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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