## MOLE VALLEY SUB AQUA CLUB - RIB DIVING RISK ASSESSMENT- INC. COVID -19 GUIDANCE



- DIVE MARSHALL .....
- LOCATION.....
- DATE.....

### COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

- 1. Maximum of 6 divers & a boat handler allowed on the RIB.
- 2. The Health Baseline form must be completed by all those on board.
- 3. <u>Do not dive</u> if you have any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Tiredness or muscle pain
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Sore throat
  - Lung infections
  - Headache
  - Loss of taste
  - Diarrhoea
- 4. Do not dive if you have travelled abroad in the last 2 weeks or have been in contact with people affected or potentially affected by COVD-19.
- 5. Ensure that at least one-metre plus distancing is respected. Whilst respecting distancing rules, it is advisable to wear a protective mask whilst the boat is moving.
- 6. Avoid taking unnecessary items on board.
- 7. Load the equipment on board when it's already assembled.
- 8. Ensure that masks, snorkels & second stages of pre-assembled equipment are protected, e.g. protecting them with bags to be removed only before use.
- 9. Avoid touching anyone else's equipment. A visual buddy check should be carried out, with self-demonstration & verbal confirmation.
- 10. Make sure you have hand sanitiser on board.
- 11. Ensure distancing rules are respected also when divers enter & exit the water. There is no clear guidance on how long the COVID-19 virus can survive in water but studies have shown it can remain infectious at the water's surface for some time. Distancing rules & the proper disinfection of equipment should apply both in & out of the water
- 12. If air sharing is needed in an emergency it is recommended that an octopus is offered and you do not donate the main regulator.
- 13. In the event of an emergency requiring CPR, PPE and other protective barriers must be used at all times, checking for breathing should be done visually by looking at the chest & not close to the casualty's face. In the event that they are not breathing chest compressions should be given without rescue breaths.
- 14. After diving all surfaces of the RIB & any equipment used i.e. oxygen sets, first aid kits etc. must be disinfected and allowed to dry fully before packing away.



# All those on board the RIB must complete the following, to show that they have read & understood the risks detailed above & will comply with them:

Full Name	Email Address	Signature
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## **GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PUT ON & TAKE OFF PROTECTIVE MASK**

