



SCUBA DIVERS FEDERATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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Hobart Buoy Operational Procedures (Effective 27 October 2009)

1. The 2 buoys are for the exclusive use of the SDF Members who have paid the Hobart Buoy Levy or as determined from time to time by the SDF Executive.
2. To be eligible to use the buoys, SDF member clubs and individual members must have paid a Hobart Buoy Levy in the current year. The Hobart levy is a contribution toward the SDF's Public Liability Insurance cover and maintenance costs.
i.e. you must be an individual member & paid the Hobart levy or be a member of an SDF member club that has paid the levy to use the SDF buoys.
3. To book a time slot on one of the SDF's two buoys you must email the SDF's Hobart booking address hobart@sdfsa.net and provide the information below, nominating
 - (a) the day,
 - (b) time slot (2 hour blocks in even hours e.g. 0800 to 1000 hours),
 - (c) name and registration number of your vessel and its length in metres.
 - (d) number of passengers the vessel is licensed to carry,
 - (e) the number of divers intending to dive on the dive site,
 - (f) confirmation the Ex-HMAS Hobart Code of Practice has been read & understood and a current permit has been completed.
All divers are annually required to complete the on-line 'Code of Practice' form, as maintained by the South Australian Tourism Commission, submit it and retain a copy of the Code of Practice and your current permit number.
The copy, which must not be more than 12 months old, must be on hand (on board) when diving the Hobart. Your current Permit number MUST be provided to the SDF when booking one of our buoys.
The Code of Practice can be accessed from the Hobart website at <http://www.exhmashobart.com.au>.
An on-line completion facility will be available early in 2010.
 - (g) acknowledgement that recognised scuba diving protocol will be observed,
 - (h) acknowledgement that the group will have an observer capable of operating the boat remaining topside during the dive.
4. To accommodate as many SDF members as possible wishing to dive the Hobart, 2 vessels will be allowed to raft up on the one buoy, providing the combined maximum length of the 2 vessels does not exceed 13 metres. Both vessels will require a confirmed SDF booking for that buoy.
5. To ensure that all SDF members have equal opportunity to dive the Hobart, when considering the requests for bookings, a priority system will be applied. Those SDF members who have had the least access to the dive site will be given priority.

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6. If successful, you will be allocated a buoy numbered 1 or 2 and a time slot. If another vessel has been jointly allocated the same buoy as you, information regarding that vessel will be advised in a confirmation email to be forwarded to you. The confirmation email must be displayed in your vessel windscreen and provided as proof of your booking if requested.
7. Confirmation of your booking will be advised at least 4 weeks before the event.
8. The SDF's name, buoy number and email address will be prominently displayed on the buoy.
9. All divers are required to complete the Diving Permit Application which is the last page of the 'code of Practice', either on-line at <http://www.exhmashobart.com.au> or complete and lodge the applications in the Permit Box at the Worrina Boat Ramp before departure.
10. On arrival at the dive site, if a vessel is illegally moored on your SDF buoy, politely advise the occupants that you have an official booking of the SDF buoy, show them the booking confirmation and request them to vacate the buoy.

If they refuse, take a photograph if you can, make a note of their boat registration, a description of their boat, number of occupants and their name if known. Advise them that they will be reported to the SDF and the Department for Transport, Environment & Infrastructure.
If they have divers below and you are the only vessel with an SDF booking, make a decision to raft up or abort the dive.
11. You are to vacate the buoy within the 2 hour time slot that you have been allocated.
12. Report any non-compliance matters to the SDF and, if considered serious, report the incident to the Police.
13. Please be aware that if considered necessary by the SDF Executive, these Hobart Buoy Operational Procedures may be amended without prior notice.

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