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Subj: U.S. NAVAL BASE GUAM PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER – ADDENDUM
REGARDING RECREATIONAL SCUBA REQUIREMENTS ON NAVAL BASE
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Ref: (a) U.S. Naval Base Guam Public Health Order – HPCON BRAVO, 6200 Ser
N00J/0435, dated 13 October 2020
(b) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), List N: Disinfectants for Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

1. Reference (a) prohibits Non-Government Contract Commercial Activities on Naval Base Guam (NBG). This addendum provides specific authorization, subject to the requirements below, for SCUBA activities to be performed by Non-Government Contract Commercial Activities aboard. All other Non-Government Commercial Activities are not authorized.

2. To reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 while conducting SCUBA activities, SCUBA instructors, staff, attendees, and other divers (hereinafter “personnel”) are required to follow the below practices while conducting SCUBA activities on NBG:

a. Personnel shall not come to a dive site if they are sick, have a fever or have any symptoms associated with coronavirus.

b. Personnel shall not bring or invite their friends or family members to a dive site.

c. Personnel shall not touch anyone else's equipment.

d. Handwashing stations or sanitizer stations shall be provided by the dive company. All personnel shall use hand sanitizer before boarding a boat or touching equipment. All personnel shall use hand sanitizer regularly, but especially after coughing, sneezing, using the restroom, or exiting the water.

e. Personnel shall not share defog. Each diver must have their own defog to avoid the risk of transmission. Personnel shall rinse their own mask before entering the water by using bottled water or water from another source they know has not been compromised.

f. Personnel shall not spit into masks or into the water. It is unclear whether the virus can be transmitted in these ways. Use of tissues and defog is recommended.

g. All equipment, especially regulators and BCDs, used by students during a training class will be disinfected by the dive company prior to and after each use and stored in a dry area. To

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properly disinfect equipment, a disinfectant on the Environmental Protection Agency's List N shall be used (i.e. Steramine or Simple Green Pro5). See reference (b). A staff member will distribute equipment at the dive site or at the dive center. Once divers takes possession of equipment, they are assuming responsibility for keeping the equipment disinfected until they return the equipment to the dive instructor or company.

h. Staff members must disinfect all equipment before distributing. Staff members shall not touch a disinfected regulator or BCD without gloves.

i. Unless required, personnel shall avoid touching their tank valve opening or the regulator inlet prior to attaching their regulator to prevent contamination between the tank and regulator.

j. Personnel shall test their alternate air source by pressing the purge button rather than by breathing from the second stage. This is to protect anyone who may need to use an alternate air source in an out-of-air emergency. Personnel shall use extra vigilance in avoiding an out-of-air situation, as breathing from someone else's air source could pose a health risk.

k. Instructors shall demonstrate the Emergency Share Air evolution as a classroom lecture, and shall refrain from having students perform the evolution in water to prevent possible health risk.

l. Personnel shall use visual buddy checks with self-demonstration and verbal confirmation only. Personnel shall only touch their buddy or their buddy's equipment when absolutely necessary (ex. emergency procedures).

m. Because there is a risk of recontamination when a mouthpiece is changed, personnel shall not change the mouthpiece on a disinfected regulator. If a mouthpiece goes bad during training, attendees should ask their instructor for a new disinfected regulator. If a mouthpiece must be changed, disinfect the regulator again before using it.

n. Personnel shall use the low-pressure inflator on their BCD rather than the oral inflator whenever possible. Personnel shall not put their mouth on their BCD inflator to test it.

o. Personnel shall keep their regulator in their mouth immediately prior to, during, and immediately after the dive to avoid disease transmission. Personnel shall replace the regulator with their medical mask after exiting the water.

p. Personnel shall not allow their regulator to float in the water. If personnel must remove their regulator to talk above water, they shall maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from other divers and hold the mouthpiece above the waterline.

q. Personnel shall respect social distancing guidelines at all times. In classrooms and outdoors, students will be spaced out by at least six (6) feet from all other personnel.

r. Lecture areas and equipment shall be sanitized before and after any classroom instruction with appropriate diluted bleach solution as indicated in reference (b), and/or sanitizing wipes.

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s. Instructors are required to inform customers of confirmed attendance date and maintain records of course attendants for recall/close-contact tracing purposes. Maximum course attendance shall be no more than ten (10) personnel (including the instructors).

t. CFCs shall be worn by all personnel at all times for classroom instruction and when not in the water. The dive instructor and any staff will monitor CFC use, and patrons shall supply their own CFCs and any other personal protective equipment (PPE) identified within course attendance rules.

u. All personnel involved with casualty egress shall wear CFCs at all times while in close contact with other personnel. Bag valve masks shall be used during all Basic Life Support measures.

3. All above practices will be strictly followed unless otherwise dictated by maintenance, safety, or emergency procedures. Furthermore, any Non-Government Contract Commercial Activity that fails to follow these practices or fails to enforce that its customers follow these practices will be denied permission to operate on NBG property.

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