

Changes to NDSSM effective 28 November 2018

These changes cover the following topics:

- Record keeping for NDC diving instructor qualifications
- The term for the Chair of the NDCSB
- Clarification on requirements for the NDCSB to approve the DUSA checklist
- Compressed gas storage signage for gas storage cylinders
- Open-circuit Scuba configuration and approval for regional variations
- Location of a knife to be mounted in an area accessible by either hand of a diver
- No longer require dive computers to be calibrated or compared against a master reference gauge annually
- Record keeping of dive computer servicing and testing

Changes to NDC Manager maintaining documentation of qualifications for recordkeeping purposes:

2.3.4 NOAA Diving Center Manager, Training and Certification

- B. Ensures all NDC diving instructors maintain qualifications as advanced open water and rescue instructors in at least one (1) nationally recognized diving certification organization and documentation of qualifications is maintained.

Changes to term for the Chair of the NDCSB:

Sec 2.4.6 NOAA Diving Control and Safety Board, Term Limits

- A. The Chairperson shall serve a two (2) year term, and may be re-elected.
- B. A Chair-Elect will be elected from the eligible candidates one (1) year prior to taking office.

Changes to add clarification on requirements for the NDCSB to approve all items included on the NDP Unit Diving Assessment Checklist:

Sec 4.1.8 General, Diving Standards and Procedures, Unit Inspections

- D. The NDCSB will approve all items included on the NDP Unit Diving Assessment Checklist.

Changes to compressed gas storage signage for areas of compressed gas storage cylinders to meet OSHA regulations:

5.3.4.O. Support, Equipment, Air Compressor Systems, Compressed gas storage cylinders

- 2) Be stored in a ventilated area and protected from excessive heat and the area shall be labelled with compressed gas storage signage.

Changes to open-circuit Scuba configuration and approval for regional variations:

5.4.1 Open-Circuit Scuba Diving Equipment, Minimum Equipment Requirements

- A. Unless approved by the LODO, each diver shall be outfitted in a configuration as suggested in the figures shown in Appendix 5.

Changes to location of a knife to be mounted in an area accessible by either hand of a diver:

5.4.1.B. Open-Circuit Scuba Diving Equipment, Minimum Equipment Requirements

- 7) *A knife or other cutting device accessible by either hand;*

Changes that no longer require dive computers to be calibrated or compared against a master reference gauge annually:

Sec 4.5.5 Open-Circuit Scuba Diving, Use of Dive Computers

- C. Dive computers shall:

- 1) Have the batteries replaced annually;
- 2) Have the O-rings inspected annually and replaced as needed.

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Changes to record keeping of dive computer servicing and testing:

Sec 4.5.5 Open-Circuit Scuba Diving, Use of Dive Computers

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