



## Diving Etiquette

Many of you are new to UK or even any form of open sea diving. To make life easier for you, and the other people on the boat, (including the crew) we have indicated below a set of guidelines, rules and principles that are standard practice in almost all UK dive clubs. Hopefully this will ensure we all have safe and stress free diving

**After entry into the water at the start of the dive please ensure you give an OK signal to the boat.** They may assume you have a problem if you do not

**When surfacing after a dive please ensure that you signal the boat that you are OK.**

Failure to do this will alert the crew to the fact that there might be a problem and they will drop who they are picking up to come to pick you up.

**Once you are on the surface please stay there with your head above water !!**

See above for explanation

**Stay close to your SMB at all times.**

The crew will attempt to look for bubbles but it is easier if you stay close

**When you re-enter the boat after your dive please try to clear the area quickly.**

It makes it much easier for the crew to get your buddy, or the next pair of divers, back on board

**Please ensure you carry your own kit on and off the boat.**

Do not expect others to do it for you, even if the kit has been hired.

**Please arrive on time.**

The tide waits for no man (or woman !!)

**Look after your kit on the boat.**

Most boats are quite compact, it makes life easier if you keep your kit to a minimum and kept in one place. Ideally kit up on land and only bring a soft bag with snorkel, mask and fins etc.

**Stay with your buddy at all times.**

If you surface alone we will assume there is a problem, unless you tell us otherwise

**Please pay the boat fee in advance.** It really makes administration much easier for us