

NAUI Search & Recovery Diver - Level I Skills Checklist

Diver Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructor Name/Number: _____

Dive Location: _____ Dive #: _____

✓ Search Planning and Site Assessment

- Evaluates dive site conditions (visibility, depth, bottom type)
- Identifies search object size, weight, and characteristics
- Selects appropriate search pattern for environment/object
- Plans dive with team roles, communication, and contingencies

✓ Search Pattern Execution

- Demonstrates correct setup and use of at least one pattern:

☐ Circular Search

☐ U-pattern / Jackstay

☐ Expanding Square

☐ Pendulum / Arc

- Maintains proper orientation, spacing, and overlap
- Controls search line/tether with good technique

✓ Object Recovery Skills

- Locates and identifies search object
- Secures object using proper knot(s)
- Attaches lift bag or lifting device correctly
- Controls ascent of object safely

✓ Line Handling and Knot Tying

- Demonstrates correct use of search lines and reels
- Ties and uses appropriate knots underwater:
 - ☐ Bowline
 - ☐ Half Hitch(es)
 - ☐ Sheet Bend
- Avoids line entanglement and manages slack effectively

✓ Teamwork and Communication

- Assigns roles and responsibilities pre-dive
- Uses effective underwater signals or line tugs
- Maintains contact with team members as needed
- Participates in post-dive review and debrief

✓ Dive Safety and Contingency Skills

- Maintains buoyancy and control throughout dive
- Monitors gas supply and dive time
- Responds appropriately to minor issues (e.g., entanglement)
- Aborts dive if necessary due to safety concerns

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