# EXTRA DIVERS SIFAH STANDARD SAFE DIVING PRACTICES AND LIABILITY RELEASE

DEAR GUEST, WELCOME TO EXTRA DIVERS SIFAH! Please read carefully the following statement prior to sign it.

### 1) STANDARD SAFE DIVING PRACTICES:

#### a. Dive-license

CERTIFIED DIVERS MUST SHOW A DIVE LICENSE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATE TO DIVE ACTIVITIES – THE DIVES WILL BE PLANNED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE.

## b. Briefing

LISTEN CAREFULLY TO DIVE BRIEFINGS AND DIRECTIONS, RESPECT THOSE WHO ARE SUPERVISING YOUR DIVING ACTIVITIES.

#### c. Buddy-system

ADHERE TO BUDDY SYSTEM THROUGH EVERY DIVE, DIVE PLANNING, INCLUNDING COMMUNICATIONS, REUNITING PROCEDURES IN CASE OF SEPARATION, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

## d. Unguided buddy-system

ALL DIVERS WITH LESS THAN 50 LOGGED DIVES WILL BE GUIDED.

UNGUIDED BUDDY-TEAMS MUST CARRY AN SMB, TO BE DEPLOYED AT THE BEGINNING OF SAFETY STOP OR WHENEVER NECESSARY TO SIGN THEIR POSITION.

## e. Check dive/ refresh/ private guide

FOR SAFETY REASONS THE CENTRE HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE DIVERS TO PERFORM A CHECK-DIVE (REFRESH-SESSION) DURING THE FIRST DIVE (when last logged dive is +12 months) ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE OF PARTICIPANTS.

THE REFRESH SESSION HAS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE (please refer to updated price lists). IN CASE OF REFUSAL BY THE DIVER, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE AND CHARGE FOR A PRIVATE GUIDE SERVICE.

## f. Dive computer

IT IS COMPULSORY TO HAVE ONE DIVE COMPUTER PER PERSON: SAFETY FIRST!

## g. No decompression dives

THE NEAREST DECO-CHAMBER IS LOCATED IN GHUBRAH ROYAL HOSPITAL, 70 KM / 80 MIN DRIVE. TO AVOID DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS PLEASE REMEMBER AS WELL TO COMPLETELY **AVOID FREE-DIVES** (**APNEA**) AFTER EACH DIVE.

## h. No fly time

BEFORE GOING TO ALTITUDE (flight, mountains, ...):

- WAIT 12 HOURS AFTER 1 DIVE,
- WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER MULTIPLE DIVES.

## i. Photo/video devices

IF THE USE OF PHOTOCAMERA OR VIDEOCAMERA (e.g.: gopro) RESULTS IN UNSAFE DIVE PRACTICES, OR DAMAGE MARINE LIFE, THE GUIDE IS ALLOWED TO INTERFERE.

## j. Equipment

ANY DAMAGE TO RENTED EQUIPMENT OR PRIVATE EQUIPMENT OR TANKS OR BOAT WILL BE CHARGED, ACCORDING TO COST AND ENTITY OF THE DAMAGE.

THE DIVE CENTRE DOESN'T TAKE ANY LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PRIVATE EQUIPMENT OF ITS GUESTS.

A LIST OF FEES FOR LOSS/DAMAGE OF CENTRE'S EQUIPMENT IS DISPLAYED AT DIVE CENTRE'S RECEPTION.

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## 2) **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- UNTIL 4 PM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE: FREE OF CHARGE
- AFTER 4 PM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OR NO SHOW: 100%

GUESTS ARE CHARGED FOR THE RESERVED PLACES ON BOARD. AS PER BOOKING:

NO REFUND FOR LAST SECOND CANCELLATIONS (ALSO FOR PASSENGERS ALREADY ON BOARD); NO REFUNDS FOR REDUCED UNDERWATER VISIBILITY OR WEATHER/SEA CONDITION OR PRESENCE OF PLANKTON, CNIDARIA, SALPS IN THE WATER.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE **NOT** CHARGED IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS OPERATED BY THE DIVE CENTRE.

# 3) **REMARKS/STANDARD PROCEDURES**:

- a. Equipment-check is done by staff on board.
- b. Buddy-check is done by staff on board before backroll-entrance in water.
- c. NO SMOKING ON BOARD.
- d. Weight-pockets must be removed after diving, leaving all weights on board; replace then empty weight-pockets to BCD. No lose weight-pockets in dive bags.
- e. Close well the dust-cap of the regulator to avoid water in the first stage.
- f. Remove all accessories from BCD and meshbag (cameras, coputers, torches, and others), do not leave parts that can be easily detached/lost from your gear.
- g. FOR **HYGIENIC** REASON, IT IS **NOT** ALLOWED TO **PEE** IN WETSUITS <u>RENTED OR PRIVATE</u>, NO MATTER!!! The centre will charge a tip for the staff member (15 omr) that must handle your suit and wash away the urine.

I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ESTABLISHED PRACTICES. I HEREBY DENY MYSELF THE RIGHT TO SUE. I RECOGNIZE THAT THESE RULES ARE FOR MY OWN SAFETY AND WELL BEING.

#### 4) LIABILITY RELEASE:

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN WELL ADVISED AND THROUGHLY INFORMED OF THE INHERENT HAZARDS OF SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT DIVING MAY BE AT SITES THAT ARE REMOTE, EITHER BY TIME OR DISTANCE FROM A HYPERBARIC TREATMENT FACILITY. I HEREBY PERSONALLY ASSUME ALL RISKS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DIVE-TRIP/ACTIVITIES FOR ANY HARM OR INJURY, OR DAMAGE THAT MAY RESULT THROUGH MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY TRIPS ORGANIZED BY EXTRA DIVERS. WHETHER FORESEEN OR UNFORSEEN, AND STILL TO PROCEED WITH THIS DIVING CHARTER IN SPITE OF THE ABSENCE OF A MEDICAL OR HYPERBARIC TREATMENT FACILITY IN PROXIMITY. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT NEITHER THE DIVEGUIDE, THE CREW, MY AGENT OR EXTRA DIVERS OR SIFAWY BOUTIQUE RESORT CAN BE HELD LIABLE IN ANY WAY FOR ANY OCCURRENCE AS INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE AS WELL DURING TRANSPORTATIONS BY CAR, BUS, BOATS, TO ME OR MY FAMILY, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OR ESTATE. IT IS MY INTENTION BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE EXTRA DIVERS OR ITS PERSONNEL, OR ITS PROPERTIES, FROM ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE. MY SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED AS PROOF THAT I'M AWARE OF MY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND OF THE ESTABLISHED SAFE DIVING PRACTICES: MY CLEAR SIGNATURE MUST BE APPLIED ON DESIGNATED SPACES, ACCEPTING ALL PARTS/PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT. I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT PRIOR TO SIGN IT - AND IN CASE OF MINOR, THE FORM IS SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.