




DIVING SAFETY ADVISORY

Revision to Diving Safety Manual: Dive Computers Required

TO: UH Scientific Divers

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In its July meeting the UH Diving control Board reviewed and updated requirements for use of dive computers. Effective September 1, 2022 the following will be in force for all scientific diving operations under University of Hawaii auspices:

- Dive Computers (DC) are required as standard equipment for all participating divers.
- DC use as primary decompression control is required on all dive operations to depths deeper than 30fsw.
- All UH divers are required to complete DC endorsement as part of their initial scientific diver training or to complete DC endorsement prior to diving after August 30.
- Divers currently without DC endorsement should contact their Unit Diving Coordinator or the UHDSP Training Coordinator to complete the required training module.
- UH divers are strongly encouraged to purchase their own personal DC. A limited number are available for short-term rental from various UHDSP units (Manoa, HIMB, UH-Hilo), especially during initial training. Please contact your local Unit Diving Coordinator for assistance.
- Safety procedures for the use of DC as outlined in the UH Diving Safety Manual are otherwise unchanged.
- Exceptions to the above may be made with DCB approval on a case-by-case basis for dive plans reliably shallower than 30fsw. In such cases a depth gauge and reliable dive timer are required as standard equipment for each diver, and a copy of approved dive tables must be available at the dive site.
- This revision will be incorporated into the next update to the UH Diving Safety Manual.