

Changes to NDSSM effective 24 October 2017.

These changes cover the following topics:

- Recall requirements for shore-based scientific dives
- Maximum depths and deco obligations for OC Tech Lite operations
- Manning requirements for OC Tech Lite operations
- Maximum depths and deco obligations for CCR Tech Lite operations
- Manning requirements for CCR Tech Lite operations

Change to recall requirement for shore-based scientific dives:

4.2.11 Diver Recall Capability.

- B. Shore-based OSHA-exempt dives for which the topside support requirement has been waived by the UDS are exempt from this requirement.*

Changes to maximum depth and decompression obligation for open circuit Tech Lite operations:

8.3.1 General Requirements.

- B. Dives are limited to a maximum depth of 150 fsw.*
- C. Decompression obligations are limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.*

Changes to manning requirements for open circuit Tech Lite operations:

8.3.6 Manning Requirements.

- B. Standby / Support / Safety Divers*
 - 1) A minimum of one (1) on-bottom safety diver and two (2) standby / support divers, capable of reaching the deepest decompression stop of the bottom divers and functioning as a buddy team OR two (2) standby / support divers, capable of reaching the maximum depth of the bottom divers and functioning as a buddy team, will be on site for all decompression diving operations.*
 - 2) On-bottom safety diver(s) must have no responsibilities other than to monitor and assist all other bottom divers in an emergency.*

Changes to maximum depth and decompression obligation for closed circuit rebreather Tech Lite operations:

10.3.1 General Requirements.

- B. Dives are limited to a maximum depth of 150 fsw.*
- C. Decompression obligations are limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.*

Changes to manning requirements for closed circuit rebreather Tech Lite operations:

10.3.6 Manning Requirements.

B. Standby / Support / Safety Divers

- 1) *A minimum of one (1) on-bottom safety diver and two (2) standby / support divers, capable of reaching the deepest decompression stop of the bottom divers and functioning as a buddy team OR two (2) standby / support divers, capable of reaching the maximum depth of the bottom divers and functioning as a buddy team, will be on site for all decompression diving operations.*
- 2) *On-bottom safety diver(s) must have no responsibilities other than to monitor and assist all other bottom divers in an emergency.*