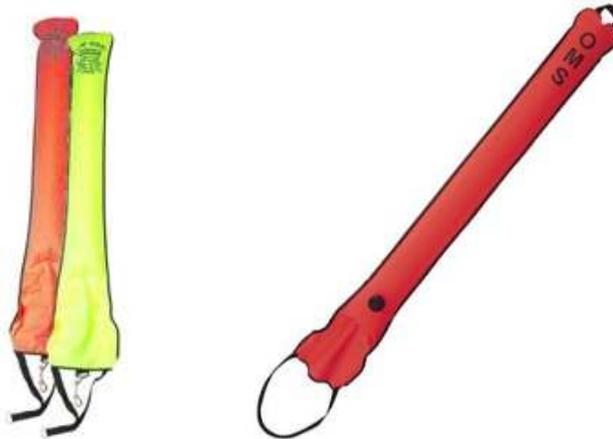


Attention: All Divers, Dive Clubs and Dive Shops

Subject: New Diver Safety Requirement for Gypsy Blood

In an effort to make our dive trips as safe as possible for both the divers and crew, I am now going to require all divers to carry a inflatable safety sausage/SMB that can be deployed underwater and secured to the bottom in case of an in water emergency. This is for all divers, open circuit, CCR's. Single Divers and buddy teams. We will also keep an 80 cu ft stage bottle with AIR in case it is needed.

This safety sausages/SMB can be any color, they must be between 4 feet and 6 feet long. I high recommend one that has a spill proof value to prevent the bag from emptying once it surfaces. OMS and Dive Rite both make one that is well suited for this propose. The writing is not important, but I would suggest that you put your name on it in the largest letters as possible.



If an emergency happens, deploy your safety sausage/SMB and tie it off to the bottom. Once it is spotted on the surface we will splash a diver with the 80 cu ft stage bottle of air and tuna ball. Once the diver reaches the Safety Sausage/SMB he will attach the tuna ball to the Safety Sausage/SMB and descend along the line to find the diver and determine what the emergency is and assist as necessary.

With this requirement, you will need to carry 2 bags at a minimum. One for the emergency and another for any non-emergency need. This could be from lifting an artifact or any heavy catch or even just needing a non-emergency ascent line. If these standard lift bag surfaces, we will of course keep an eye on it, but we will **NOT** send a diver in to check the bag.

If you arrive at the boat and do not have a Safety Sausage/SMB, the Gypsy Blood will have a limited supply to lend, but you will not be permitted to dive unless you either have your own or you are part of a buddy team that does have one.