

Hackney (Branch No. 0721) of THE BRITISH SUB-AQUA CLUB

Rules and Regulations – April 2019

A. Membership

1. Membership is due before training commences. The fee must be paid within one calendar month of commencing training, or training will be suspended.
2. A valid medical must be submitted to the Membership Secretary (who must share any concerns with the Diving Officer) before membership is accepted. Repeat medicals will be taken in accordance with BSAC recommendations.
3. Sixteen and seventeen year olds may only become full members if a parent or guardian is a FULL member.
4. Dual members and transferring members require committee approval before their membership is approved.
5. Members of the club who are also registered as qualified instructors may teach their children aged 12 to 18 to dive in accordance with BSAC rules, with appropriate insurance covered through the diving body e.g. BSAC.

B. Pool Night

1. Pool night is 8:30pm every Monday (except Public Holidays) at York Hall swimming baths, Bethnal Green.
2. Members' families and guests may be allowed to use the pool under the supervision of a member. Children under 14 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or other responsible adult.

C. Qualification

1. Once all qualifying requirements have been met and a Nationally Qualified Instructor has recommended that a Diver Qualification should be granted, it is the Branch Diving Officer alone who grants the qualification by signing off the appropriate qualification page in the member's Qualification Record Book. The qualification page should also be stamped with the Branch Stamp. The Training Officer's log of qualifications should be updated. The Branch Diving Officer should report all new qualifications awarded to the Branch Committee so they may be recorded in the Branch Committee Minutes.

D. Diving

1. All Branch dives shall have the approval of the Diving Officer who should appoint a Dive Manager (qualified Dive Leader or above) in advance. All dives will be publicised by posting on the club newsletter and website.
2. The Diving Officer requires all members using such shall demonstrate their competence in a dry suit in confined water prior to use on branch dives.
3. All members will dive within current depth progression and existing experience. Further depth progression is only with a Nationally Qualified Instructor (NQI) or Dive Leader (DL) as buddy. An NQI must be present if completing signed off progression.
4. The Dive Manager will agree buddy pairs options with the Diving Officer before any trip.
5. No solo diving. Buddy pairs are preferred, but threes can be permitted at the discretion of the Dive Manager.
6. Any dives over 30m require separate redundancy and experience in using it (e.g. manifolded or independent twinset or additional cylinder/pony).
7. Planned decompression should be limited to 1 min if not using separate redundancy.
8. O2 and first aid kit are required for club dives. At least two divers need to be qualified in oxygen administration
9. Anything to declare - any medical restrictions / deco limits need to be acknowledged and discussed well before the day of diving.

10. Any incidents or 'near misses' to be reported to DM at time and subsequently DO and incident report to BSAC
11. A diving log sheet shall be kept by the Dive Manager and returned to the Diving Officer for branch records.
12. Delayed Surface Marker buoys shall be used on all Branch dives unless deemed unnecessary by the Dive Manager

E. Equipment

1. The Branch will hire out club equipment to members such as is available. All cylinders should be returned to the cylinder store full and any damage should be reported to the Equipment Officer immediately.
2. Trainees will have priority on club equipment and charges are per days use basis. Charges are as defined by the Committee.