

Mulberry Marine Experiences Boat Declaration Form

Assumption of Risk

1. I understand there are inherent risks involved with Boating and In-water activities such as Snorkelling, Freediving and Scuba-Diving including but not limited to Equipment failure, Perils of the Sea, Harm caused by marine creatures, acts of fellow participants, entering and exiting the water, embarking and disembarking boats and activities on ramps and jetties.
2. I understand that I have a duty to exercise care for my safety and that of my fellow participants.
3. I confirm that I am physically fit to ride on a boat (RHIB) and participate in any water related activities.
4. I understand that if I need medical assistance, specifically resuscitation, then rescue breaths may not be performed due to Covid-19 concerns.

Covid-19 Declaration - Govt Requirement

Do any of the following statements apply to you within the last 14 days:

- Tested positive, or presumed positive with Covid-19 or been identified as a potential carrier of the coronavirus (contact with NHS Track and Trace)
- Experienced any symptoms commonly associated with Covid-19 (fever >38.8C, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, lung infections, loss of taste or smell)
- Been in direct contact with / immediate vicinity of any person who tested positive with Covid-19 or is pending a test result of anyone exhibiting the symptoms above.

Yes No

If Yes, do not travel to Selsey - follow Government Guidance and self-isolate if appropriate.

Are you Fit to Dive? Yes No

I confirm that I have answered the above to the best of my knowledge; I have read and understood:

- Mulberry Marine Experiences' Policy and Procedures (below page 2) with respect to Covid-19 and agree to follow them.**
- Mulberry Diver Safety Brief (below page 3)**

Signature	
Date	
Signature of Parent / Guardian	
Full name	
Address	
Emergency Contact Name & Number	

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Covid-19 Policy

Mulberry Marine Experiences have conducted a Risk Assessment using available Guidance and determined to implement the approach documented below.

Covid-19 Procedure

1. Mulberry Diver capacity will be an absolute maximum of 5 people to meet social distancing requirements (5 + Skipper = 6); usually we will operate with 4 passengers but depending on Household Bubbles may be able to accommodate 5.
2. The Dive Rack and Handholds will be cleaned before and after each Trip using Antiseptic Alcohol Wipes which will be disposed of on land; Liquid Disinfectants will not be used to avoid Pollution.
3. Equipment is to be assembled and tested beforehand and items such as hood, gloves, fins, water bottle are all to be in a single carry-on bag. Please note that the Skipper is not able to look after Keys - bring a Dry bag in your carry-on bag.
4. Please wait in a socially distanced manner on the sea wall whilst the previous boat disembarks and the boat is cleaned. Whilst on the ramp or beach waiting to board please maintain social distancing.
5. Face masks should be worn whilst embarking / disembarking the boat and whenever it is not possible to maintain a 2m social distance. Please bring Hand Sanitiser for your personal use.
6. Each diver (or Household Bubble) will need to be able to board and disembark Mulberry Diver independently without assistance from the Skipper or another passenger. Consequently Mulberry Diver may not operate if the Skipper believes independent boarding and disembarking is not feasible even though weather conditions might normally be suitable.
7. Boarding : Ramp usable (mid-tide to HW) - await the Skipper's command to board individually and move to your position as directed by the Skipper. Put your BCD in the dive rack in front of you and place your carry-on bag next to your equipment - weights should be placed on the floor next to your cylinder.
8. Boarding : Beach Loading (low-tide) - the Skipper will indicate your position on the boat; place your carry-on bag and weight belt in the boat at your position. Place your BCD on the tubes next to your position and ensure it is secure before boarding the boat and placing your BCD in the dive rack. **Take care as the bottom of the ramp can be very greasy; walk down the beach if necessary.**
9. Buddy checks should be performed socially distanced unless a household / bubble - please follow agency guidance regarding emergency regulator checks bearing in mind that simply purging the regulator does not guarantee it will work underwater.
10. Please do not spit in your mask - use antifog.
11. One buddy pair / trio to kit-up at a time; exit the boat on the skippers command. Keep social distance on the surface and avoid breathing out from regulators towards your buddy.
12. On surfacing - only approach the boat when you are the only buddy pair alongside - the Skipper will be able to take fins by their tips only - keep your regulator in. There will be lanyards alongside the boat if you prefer to remove weights or BCD prior too climbing the ladder - the Skipper will not be able to help with these items. Climb the ladder, retrieve and stow your equipment as directed. Please note that the last person back on the boat will be asked to raise and secure the ladder. If you exit the water without your BCD please ensure you are socially distant as you return to your seat - put a face mask on before retrieving equipment if possible.
13. On return to the beach, disembarkment will normally be onto the beach. When the Skipper indicates, place your weights, carry-on bag and BCD on the tubes and then enter the water - wear or ferry the items to the beach.
14. Regrettably we will not be able to provide the normal hot drink after your dive.

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Mulberry Diver Safety Brief

Mulberry Diver is MCA Coded Cat 4 and certified to operate upto 20 miles from a safe haven in conditions of favourable weather and daylight.

Safety Equipment is carried onboard as follows:

Liferaft	Large white container in steel cage at the front of the boat; to use, tie the painter to a metal rail and throw overboard. Further instructions on the side of the container.
Lifejackets	At the front of the boat in the Black / White Dry Bag - instructions for use inside. One per Person plus 2 spare. Alternatively consider use of BCD.
Fire Extinguishers	One on Console in front of passenger seat; one under Skipper's seat.
Radio Instructions	Radio is on console in front of passenger seat; instructions for use in Emergency on top of Console
Flares	Flares are kept in Yellow Tub on A Frame; Gloves provided - instructions on side of Flare.
Navigation and reaching Safe Refuge.	GPS screen is on left of Console; Instructions on how to access Preprogrammed Points including East Beach, Selsey are in the Training Manual under the Passenger Seat together with Chart
Engine Controls	Instructions on how to drive the boat in the absence of the Skipper are under the Passenger Seat.
First Aid	First Aid kit is in the Yellow Square Tub at the front of the boat together with a First Aid Manual
Oxygen Kit	Oxygen Equipment is a 10 litre 200 Bar cylinder in a black dry bag next to the Liferaft on the port (left) side. There are two RescueEAN kits in the Large Yellow Tub at the front - instructions for use included; these allow use of Oxygen mask and continuous flow.
MOB recovery	Please sit on the Tubes and use the most comfortable Handholds. If you feel yourself falling overboard, let go of the boat. If you see someone fall overboard - shout 'Man Overboard' and point to them - keep pointing to them until we are alongside them.
Lifebuoys	2 on A frame at stern; 18m buoyant line on one. Throw and point to person in the water.
Diver Recall Signal	Weather or other considerations may necessitate a Diver Recall; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if you have a Surface Marker Buoy deployed, the Skipper will tug the line rapidly a few times - if you feel this, please ascend in a safe controlled manner with safety stop. - the Skipper will also lower the ladder and bang on it 6 or more times; if you hear this, please ascend in a safe controlled manner with safety stop. <p>If you surface and cannot see the Boat - Do not Panic!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rotate 360 degrees and ensure the boat is not visible - ensure you have a fully inflated Surface Marker Buoy held vertically - stay with your buddy; join others to form a group if they are nearby; maintain physical contact with each other