

SUB AQUA DIVING – 2008 SAFETY RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Dive Marshals must report to the Kent & Sussex Attractions Duty Manager or Senior Ranger for briefing before any preparations are made for the day's diving. The dive plan agreed with must be strictly adhered to.
2. All diving groups must be supervised by a BSAC Advanced Diver/Dive Leader or equivalent PADI.
3. The minimum number of divers in a group must be three, one of whom must remain on the surface ready to give assistance if required.
4. All diving must be in pairs or individuals roped unless in an emergency situation.
5. The 'A' flag must be flown when diving is in progress.
6. The Dive Marshall must ensure that he knows the reservoir programme for the day. Diving session times are at the discretion of the Duty Manager; normally they are 0900-1300 and 1300 to half an hour before sunset.
7. Each group must provide its own medical cover and know the location of the First Aid room in the clubhouse building.
8. In the event of a decompression accident the contact is:
HMS Vernon tel: 01705 818888 - ask for Duty Diving Medical Specialist
9. All boat handlers must provide evidence of RYA, BSAC or PADI endorsement. Groups should have sufficient boat handlers to cover anticipated activities. All occupants of boats must wear buoyancy aids or life jackets.
10. Boats should be driven at such speeds as to minimise disturbance to other water users; speeding is not permitted except in an emergency.
11. Diving boats must:
 - a) keep clear of the sailing club start line at all race start times
 - b) give way to all sailing, rowing, canoeing and fishing boats
 - c) diving boats and divers must keep at least 50 metres away from bank anglers and boat anglers who are fishing.
12. Landing is only permitted at sites previously agreed with Kent & Sussex Attractions Ltd. .
13. Should an angler be fishing at or very near to a dive site, he should be asked politely to move away.
14. Divers and their families are club members only for the day on which the dive fee of £7.00 per head is paid.
15. Divers must use the changing rooms.
16. No fishing is allowed whilst diving.
17. Do not enter the Nature Reserve or the 'fishing only' area.
18. Should a club wish to dive away from the official dive sites they must request special permission to do so. When diving away from the site a surface marker buoy must be used.
19. Clubs may use their own inflatables at the discretion of the Duty Manager; the maximum engine size permitted is 40 h.p. A launch fee of £8.50 will be charged.
20. Any incidents involving safety or conflict with other water users must be reported to the Duty Manager.
21. The BSAC code of conduct is to be adhered to.
22. Divers are advised to wear adjustable buoyancy aids.
23. Car parking will only be allowed in designated parking areas.
24. Lastly, do give consideration to other recreational users at Bewl Water.