



## **DISCLAIMER & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Port Moresby Sub-Aqua Club Incorporated (**POMSAC**) is a non-profit SCUBA diving club managed by volunteers who, even if they do hold relevant professional qualifications, do not consider themselves to be acting in a professional capacity. All advice given and actions taken are done in good faith, but the committee and agents of POMSAC (including but not limited to the committee, members, dive leaders, boat drivers and the Royal Papua Yacht Club) take no responsibility for their advice, actions or omissions, negligent or otherwise. You cannot assume that any agent of POMSAC holds any qualification other than basic Open Water SCUBA Diving Certification.

There are inherent risks in scuba diving and you accept these risks by diving with POMSAC. You agree to always dive in accordance with your level of qualifications, ability and experience, taking into account factors such as actual diving and weather conditions, underwater visibility and currents and other relevant factors. By your inclusion in any POMSAC diving activity, POMSAC does not in any way endorse your diving skills and/or qualifications. You are wholly responsible for your own safety when diving with POMSAC and you are expected to use your own training and experience to determine whether you can safely participate in any club activity. POMSAC is not organised and run along the same lines as commercial dive operators and you alone are entirely responsible for your own decision making and conduct.

Any fees levied by POMSAC are solely to recover running costs. No member of POMSAC is financially rewarded for their services. It is your responsibility to ensure that any equipment you use, whether you own it or not, is in working order and that it will allow you to safely participate in any POMSAC activity.

Members of POMSAC shall not be liable to any extent whatsoever to other Members of POMSAC if they suffer injury, loss or damages as a result of the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, other committee members for the time being of POMSAC or of POMSAC members, the Royal Papua Yacht Club Incorporated or any or all of them.

### **Safe Diving Recommendations**

POMSAC has an excellent record of safe diving. In order to maintain this safety record, especially with the rapid increase of interest in diving as a sport and the introduction of new members to POMSAC, and in order to stay in line with safety practices recommended by diving organizations throughout the world, the following safety practices listed below are recommended. Compliance with these recommendations remains your sole responsibility and you cannot assume that you will be monitored by POMSAC or any of its agents.

- You should have an appropriate and thorough medical examination every twelve months.
- You must have at least the following minimum equipment in order to dive with POMSAC:
  - a. Mask, snorkel and fins;
  - b. Appropriate thermal protection for expected water temperature
  - c. BCD, tank and weight system (weight belt or integrated weights of correct mass)
  - d. Regulator, air pressure gauge, depth gauge and timing device
  - e. Safety sausage

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- Your first stage regulators must be equipped with an alternate air source regulator (octopus or integrated inflator regulator) as well as a primary second stage regulator and an air pressure gauge.
- You are encouraged to use a dive computer.
- Your mechanical or electronic equipment should be serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations (usually at least once a year), to prevent incidents caused by avoidable malfunctions.
- Your tanks must be in test when used on POMSAC sponsored dives.
- You are encouraged to carry a whistle and gloves.
- You are encouraged to obtain or maintain current Senior First Aid qualifications (or better) and to be familiar with the use of the oxy-viva equipment on the dive boat.
- You are encouraged to obtain appropriate and adequate dive insurance (for example, DAN)
- Where an incident has occurred during a dive, you must inform the dive leader as soon as possible, especially where it involves any missed safety or decompression stops or insufficient time at a stop.
- When diving, you agree to ascend slowly (no faster than 18 m/minute) and finish all dives with a safety stop at 5 metres for at least 3 minutes and with at least 50 bar of air in your tank.

A dive leader, in his or her absolute discretion, has the right to refuse to allow you to dive if your equipment, training or health does not appear to be appropriate for the dive or in the interests of the safety of all divers in the dive group or for any other reason.

By signing the POMSAC membership form and this document, you take full legal responsibility for your own diving safety and agree to dive in a manner that does not compromise the safety of others. You also agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless POMSAC, its committee and members and the Royal Papua Yacht Club Incorporated from and against any damage, loss, cost, expense or liability incurred or a claim, action, proceeding or demand made however arising and whether present or future, fixed or unascertained, actual or contingent.

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE TERMS OF THIS DOCUMENT:**

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Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_