

DIVE COMPUTER USER AGREEMENT

Read each statement in the Agreement below and initial on each line at the end of the sentence, which indicates: 1) Your understanding of the statement, and 2) Your agreement to adhere to the terms or conditions of the Agreement while using a dive computer. Sign and date the Agreement then return it to the NOAA Diving Center (NDC). The NDC will notify you when you are cleared to begin using a dive computer for official-duty dives.

DIVER NAME	DATE
UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR	DIVE UNIT

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1. I agree to limit my dive profiles to those depth-time combinations that DO NOT result in “ceilings” or mandatory decompression stops whenever using a dive computer. _____
2. I agree to terminate the dive and begin ascent whenever the first dive computer in the group reaches the no-decompression time limit. I understand that it is strongly recommended to terminate the dive when the first dive computer in the group indicates that the diver has five (5) minutes of no-decompression time remaining. _____
3. I agree to refrain from diving for 24 hours before activating and using a dive computer. _____
4. I agree to refrain from using another diver’s dive computer until the computer indicates total desaturation in all tissues. _____
5. I agree to make a safety stop between 15-20 feet for 3-5 minutes for repetitive dives or dives deeper than 60 feet in depth, unless doing so jeopardizes my safety or that of my dive buddy. _____
6. I agree to limit reverse profile dives (e.g., shallowest dive first) to those dives where the depth differential between the two dives is 40 feet or less. _____
7. I agree to refrain from flying following dives conducted with dive computers until my computer indicates that it is safe to do so. I also agree that if my dive computer fails for any reason (e.g., malfunctions, shut-down, etc.) prior to indicating clearance to fly, that I will wait a minimum of 24 hours after surfacing from my last dives before flying. _____
8. I agree to terminate a dive and immediately begin appropriate surfacing procedures if my dive computer fails at any time during a dive. After surfacing, I agree to wait a minimum of 24 hours before diving with either decompression tables or a “clean,” (e.g. totally desaturated) dive computer. _____
9. I agree that if I accidentally exceed the no-decompression limits, as indicated on my dive computer, that I will terminate the dive and immediately begin ascent to the surface following surfacing instructions (e.g., decompression requirements) displayed on my dive computer. Once on the surface, I agree to report the incident to the Divemaster, or other person-in-charge, which shall note the procedural violation. I understand that should I repeatedly exceed the no-decompression limits that I may be restricted from further diving. _____

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10. I agree that if I accidentally exceed the no-decompression limits and during decompression my dive computer fails prior to reaching the surface, that I will ascend to between 10-15 feet and decompress for 15 minutes or until reaching 300 psi in my scuba cylinder, whichever comes first. Once on the surface, I agree to breathe 100% oxygen, via tight fitting mask for 30 minutes. If I am asymptomatic following breathing oxygen for 30 minutes, I understand that I will be closely monitored for a minimum of 12 hours for signs or symptoms of decompression sickness and restricted from further diving during this observational period. If signs or symptoms of DCS occur during or after oxygen breathing, I understand that I will be transported (on oxygen) to the nearest medical facility for treatment. _____
11. I agree that if I accidentally exceed the no-decompression limit and surface without conducting the prescribed decompression indicated on my dive computer, and I am asymptomatic and can return to the water within five (5) minutes, that I may be asked to dive to the depth of the "ceiling" and remain there for the amount of time indicated on my dive computer. If I cannot be returned to the water for any reason within five (5) minutes, I agree to breathe 100% oxygen, via tight-fitting mask for 60 minutes. If asymptomatic after breathing oxygen, I understand that I will be closely observed for a minimum of 24 hours for signs or symptoms of decompression sickness and restricted from further diving during this observational period. If signs or symptoms develop during or after breathing oxygen, I understand that I will be transported (on oxygen) to the nearest medical facility for treatment. _____
12. I agree to maintain the dive computer in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines including yearly inspection by an authorized dealer. _____
13. I understand that prior to diving, all divers in the buddy team must decide if the dive is to be conducted using dive computers or decompression tables – and that if dive computers are to be used, all divers must have and use their own dive computers. _____
14. I understand that a backup bottom timer and depth gauge are strongly recommended in case a dive computer fails. _____
15. I have read and am thoroughly familiar with the operations manual(s) for the dive computer(s) I intend to use, and agree to conduct dives in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines outlined in the operations manual(s). _____

DIVER SIGNATURE

DATE