

Boat Briefing Overview

Welcome Aboard

- **Greeting:** “Welcome aboard your dive boat today, Fin & Tonic.”
- **Crew Introduction:** Introduce the crew members and their roles. Mention where they are from to add a personal touch.

Safety Equipment & Procedures

- **Location of Safety Equipment:**
 - **Life Jackets:** Adult and Childrens.
 - **Oxygen / First Aid Kits**
 - **Fire Extinguisher**
 - **Emergency Signal Devices**
 - **VHF Radio:** Channel 16, how to change the channel.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Emphasize the importance of listening to crew instructions in the event of an emergency.
- **Boat Layout**
 - **Marine Head:** For emergency use only. Notify the crew before entering.
 - **Rinse Bin:** Electronics only. No rinsing masks.
 - **Freshwater Supply:** Freshwater hose for rinsing masks / self / equipment
 - **Drinks:** Water and Gatorade. Emphasize the importance of staying hydrated.
 - **Cooler:** For keeping customer food or drinks chilled.
 - **Trash Disposal:** Encourage using onboard trash can to protect marine life. Nothing should be thrown overboard.
 - **Wetsuit Deodorizer / Defog:** What they look like and where they are kept.
 - **Dry Areas:** Indicate where bags and personal items can be kept dry.
- **Gear Storage:** Explain the crate system and the numbering of corresponding hangers. Stress the importance of using the correct hanger to prevent misplacing wetsuits.
- **Loose Equipment:** Should be placed in the bin or a bag to keep the deck tidy and safe.

Entry & Exit Procedures

- **Giant Stride Entry:** How and where to perform safely.
- **Defog:** Explain best practices for using the defog.
- **Fins:** When divers should put on their fins for entry.
- **Ladder Use:** Explain how to remove fins on the tag line before approaching the ladder to prevent accidents.
- **Gear Donning / Doffing:** Procedures for in-water gear handling.

Suggestions for Divers

- **Check Your Equipment:** Ensure all equipment is present and functional. Now is the time to fix it.
- **Buddy Checks:** Remind divers to perform buddy checks before entering the water.
- **Environmental Conservation:** Brief on the importance of not touching marine life or corals.