

# COVID-19 Safety Acknowledgment Liability Waiver and Release of Claims

## COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION & WET ROCKS DIVING COVID-19 PROCEDURES:

1. If you have tested positive OR experience ANY symptoms (even minor) OR have had recent exposure to a COVID-positive or suspected COVID-positive individual, please do not attend or continue to attend class. There will be no financial penalties for deferring your class date due to COVID. If you have already started class, there will be no penalties for finishing your class at a later date
2. Our premise is that we must behave as if every student and instructor may have the virus. No matter how careful one is, no method is 100% effective. Also, since pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic spread is possible with COVID, we must treat everyone as if they are contagious.
3. Mask and hygiene policy
  - a. Types of face-covering masks allowed/disallowed
    - i. Properly fit, covering nose and mouth
    - ii. NO face-coverings with exhaust valves
    - iii. NO thin gaiters
    - iv. NO bandanas
  - b. Masks required all times people closer than 15ft regardless if indoors or outside
  - c. Even when masks are worn, a spacing of 6ft or greater should be maintained whenever possible
  - d. Participants may choose to wear eye protection.
4. Frequent hand washing/sanitizing especially before/after:
  - a. eating/drinking
  - b. handling common equipment (analyzers, props etc)
  - c. We will try to have hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and extra disposal face-covering masks available whenever possible. Suggest also bringing your own supply.
5. Avoiding classrooms (air-conditioned/recirculated-air spaces)
  - a. Be prepared to be outside all-day, with appropriate clothing
  - b. Sun protection (although we will try to stay in the shade)
  - c. Have enough drinking water
6. Rental house common spaces
  - a. Masks should be used
  - b. Suggest bringing sanitizing wipes
7. Transitioning to scuba gear
  - a. Gearing up/down: ideally, each diver should be separated by 15-20ft when not wearing face coverings
  - b. Pre-dive checks: separated, if not wear face coverings
  - c. Walking to/from water: use of your regulator recommended
  - d. Breathing from a SCUBA regulator (especially if your nose is blocked by a scuba mask) protects YOU, but DOES NOT protect those around you who are breathing the ambient environment as scuba regulators DO NOT filter their exhaust.
8. In-water
  - a. Please do not use spit to defog your mask. Please use commercial defog or baby shampoo, etc.
  - b. Please refrain from spitting/blowing nose while in the water. This is especially important when diving the springs as fresh water does not kill the virus as quickly as salt or treated pool water.
  - c. Surface policies: Either 15-20ft separation (preferred) or everyone but speaker breathes from regulator. Not using your regulator when close to others puts you (the speaker) at risk. All shall leave their scuba mask in place.
  - d. No borrowing/sharing of equipment that goes in your mouth or on your face, unless a real underwater emergency
  - e. Drills will be modified to that each diver is only using their own regulators and own masks unless a real underwater emergency

Participant's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

- f. Debriefs might be delayed until after de-kit and face coverings may again be worn.
- 9. Biggest challenges are at water's surface, when have gear on, and walking pathways/stairs to and from the water - CANNOT MITIGATE ALL RISKS!

**LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:**

I ACKNOWLEDGE that I derive personal satisfaction and a benefit by virtue of my participation with Wet Rocks Diving events, and I willingly engage in Wet Rocks Diving-arranged events, classes, training, or guided dives (the “Event”).

**DUTY TO ABIDE BY GUE & WET ROCKS DIVING COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES:** Participants AGREE to abide by the procedures established, in-writing or verbally, by GUE and/or Wet Rocks Diving staff. These procedures will not eliminate all risk of COVID-19 infection.

**DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR:**

Participants AGREE to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, loss of smell, and shortness of breath) and, contact Wet Rocks Diving at team@wetrocksdiving.com if he/she experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating in the Event.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER.**

I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST ANN ALAIN LLC DBA WET ROCKS DIVING AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WET ROCKS DIVING INSTRUCTORS/GUIDES MEREDITH TANGUAY AND MAX FRENKEL (THE “RELEASED PARTIES”), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE EVENT.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK.** I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND the following:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Event, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

Printed Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_