

CHECKOUT DIVE SKILLS EVALUATION

DIVER LAST NAME	DIVER FIRST NAME	MI	DATE
DIVING UNIT NAME	DIVING UNIT LOCATION	UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR	
DIVE PLAN			
DIVE LOCATION		DIVE PLATFORM	
WATER TEMPERATURE (°F)	SURFACE CONDITIONS		
BOTTOM DEPTH (FT)	BOTTOM TIME (MINUTES)	VISIBILITY (FT)	CURRENT (KNOTS)

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

Prior to commencing the checkout dive, the equipment used by the individual shall be inspected to ensure that it is in a safe/operable condition. The individual should be diving with equipment that will be used during the project or operation. The dive plan and dive emergency assistance plan shall be reviewed with diver prior to dive.

Diving Equipment Condition: Check that all diving equipment has been properly maintained. Verify gear chosen is adequate and diver is trained and authorized for use. (i.e. A diver must have attended an approved training course in the use of dry suits in order to use a dry suit on a checkout dive.)

(Note Condition as either; P = Poor, S = Satisfactory, or E = Excellent)

EQUIPMENT ITEM	MANUFACTURER / MODEL	CONDITION	LAST SERVICE	NOAA (N) or PERSONAL (P)
Regulator				
Alternate Air Source				
Pressure gauge				
Depth gauge				
Bottom timer				
Cylinder				
Buoyancy Compensator				
Wet suit / Dry suit				
Knife				
Fins				
Mask / Snorkel				

Pre-Dive Assessment

- _____ Diving physical completed, reviewed and approved by NDC
- _____ Observe set-up of equipment, note any fumbling or improper set-up
- _____ Evaluate knowledge of equipment operation
- _____ Is the individual physically fit and able to carry own equipment topside?
- _____ Anxiety level (observe for unusual or questionable behavior)
- _____ Determine if any deficiencies exist prior to commencing dive
- _____ Evaluate judgment, motivation, and professional attitude
- _____ Review safety protocols with diver (in water and topside)
- _____ Select and discuss the characteristics of appropriate dive sites
- _____ Review evaluation skills on surface prior to dive
- _____ Verify that diving gear chosen and diving technique are adequate and authorized for use

Pre-Dive Evaluation and Review

- _____ Dive Planning
- _____ Dive Table Knowledge
- _____ Dive Emergency Assistance Plan
- _____ Diving from a Small Boat
- _____ Ascent/Descent Rates
- _____ Environmental Conditions
- _____ Assessment at Dive Site

