

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The times stated are the times the boat will depart. If you are not ready to go at this time the boat will leave without you;
2. You should be at the boat pick-up point at least 30 minutes prior to the stated departure time with your kit fully ready and assembled;
3. The depths are estimated; and should not be taken as exact;
4. Dive within your capabilities, qualification and experience;
5. Evidence of certification (certification card and/or logbook) will be required and should be produced on request prior to any dive;
6. To try and ensure that divers are suitably qualified and experienced for the planned dives, we have categorised dives as **OW**, **AOW** and **AOW+**, and divers booking onto dives are expected to have and be able to provide evidence of the following certification and experience prior to their booking being accepted by us: -

OW PADI Open Water Diver (BSAC Ocean Diver) or equivalent with experience of at least 5 UK open water boat dives;

AOW PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (BSAC Sports Diver) or equivalent with experience of at least 10 UK open water boat dives with experience of the depth of the planned dive;

AOW+ PADI Advanced Open Water Diver (BSAC Sports Diver) or equivalent with experience of at least 20 UK open water boat dives with experience of the depth of the planned dive and familiarity diving with at least a 12 or 15 litre cylinder and pony or a twin setup and be proficient in the use of DSMB's.

7. If there is doubt about any diver's ability to safely complete the proposed dive, the skipper's decision will be final and binding;
8. In the event that a dive is cancelled or curtailed due to (7) above, there shall be no refund of monies paid;
9. It is your responsibility to check the weather state no later than 24 hours prior to the dive and whether the dive will proceed;
10. A place or places will not be booked until full payment has been received, such payment constituting acceptance of these terms and conditions;
11. A boat diving assumption of risk form and booking form must be completed and received by us;
12. All dives are weather dependent and are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances or conditions;
13. The Skipper's decision in relation to the weather conditions and fitness to dive will be final and binding;
14. Refunds will only be issued if the dive centre/boat crew cancel the trip due to weather or unforeseen circumstances;
15. No refunds will be accepted if you are late and miss the boat or choose not to complete subsequent dives unless (14) above applies;
16. Cancellations are only accepted at least 48 hours in advance and may be subject to a cancellation charge or a charge to cover the failure to re-sell the place booked;
17. All equipment whether owned or on hire, is the responsibility of the diver and neither the Skipper nor The Dive Connection Ltd accepts any responsibility for loss or damage howsoever caused;
18. Neither the Dive Connection Ltd nor the boat Skipper accept any responsibility, liability, consequential loss or otherwise, for any diving or related operations whilst divers are in the water;
19. All divers must ensure they are correctly weighted before boarding the boat and that they have the correct buoyancy for the proposed dive(s);
20. No additional weight will be available or will be passed from the boat;
21. Divers will be equipped with reel and surface marker buoy (SMB) for all dives (and mesh/goody bag for RIB dives) and will follow any specific directions issued by the boat Skipper in relation to their deployment and use;
22. Divers will leave the boat only when told to do so by the Skipper or boat crew;
23. Divers will follow the Skipper's direction in any and all matters and the Skipper's decision will be final and binding;
24. Pick up will terminate the dive;
25. All rental kit must be collected from the dive centre (unless explicit arrangements to the contrary are made with us) - if you are booked onto dives with us, please ensure you leave plenty of time to get to the departure point prior to the boat leaving.