

Ware SAC Policy Document

This document is intended to represent the currently acceptable diving practices of the Ware branch of the British Sub Aqua Club. This document will be issued in draft format to all members for comment. Additions or changes may be proposed at any time by any club member and incorporated by a simple majority decision.

Dive Deposits

The minimum deposit required for any club dive shall be sufficient to cover any unrecoverable expenses. This deposit shall be refundable to an individual only in the following circumstances :

- upon cancellation of an individual's place on a dive, a suitable replacement be found
- or
- upon cancellation of the trip any expenditure be recovered by the club

Training Qualifications

After completion of all required theory and skills modules and satisfactory completion of the appropriate written exam, an individual shall be awarded his new diving grade only if, in the opinion of the Diving Officer, he has also acquired the appropriate diving experience.

Use of Club Equipment

The use of club training equipment shall not be permitted outside of the pool environment.

The use of club boating equipment shall only be for approved club dives unless specific approval be granted beforehand. The use of the club boat equipment shall be granted under the following circumstances :

- The cox'n shall be a qualified to a minimum standard of BSAC Boathandler and shall be the person responsible for the boat until it is returned to the equipment hut.
- The boat and all equipment shall be washed and the engine flushed with fresh water after every use.

Ocean Diver

The BSAC School qualification of Ocean Diver shall be deemed equivalent to Novice Diver for the purpose of club dives.

Club Dives

All dives open to all members and openly advertised shall be deemed club dives. These shall require the approval of the Diving Officer, shall be within the BSAC guidelines, and shall be fully recorded.

Private Dives

Any dives undertaken that have not been openly advertised to club members or that fall outside the BSAC guidelines (e.g. depth, gas mix etc.) shall be deemed to be private dives.

Safety Stops

On all club dives to depths in excess of 10m a safety stop of one minute at 6m shall be performed.

On all decompression dives the stops required by the tables or computer in use shall be deemed the minimum required. An safety stop of an additional one minute shall be preferred.

Club Fees

The annual club membership fee shall be considered to support membership of Ware FC, hire of Fanshawe Pool and rental of the equipment hut

Training fees shall be sufficient to ensure that any costs incurred because of training (equipment purchase and service) be covered by those fees.

Rib dive fees shall ensure that on an annual basis, the cost of diving (boat service and repairs, fuel etc.) shall be fully covered including depreciation of the boat diving equipment.

Non-Club Divers

Priority on all club dives shall be given to club members. Only in the case that a dive trip cannot be filled by club members shall non-member divers be invited to fill the places. Once any deposit has been paid such non-member divers shall be considered confirmed booked on the dive. If no deposit has been paid then these non-member divers may at any time be excluded from the dive if a club member requires their place.

Dive Leaders

All divers intending to lead a novice on an open water dive, shall himself have performed at least two open water dives previously that season to ensure that both diver and equipment are in a satisfactory condition.

Alternate Air Source

It is recommended that all club dives be undertaken with an alternate air source available to each diver. When a novice diver is involved, the provision of an 'AIR 2' device shall not be deemed an acceptable alternate air source.