

Diving Information

GUIDELINES ON ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DIVE AND TRAIN IN THE BSAC T.15

Junior Diving Members, aged between 12 and 14, may train and dive with branches and schools in the BSAC. The following guidelines are for those branches and schools who choose to welcome Junior Diving Members to train and dive.

1. Divers, under the age of 14, must dive within the limits of their qualification and not dive deeper than 20m.
2. Divers, under the age of 14, must not incur compulsory decompression stops.
3. Divers, under the age of 14, can complete both the Ocean and Sports diver grade.
4. Divers, under the age of 14, can not embark on the post-Sports Diver depth progression.
5. Divers, under the age of 14, can embark on any element of the Dive Leader training that does not require depth in excess of 20m or entail compulsory decompression.
6. Divers, under the age of 14, must be directly supervised in open water by a diver who is over the age of 18 and is qualified to the minimum grade of Sports Diver (or equivalent).
7. Supervision of divers over the age of 14 should follow the existing guidelines in the BSAC Diver Training Programme.
8. All dives involving under 18 year olds must be managed (on site) by a suitably qualified diver over the age of 18.
9. Dive Managers are reminded of the Duty of Care, subject to risk assessment, to provide sites and conditions suitable for all the divers in the diving group.
10. BSAC branches with members under the age of 18 are recommended to follow good practice by appointing a Branch Welfare Officer and adhere to the BSAC Welfare of Vulnerable People - Procedures and Guidelines (for branches in Scotland this practice is required by law).