



## **ARGENTARIO SCUBA POINT – NEW PROCEDURE FOR DIVING ACTIVITY**

*Safety protocol against Covid-19 contagion based on SIMSI (Italian Society of Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine) guidelines - INAIL - ISS*

1. Contagion prevention for sports diving activities, snorkeling, boat trips
2. Regulation of diving activities
3. Registration form for the carrying out of the diving activity
4. Providing information to participate in the activities (self-certification)

All necessary documents and forms (points 1, 2, 3, 4) for participation in the activities must be downloaded from the website, filled in and sent by e-mail to [info@argentarioscubapoint.it](mailto:info@argentarioscubapoint.it) during the booking process. Upon arrival at the diving center, they will be signed on site. The form should not be completed until 24/36 hours before arrival at the diving center. It is advisable to bring the following or to keep it available in digital format (pdf):

- a. Diving certificate
- b. Identity document
- c. Valid medical certificate

### **1.**

## **Approach contagion prevention for recreational diving, snorkeling and boat rides**

### **1.1 Access to the diving centre, dressing, handing over of equipment**

- Upon arrival at the diving centre, the staff will determine the body temperature and refuse access at a temperature > 37.5 °C.
- Outside the diving centre there is a dispenser with disinfection gel, which must be used by each customer before access to the facility.
- Within the premises of the diving school, the use of a mask and a minimum distance of one meter between the persons are required.
- Participants in the activities must have an adequate amount of masks, gloves, disinfectant gel, anti-fitting spray for the mask, according to the days of stay in the diving center. Otherwise, access to the activities may be denied.
- It is mandatory to have a personal waterproof container/bag for the masks, a resealable bag/bag/box for storing all clothing and a resealable bag/bag for transporting the diving equipment from the diving centre to the boat.
- In the open spaces of the diving school, a safety distance of at least 1 meter from other persons must be observed.
- Each customer is assigned a numbered seat within the premises where they can place their equipment and move for the dive.
- The borrowed equipment is always disinfected before issuance.
- Clothes and personal items should be kept in the resealable personal bag/bag/box.
- The personal diving equipment must be placed on top of the Ape-Car in a closed individual bag for transfer to the boat

### **1.2. Transfer diving school/Kai/inflatable boat**

- Wearing a protective mask and gloves is mandatory.
- A safety distance of at least 1 meter must be maintained on the footpath to the boat

### **1.3. On the inflatable/crossing/briefing**

- The number of divers/snorkelers on board the inflatable boat depends on compliance with the safety distance prescribed by the ISS and the approval of the vessel.
- Once at the dock/quay, each participant must assemble the diving equipment and hand over to the staff of the diving centre, subject to a minimum distance of one meter, taking care to protect the second stages of the regulator with waterproof housings.
- On board, participants must disinfect their hands with disinfectant gel.
- On the instructions of the crew, each participant shall take his previously disinfected seat, made available in accordance with the applicable regulations, which shall remain unchanged until the return to the port at the end of the excursion

### **1.4. On the inflatable - preparations for the dive**

- Once at the dive site, each diver must independently put on his equipment, remove the protective mask and gloves, and place both in the waterproof container/bag, and finally complete his equipment by applying the mask and the regulator.
- The briefing is conducted in compliance with the safety distances
- If you want to avoid fogging the mask, each diver must use his own anti-fog spray

#### **Attention**

**When opening the SCUBA unit (ARA), tests for the correct functioning of the nozzles and for checking the mixture pressure may only be carried out with the flushing button.**

### **1.5. Dives**

- Please note the rules for diving activities (item 2) and the attached forms.
- 1 guide/diving instructor for 4/6 certified divers each (recreational dives up to a maximum of -40 m); teacher-to-diver ratio may be lower depending on environmental conditions

### **1.6. In the inflatable - after the dispersing activity has ended**

- At the end of the dive, each diver must return to the boat without ARA/Scuba equipment, unless the staff gives him other instructions.
- Every diver who has reached his position must put on a protective mask and gloves.
- Each diver must personally change the bottle on the instructions of the staff or, in the case of a single dive, remove the SCUBA unit by placing his equipment in his/n personal bag/bag and closing it

### **1.7. At the Diving Center - after the dive/diving activity**

- Must be worn the protective mask.
- Each diver resumes his assigned position in the locker room, keeping the safety distance of at least one meter.
- Whenever possible, personal equipment will be washed at the quay upon arrival at the port. Alternatively, every diver must rinse the equipment at home
- Only the rented equipment is rinsed and disinfected by the staff

### **1.8. Disinfection**

- It is recommended to have products (spray, gel) for personal hand disinfection.
- It is recommended to carry products for disinfection of the regulators and equipment in general.
- It is recommended to have at least two spare mouthpieces for the regulator with you

### **1.9. Arrived at the diving school**

- The staff of the diving center is equipped with protective masks and gloves.
- Disinfection of rental equipment is carried out by the diving center

### **1.10 Area for filling oxygen bottles**

- The bottle filling area is only accessible to the specialist staff of the diving centre.
- The area for refilling and storing bottles consists of a ventilated area with an L&W compressor.
- This area is separate from the common areas used by divers.
- The staff responsible for refilling the bottles is equipped with protective masks and gloves

## **2.**

### **Regulation for underwater activities**

#### **At the diving school**

- The diving center accepts no responsibility/liability for personal equipment left in the warehouse.
- The rental prices for the equipment are per day, as indicated in the price list displayed in the premises of the diving school.
- In case of damage to the rented equipment, the repair costs will be added to the rental costs.
- In the event of total loss or loss, the sales rates applicable on the market shall be applied
- It is the customer's responsibility to check the condition of the rented equipment when handing it over

#### **During the dive process**

- To participate in the dives, you must make the following statement:
- that you are in good physical condition and are not subject to health restrictions due to Covid-19
- that you are in possession of a valid medical certificate for diving fitness
- that you are in possession of an international diving certificate and a diving logbook (if the diver does not have the logbook with him, he must indicate the number of dives he has performed at his own responsibility)
- that you are not taking or taking any drugs and/or psychotropic substances, are not under the influence of drugs and have not consumed too much alcoholic beverages and/or food
- that you are aware of and consciously take the foreseeable and unforeseeable risks associated with the practice of diving
- that you are aware of all the rules regarding the dive as well as all safety regulations and restrictions related to the sport and/or diving technique, and that you will follow them throughout the diving activities, not least on the basis of your purchased diving certificate as well as the level of training and experience
- that you will stick to the pair system throughout the dive and plan it in advance with your dive partner; in addition, the communication systems, the procedures for finding the partner in the event of separation and emergency procedures must be agreed and discussed
- that you will always keep in contact with the guide and are therefore ready to interrupt the dive at any time at the request of the guide, should this be necessary
- dass Sie einwilligen, die nationalen Gesetze und Vorschriften, die von der Schiffsbesatzung und dem Sicherheitskoordinator in Bezug auf den Ab- und Aufstiegsbetrieb erteilt wurden, beachten und einhalten werden.
- dass Sie vor dem Ein- und Aussteigen ins/aus dem Boot erst auf die entsprechende Aufforderung des Kapitäns warten und dies nur bei geankertem Boot tun.

- that you will not jump into the water until the boat is anchored and the engine is turned off and will in any case only be done after the captain has given the appropriate permission
- that you will perform all dives within the limits and safety curve specified by your certification, unless you have a certification that provides for decompression during planned dives using this procedure.
- that you will perform all dives with appropriate, efficient and adequately maintained equipment and equipment
- that you have disinfected your regulators and undertake to disinfect them again in case of using alternative air sources during the dive.
- that you are aware that diving activities can also be carried out in places far away from centres equipped with an overpressure chamber and competent medical assistance and hereby agree to participate under your full responsibility.
- that you fully assume any liability with respect to your person, personal injury and/or damage caused to others by conduct not in accordance with the rules of good diving technology or objectively irresponsible trading.
- that you only use the diving guide service and therefore eliminate any kind of diving training and/or other activities related to the diving training
- that you are aware that the work of the dive guide is limited to mere escort at the dive site, excluding all support and control activities during the dive activity.

In addition:

- the use of a diving computer is required for the dives
- each individual diver must be equipped with an inflatable SMB surface marking buoy in a clearly visible colour and a leash of at least five metres to be used in the event of separation from the group before appearing on the surface.
- you are obliged to follow the instructions of the diving centre staff and the planning of the diving instructor/guide

### **Marine environment**

The diver undertakes to:

- Do not practice any kind of fishing during the dive and do not collect any objects or marine organisms
- no waste of any kind to be left in the environment