by a time determined by the dive chairperson), to any dive, the dive chairperson may accept Certified Divers that are non-club members (non-members must sign a EUC waiver before boarding the vessel ). Non-members must produce their certification cards, log books and have proof of appropriate skills for the level of the dive(s).
14. Non-Club divers will pay a non-member rate as determined by the Dive chairperson or Dive manager (not eligible for refund or rebate). They will also be required to have OUC (Ontario Underwater Council) Insurance, and must complete a Guest Diver Form. Insurance cost will be added if required.
15. All Divers and passengers must abide by the Club Safety Rules, and all applicable rules and policies as set out by the EUC Dive Booking Package.
16. To ensure Dive manager coverage for each dive, spaces will be held for designated Dive managers
17. Dives may be cancelled if we do not have the minimum booking numbers, required Dive manager Dive manager coverage or at the discretion of the Dive chairperson.
18. In the case of minor divers (under 18 years of age) their dive buddy must be their diving parent, diving legal guardian, qualified instructor, or dive master. They must inform the assigned Dive manager of same prior to the dive. Parent or legal guardian must be present to provide consent at all times.

## ***Diver's Responsibilities***

### **DIVE MANAGER:**

The person conducting the dive will be the Dive manager, Dive Guide, Dive Master, Assistant-Instructor or Instructor. A Dive manager is responsible for the safety of the divers, and the smooth operation of the dive. There must be a Dive manager present on all Club sanctioned dives. The Dive manager has complete authority of all diving activity second only to the boat captain. Training dives are an exception (training instructor is in charge).

### **Club Sanctioned Dives:**

Club Sanctioned Dives are defined as dives sanctioned by the club executive committee and must adhere to the clubs policies and regulations as outlined by the EUC and OUC. A full first aid kit and Oxygen Kit must be available on every EUC sanctioned dive. All other dives will be considered none sanctioned and therefore are carried out at the divers' own risk.

### **Forms:**

It is the responsibility of all divers to ensure all pertinent data is recorded on the Dive manager (master) log sheet including full name, time in and out, pressure in and out, maximum depth, safety stops, the Residual Nitrogen Group (RNG) column and the Surface Interval Group

The Dive manager and the buddy team are responsible for making sure all forms are completed accurately. These forms will be forwarded to the Club Safety officer.

### **Alcohol / Drugs:**

The diver agrees not to consume alcohol or illicit drugs 12 hours before a dive, or to bring alcohol or illicit drugs on any Group chartered boat. Persons diving with prescription drugs should only do so on the advice of their doctor. If you are just starting a prescription medication it is best to avoid diving until such time as any side effects are known.

### **Depth:**

Divers shall not exceed the maximum depth as recommended by the Dive manager.

### **Decompression:**

The diver using tables agrees to remain within No Decompression Diving Limits as per ACUC Sport Diving tables or as set out by their computer.

If a team is using dive computers, it is strongly recommended to terminate the dive when the first dive computer indicates that the decompression time has been reached.

If the dive computer fails, abort the dive and immediately start the ascent protocol and agree to wait 24 hours to dive with another computer.

If ACUC Sport Diving tables were used concurrently with the dive computer, then you can continue to dive using the ACUC tables with the Dive managers' approval.

If at any time you exceed the no decompression limits of the dive computer or ACUC dive tables you are to immediately terminate the dive and begin ascent protocols using the appropriate decompression safety stops.

Once on surface you agree to inform the Dive manager of the occurrence and follow any further safety steps recommended.

You agree to wait at least 24 hours or as advised by the Dive manager as to when it is safe to perform your next dive.

### **Safety Stop:**

A safety stop of 3 minutes between 10-20 feet is strongly recommended for all dives exceeding 40 feet.

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**Diver Recall:**

A recall device will be used on all club-sanctioned dives as necessary. Upon hearing the signal all divers must safely return to the surface and then return to shore (or dive boat if applicable). This will be covered at all briefings and all divers must be aware of the recall method and respond when required.

**Breathing Gas:**

The diver agrees to have at least 500 PSI of breathing gas at the end of every dive. The diver will accurately record / ensure the actual pressure remaining in the scuba tank on the Dive master logs.

**Nitrox:**

To use nitrox, the diver must be nitrox certified and may be asked to submit a dive plan. The Oxygen Partial Pressure limits are not to exceed 1.45 ATA.

**Equipment:**

Minimum required for all club dives:

1. A redundant air supply, which can be an octopus or additional source (spare air, pony bottle).
2. Buoyancy Compensating Device
3. Submersible pressure gauge and depth gauge (SPG)
4. A timing device ( e.g. dive watch, dive computer, bottom timer )
5. A Float and dive flag (per buddy team) for shore dives

Divers are responsible for ensuring that all their gear is in proper working order.

**Dive manager Logs:**

- All divers must report to the Dive manager and receive permission to enter the water.
- Divers must not submerge before the okay has been given.
- Divers must signal upon surfacing. (Okay/need help).
- Divers must ensure all dive particulars are recorded on the Dive manager logs.

**General:**

Divers must follow all EUC guidelines (as outlined in dive package), safety policies as well as charter boat policies and procedures. The Dive manager can make discretionary decisions regarding divers in accordance with their level of training, EUC Guidelines, Safety Policies and fair practices.

**Proper conduct and language:**

At all times all group members and their guests must behave and speak in an appropriate manner. Profane or abusive language is prohibited.

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## ***Dive Event Booking***

- I hereby certify that I am insured by the Ontario Underwater Council (OUC)\* for the current year.  
OR  
I have paid the required amount to obtain an OUC guest membership and have filled out a guest diver form.
- \*If your EUC membership is valid you are insured by the OUC
- I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Dive Booking Policy and all documents pertaining to the Dive Booking Package
- I understand any payments, made toward dive events are generally non refundable. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Dive chairperson.
- I understand my full payment for a dive event does not guarantee the event will take place. Should circumstances (i.e. environmental conditions, mechanical problems, or any other) result in event cancellation, all efforts will be made to refund paid monies for that day. Since the outcome of these efforts cannot be guaranteed I agree to NOT hold the current dive chairperson, past dive chairperson, their appointees or the Etobicoke Underwater Club responsible or liable.

## ***Dive Event Participation***

- I understand that when using a dive computer I assume full responsibility for remaining within the NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
- I understand there is to be no solo diving.
- I understand the Dive manager must make a complex set of decisions in order to facilitate a successful and safe dive. I agree to respect and hold his/her decision as final, even if this action results in my disqualification from that particular dive.
- I understand that if I am unable to participate on a particular dive for any reason, including a Dive managers' decision, I will not receive a refund.
- I understand that if I miss my safety stop, I must inform the Dive manager as soon as it is safe to do so.
- I understand that in case I exceed NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS I must:
  1. complete my dive in accordance with my training
  2. inform the Dive manager as soon as it is safe to do so
- I understand that if I experience any pain or potential symptoms of Dive Related Illnesses, I must inform the Dive manager immediately.

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# Seasonal Diver Registration Form

Full Name and Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Best place to contact you the night before a dive)

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## Current Diving Experience Snapshot

Highest Certification Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Safety Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Rescue Diver  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Oxygen Provider  
 (Must be Current) \_\_\_\_\_ CPR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ AED  
 \_\_\_\_\_ First Aid  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I have the necessary qualifications to act as a Dive Organizer/Controller

Specialty Diving Experience: DOES NOT IMPLY CERTIFICATION (Within Last 18 Months)

Deep Diving (> 60 ft)	ft Deepest Dive	/	(MMYY) When?
Current Diving	knts Current Speed	/	(MMYY) When?
Low Temperature < 50F	F (Fahrenheit)	/	(MMYY) When?
Poor Surface Conditions	ft Wave Height	/	(MMYY) When?
Nitrox	% Mix	/	(MMYY) When?
Night Diving		/	(MMYY) When?
Low Visibility (< 10 ft)		/	(MMYY) When?
Cavern Diving		/	(MMYY) When?
Ice Diving		/	(MMYY) When?
Other		/	(MMYY) When?

\_\_\_\_\_ I participated in a dive involving at least 3 of these specialty areas within the last 18 months.  
 / (MMYY) When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where?

**FOR USE BY TRAINING COMMITTEE:**  
 Approved Participation for following divers:  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_





## DIVERS ACCEPTANCE FORM

BY SIGNING THIS ACCEPTANCE,

I \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT)

ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE THOROUGHLY READ, UNDERSTAND,  
AND AGREE TO ALL POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS, AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES AS OUTLINED IN THE ETOBICOKE  
UNDERWATER BOOKING PACKAGE AS WELL AS ANY  
ADDITIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO CHANGES IN  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_