

***By-Laws of the
ROI-NAMUR DOLPHINS
SCUBA CLUB***

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership requirements and membership grades are defined in this article. Completion of the membership requirements is also a USAKA/RTS authorization to use SCUBA at USAKA/RTS and this authorization may be revoked upon written notice from the Commanding Officer, USAKA/RTS.

A. Pre-membership Requirements

Prior to being accepted as a regular member, an individual must complete the following requirements:

1. Physical Examination: The individual is required to submit an initial and an annual medical status report. If there is an adverse response to any of the questions on the medical status report, the diver will be required to obtain a doctor's release.
2. Open Water SCUBA Training Course: The individual must have successfully completed a basic open water SCUBA training course given by one of the following nationally recognized training agencies. Certification by any other agency will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis:
 - a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI),
 - b. National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI),
 - c. Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) SCUBA Program,
 - d. National Association of SCUBA Diving Schools (NASDS),
 - e. Scuba Schools International (SSI),
 - f. Military Certified Divers,
 - g. World Underwater Federation (CMAS),
 - h. International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers (IANTD).
3. Complete an area Orientation Dive with a Club Divemaster defined under ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP Paragraph C. part 1.b. This requirement may be waived if the individual recently completed a basic SCUBA course at USAKA/RTS or if he is a returning USAKA certified diver who has been away less than one year.
4. Within six months of completing 1.-3. above, a new member must complete an advanced dive course beyond open water certification given by one of the agencies in 2. a.-h. above. In place of an advanced course, the member may successfully complete a specialty course with at least five dives under the supervision of an instructor. Members failing to meet this requirement will be suspended until the class has been completed.

B. Membership Fees

Upon fulfillment of the requirements specified in Paragraph A Parts 1.-3., an individual is considered a member upon payment of the following fees addressed in Article VI - Funds, Paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Roi-Namur Dolphins:

1. Initiation Fee: An initiation fee of \$50.00 shall be assessed for becoming a new member.
2. Membership Dues: Membership dues of \$6.00 per month shall be assessed. Members shall be assessed monthly dues that will be paid annually on January 1. For existing members dues must be paid twelve months in advance. New member dues must be paid through the end of the current billing period. A member may have this

fee prorated and the unused portion refunded, if he cancels his membership before the next payment is due.

3. TDY dues: Non members shall pay a \$50 monthly fee to obtain a TDY membership.
4. Membership for active duty military personnel shall be free.

C. Regular Membership

Completion of the requirements of paragraphs A and B qualifies an individual as a Regular Member.

D. Club Divemaster Membership

Fulfilling requirements stipulated in Article III - Membership, Paragraph C, Part 2, of the Constitution of the Roi-Namur Dolphins qualifies a member as a club divemaster. A club divemaster is required to use SCUBA at least once every 90 days; otherwise, he automatically reverts to regular member status.

E. TDY Membership

A non-member, such as a TDY employee or persons visiting friends or relatives living at USAKA/RTS, may use club tanks and facilities by obtaining a TDY membership. This can be obtained by completion of an Open Water Training course, payment of TDY membership dues and submitting a TDY application, a liability release and a Medical statement.

ARTICLE II - DIVE REGULATIONS

All divers must be aware of and obey the rules and regulations set forth in USAKA/RTS Regulation 385-9 "Water Safety" in addition to the club rules listed below. **NOTE: VIOLATIONS OF THE USAKA/RTS WATER SAFETY REGS OR THE RND CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS WILL CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR REVIEW BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS REVIEW MAY LEAD TO WARNING, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE ROI-NAMUR DOLPHINS SCUBA CLUB.**

A. Buddy System

While in the water, divers will remain in buddy pairs consisting of two divers. When an odd number of divers exist, one buddy group may be comprised of three divers. Buddies will remain close enough to each other at all times in order to be recognized immediately and to be able to provide any assistance that may be required.

B. Diving Equipment

The following guidelines will be followed by all members in regards to diving equipment:

1. Each diver shall provide himself with a functional depth gauge and a timing device both in good operating condition.
2. Each diver shall wear a functional buoyancy compensator designed for SCUBA. The buoyancy compensator must provide a minimum of 25 pounds lift.
3. Each diver will provide himself with a functional submersible pressure gauge on his tank.
4. The use of surface supplied compressed air (hookah) or re-breathing apparatus is prohibited.

5. An alternate air source (octopus regulator/pony bottle) is Highly Recommended for all SCUBA divers.
6. During night dives, each diver will carry an operational underwater light and each buddy team will carry an additional light.

C. Diving Depths

All members will observe the following regulations with respect to diving depths:

1. SCUBA diving at Kwajalein Atoll is strictly limited to a maximum depth of 130 foot, no- decompression diving.
2. When the recompression chamber is non-operational, diving is limited to 50 feet.
3. Divers age 15 and 16 are limited to a depth of 50 feet unless accompanied by a diver who is unlimited to the maximum depth of 130 feet.
4. Suspected deep diving violations will be discussed at each Executive Committee meeting. Suspected incidents will be formally investigated through whatever means are necessary to determine if deep diving violations are taking place. These measures may include, but are not limited to, interviews with other divers, inspections of dive computers/ dive logs, and monitoring of the number of tanks signed out.

D. Ascent/Descent Rates

All members will not exceed the following ascent and descent rates:

1. A standard ascent rate of 60 feet per minute shall not be exceeded. Free ascent will not be used except in an emergency.
2. A descent rate of 75 feet per minute should not be exceeded.

E. No-Decompression Tables

Divers will use no-decompression tables when planning dive depths and lengths. The following rules regarding no-decompression tables apply to all members:

1. The U.S. Navy No-Decompression Table or other dive tables certified as being as safe or safer by a nationally sanctioned SCUBA agency will be used to determine allowable dive duration.
2. All repetitive dives must be computed during the surface interval immediately preceding the dive.
3. Decompression dives are strictly prohibited.

F. Dive Flag

Whenever divers are in the water, a dive flag may be displayed from the boat or from some other prominent marker in the water. Divers must stay within 100 yards of the flag.

G. Wreck Diving

Divers participating in wreck dives will observe the following regulations:

1. Penetration ship diving is prohibited, and defined as, entering the confined spaces of a sunken ship or ship's compartment from which free and direct access to the surface is restricted or otherwise impeded.(USAKA REG 385-9 SECTION 3 PARA F.)
2. Handling of actual or suspected explosive ordnance is strictly prohibited.
3. Due to the possibility and known quantities of caustic material, oil, and unexploded ordnance aboard shipwrecks, excursions will NOT be made that may possibly cause a disturbance with these substances.

ARTICLE III - DIVE OUTINGS

This article specifies practices to be followed by club members before and during dive outings.

A. Club Dives

The club may conduct a dive for the general membership and their guests when range operations permit. Normally, dives will be scheduled at least one week in advance.

1. Food and beverages may be furnished by the club.
2. Before departing, the divemaster in charge shall leave a copy of the dive roster and the expected location and duration of the dive with the USAKA/RTS security contractor.
3. After the dive, the divemaster who was in charge shall submit a report to the Safety and Training Officer which shall include the date and location of the dive, the attendance, the club diving requirements satisfied by each member, and any other information pertinent to the dive.
3. On all club dives, there will be a divemaster in charge who shall be responsible for the success of the dive and for enforcing all club regulations. He shall have full authority for discipline and he shall report any infractions of this Constitution or By-Laws to the Executive Committee.
4. A club dive of an organization with whom the Dolphins have reciprocal agreements will be considered the same as a club dive.

B. Private Dives

Members may participate in small boat or walk in dives that are not supervised by a club divemaster.

1. Club funds may not be used for food or beverages on private dives.
2. Before leaving, the person in charge of a dive outing shall leave with the Marina office the expected location and duration of the dive and the names of persons going on the outing.
3. Member's Orientation Dive requirements may be satisfied only if a club divemaster participates.

C. Night Dives

Members may participate in night dives. A dive plan must be filed with the USAKA/RTS security contractor prior to the dive. The plan must include:

1. Name and phone number of the person coordinating the dive,
2. Names and quarters of all divers participating in the dive,
3. Location of the dive,
4. Time entering and exiting the water.
5. In addition, the security contractor will be notified by telephone immediately before and after the dive. Divers must be aware that failure to notify security within 30 minutes of the exit time specified on the dive plan will result in notification of the USAKA/RTS Safety Officer and a search for all divers listed on the dive plan will begin.

ARTICLE IV - CLUB FACILITIES

Uses of club facilities are governed by this article.

A. Access and Use of Club Facilities

Club facilities are for the use of club members and their guests. Access to the tool shed and to tool lockers in the tank house is limited to club officers. Nonmembers may use club facilities at the discretion of the club President and shall be guided by the following:

1. Nonmember divers may be granted access to the tank house only. Access to other buildings is allowed only when accompanied by a club member.
2. Access to the tank house may be granted only after verifying that the diver is on the roster of a dive club with whom the Roi-Namur Dolphins have a reciprocal agreement. This roster shall be posted in the tank house and will be kept up-to-date by the club Secretary.
3. Non members, such as TDY personnel or persons visiting relatives living at USAKA/RTS, may use club facilities for diving purposes after completing the TDY membership requirements.
4. Nonmembers may use club facilities for purposes other than diving, upon request and approval of the President. The President may also restrict use of club facilities by nonmembers. Nonmembers may be required to pay a deposit or fee for use of the facilities and may not be allowed access to the tank or locker house without a member present. The President's authorization to grant approval for use of the facilities or restrict its use and the assessment of the deposit or fee is at the discretion of the general membership.
5. Any instructor teaching SCUBA and using RND facilities will be a member of the RND SCUBA CLUB.
6. Per AR 210-1 para.2-6 of the regulations governing private organizations, the RND will carry a one million dollar General Liability Policy.

B. Keys and Combination

Access to club facilities is a privilege extended to members by the club. Failure to comply with the following regulations may result in loss of this privilege:

1. Combination to the locker and tank house may be given to RND members only.
2. Combination to the locker and tank house will be changed as needed.

3. Giving the combination to nonmembers is prohibited. Kwajalein Scuba Club (KSC) members may obtain access to the tank house through prior arrangement with an RND member.
4. Keys to the tool shed and combinations to tool lockers in the tank house will be given only to members of the Executive Committee.
5. The key to the compressor shall be in the custody of the Facilities and Operations Engineer.
6. Divers on the bad diver list will not be given the combination to the facilities upon appearing on said list.

C. Lockers

Use of lockers is also a privilege extended to members. Due to the limited number of lockers, strict rules apply. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in loss of locker privileges. The following rules shall be observed in assigning and possessing lockers:

1. Locker rental fee of \$3.00 per month, payable at time of membership application, will be assessed. Locker fees for newly assigned lockers will be prorated as with membership dues.
2. Each locker will be numbered and will be rented to one or two individuals. Each person using a locker will be billed separately for his share of the locker fee.
3. Lockers are provided with hasps, but locks, if desired, will be furnished by the occupants.
4. Members in good standing are authorized to rent a locker.
5. Lockers are to be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. It shall be the responsibility of the club Treasurer to assign lockers and to maintain a list of members who do not have a locker and wish to rent one. A member vacating his locker may not assign it to another member.
6. A member who currently possesses a locker and fails to fulfill requirements of parts 1 and 4 or lets his or her membership dues become delinquent will be given 30 days notice to comply. The 30 days notice will be given by the Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee. If the member has not complied by the end of the 30 days, the member locker's contents may be removed at the owner's risk. The member can be eligible for a locker only after paying any delinquent locker fees, if applicable, and then will be reassigned a new locker as specified in part 5.
7. Requirements of parts 1 and 4 may be waived by the Executive Committee for a specific member on a case-by-case basis.
8. Members occupying a large locker will vacate that locker upon transferring residence to another island. A small tank house locker will be assigned to them if one is available. The enforcement of this regulation will be at the discretion of the Executive committee.

D. Tank Racks and Ladders

Tank racks and ladders are available to persons without charge. Tank racks and ladders may be used by private boat owners but must be returned to the Scuba Shack immediately following use.

ARTICLE V - TANK PROCEDURES

Procedures for the use and filling of tanks are outlined by this article.

A. Tank Filling

The following practices are to be observed when filling SCUBA tanks using the club air compressor.

1. Responsibility: The responsibility of filling SCUBA tanks belongs to the club Facilities and Operations Engineer. He may appoint a club member to assist him with the filling of tanks; however, the responsibility for training an assistant and ensuring that tanks are filled properly is solely the Facilities and Operations Engineer's.
2. Schedule: Tanks will be filled on a regular schedule set by the Operations Engineer and approved by the general membership.
3. Filling Order: Club tanks will have priority. Members' tanks will follow club tanks, and nonmembers' tanks have the lowest priority.
4. Filling Records: The Facilities and Operations Engineer registers club and member tank ownership. A filling record will be kept of all club and member tanks.
5. Filler's Wages: The Facilities and Operations Engineer and only the Facilities and Operations Engineer will receive compensation for tank filling services. The rate will be \$10.00 per compressor hour. Any assistants appointed by the Facilities and Operations Engineer will be paid according to the above rate.

B. Use of Tanks

Use of tanks is governed by the following regulations:

1. Members' Tanks: Members may not use tanks owned by other members unless permission is given for such use.
2. Club Tanks: Club tanks are available for use by members and other divers who are members of a club that has a reciprocal agreement with the Roi-Namur Dolphins. Use of tanks by nonmembers shall be governed by the following:
 - a. A member may allow a nonmember access to club tanks after verifying that the nonmember is in good standing with a dive club with whom the Roi-Namur Dolphins have a reciprocal agreement. The roster shall be kept in the tank house.
 - b. Non-member divers using club tanks, facilities, and resources will obey all regulations specified in Article II of these by-laws and USAKA/RTS regulation 385-9.
 - c. Divers under the age of 15 using club tanks, facilities, and resources must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 - d. Divers must record their name beside the numbers on tanks they remove from the tank house on the tank signout board inside the tank house. Divers can only sign out the tanks that they personally will use. Signing out tanks for other club members under your own name is prohibited. Only the Club Tankfiller is authorized to erase names from the tank signout board.
 - e. Club tanks may be unavailable to club members due to club functions such as dive trips.

- f. Members who remove tanks from the Scuba Shack area for a time period exceeding 24 hours shall designate the location of the tanks on the tank signout board.
- g. Members who lose a club tank are required to replace the lost tank with a brand new tank and valve of the same size as the lost tank. In place of this, the member may pay for the cost of replacing the tank with a brand new tank and valve, including the shipping cost. The tank filler and Executive Committee will determine the cost of a new replacement tank.

C. Tank Damage and Test

Tanks that have been damaged or that are in need of hydrostatic test shall be tagged by the Operations Engineer and shall not be filled until damage has been repaired or testing has been completed. Hydrostatic testing shall be performed once every five years or when a tank has been damaged.

- 1. The Operations Engineer shall be responsible for having club tanks tested when hydrostatic testing is required.
- 2. The owner shall be responsible for having private tanks hydrostatically tested when due, yet the Operations Engineer may include, if requested, these tanks to the tanks being sent to be tested. The owner is responsible for any fee or possible damage to his tank.