

BRITISH DIVING SAFETY GROUP

DIVING ACCIDENT

↓ PRE-DIVE CHECK LIST



A. Dive Marshal's Check list

General

- A dive plan has been drawn up with clear guidance on risk assessment for the intended dive site(s) and/or expedition.
- A Dive Marshal slate is maintained with adjustments to the Dive Plan Risk Assessment that takes current conditions into account, such as weather, sea-state, underwater visibility and tidal streams.

Boat and Equipment

- The dive plan, in 1 above, should include the SOLAS V aspects if a boat is used.
- Ensure the boat used carries all equipment as outlined in the approved Combined Diving Agency Guidelines. Alternatively, that a commercial boat complies with the MCA code of practice and carries commercial charter boat certification. Coxswains and boathandlers should be suitably qualified and trained.
- Coastguard is contacted with details of the planned dive(s) prior to start/departure.

Group

- Divers are buddied together based on their experience and diving grades, taking account of any personal limitations.
- Surface detection equipment to be carried by all divers.
- Divers fit to dive at start of planned dive.



B. Buddy Pair checklist

- Personal diving equipment is checked as functional and personal fitness adequate for planned dive.
- A structured buddy check is conducted by each pair of divers and the dive plan agreed. Sufficient air, or gas, is available for the dive with adequate reserves for safety.