

Tec Deep Diver Statement of Understanding and Learning Agreement

This statement informs you of hazards, risks and your responsibilities for participating in the DSAT Tec Deep Diver course. Your signature acknowledges that you accept these risks and responsibilities.

I, _____, understand that as a DSAT Tec Deep Diver (or Apprentice Tec Diver) I should:

1. Maintain good mental and physical health for diving. Refrain from being under the influence of alcohol or drugs when tec diving. Stay proficient in diving skills, in particular, the skills required for certification as a DSAT Tec Deep Diver (or Apprentice Tec Diver).
2. Engage only in diving activities consistent with my training and experience.
3. Use complete, well-maintained, reliable equipment for which I have appropriate training.
4. Adhere to the team diving concept, but always be prepared to complete any dive without the assistance of a team mate. Although self sufficient, the responsible tec diver dives as part of a team and adheres to team diving principles.
5. Maintain the proper attitude during training in which I agree to:
 - Follow the instructor's directions and dive plans strictly, and not to separate from the instructor or my dive team.
 - Refrain from tec diving outside this course until I am fully qualified and certified.
 - Accept the risk for this type of diving, and for specific risks unique to each dive environment, and to immediately notify the instructor if this risk becomes intolerable for me.
 - Recognize the desirability of carrying diver accident insurance that covers tec diving (if available in my local area), and recognize that my instructor may require me to have it.
6. Demonstrate self sufficiency – plan each dive as though it will be necessary to make the dive and handle all emergencies alone.
7. Demonstrate discipline and an attitude consistent with responsible technical diving – I will not cut corners, bend the rules, disregard dive plans, omit safety equipment or exceed the limits of my training.
8. Obtain an orientation when diving in new environments.
9. Know, obey and respect local diving laws and regulations including private land owner relations.
10. Accept the responsibility for my personal safety, while accepting and acknowledging the risks, and demands tec diving imposes.
11. Stay informed on and dive according to the state of the art in diving, tec diving, dive rescue, dive equipment and other influences on my safety as a tec diver.
12. Accept that technical scuba diving has many general risks and hazards that either don't exist in recreational diving, or aren't as severe, including:
 - No direct access to the surface in an emergency due to decompression requirements.
 - Hypoxia/hyperoxia resulting from switching to the wrong gas, which can lead to drowning.
 - Narcosis, which can lead to poor judgment/bad decisions that can cause an accident.
 - DCS due to improper gas analysis, missed deco stops, loss of deco gas and individual susceptibility. DCS can cause permanent injury or death.
 - Omitted procedures due to task loading, which can lead to accidents, DCS, air embolism, oxygen toxicity, or drowning.
 - Drowning or air embolism due to BCD failure.
 - Extensive equipment requirements with redundant configurations, which can lead to ergonomic complexity, increased risk of error and a physical burden.
13. I accept that a significant difference exists between recreational scuba diving and technical scuba diving, and that in technical scuba diving, even if you do everything right, there is still a higher inherent potential for an accident leading to permanent injury or death.

I have read the above statements and have had any questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the importance and purpose of these practices and recognize they are for my own safety and well being.

I understand that failing to adhere to the above statements will put me at risk, and may be grounds for my dismissal from the Tec Deep Diver course. I acknowledge that the instructor is not permitted to and will not certify me if I don't meet all course performance requirements or if I demonstrate an attitude or behavior incompatible with responsible technical diving practices.

Participant Signature

Day/Month/Year

