

PREDIVE SAFETY CHECK

Begin With Review And Friend

BCD

WEIGHT

RELEASES

AIR

FINAL CHECK

Predive safety checks take only 1-2 minutes, yet reduce hassles, missed dives and incidents. Before each dive, as a buddy team visually and vocally check:

Begin: BCD

- Adjustment correct
- Tank secure
- Inflator & deflator function checked
- Partially inflated for entry (as appropriate)
- Surface signaling devices attached/pocketed
- Team knows how to operate each other's BCDs

With: Weight

- Proper amount (further confirm/check after entry)
- Positioned for proper trim
- Quick release(s) secure & operational
- Releasable weight free & clear of other gear
- Single quick motion release creates ample buoyancy
- Team knows how to release each other's weights

Review: Releases

- All releases correctly secured, adjusted & working properly – recheck BCD and weight releases
- Team knows how to operate each other's releases

And: Air

- Tank valves fully opened (team confirms for each other)
- Team agrees all divers have sufficient gas for dive and appropriate reserve
- Recheck BCD/dry suit inflator connection and function
- Primary and alternate second stages test-breathed
- Alternate second stage properly secured in chest area
- Team knows location & operation of each other's alternate second stages

Friend: Final Check

- Check for unsecured/missing/maladjusted/damaged gear, trapped hoses, etc.
- Check dive computer function, settings (EANx%, air)
- Review communication/hand signals (as needed)
- Team agrees primary objective is to return safely – *this overrides all other considerations*
- Team agrees any diver can end the dive at any time for any reason

