# **NEW PROCEDURES by Diving in Elba FOR ALL OUR ACTIVITIES**

# Covid-19 Anti-contagion safety protocol of Diving in Elba

- 1. ANTI-CONTACT PROCEDURES FOR RECREATIONAL SCUBA ACTIVITIES, DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES, SNORKELING, BOAT EXCURSIONS.
- 2. SCUBA DIVING ACTIVITIES REGULATION V.2020
- 3. PERSONAL TRACEABILITY FORM (Self-certification)

All the necessary documentation (point 1,2,3) can be consulted on the www.divinginelba.com and it is recommended to fill it out and send it before coming to the diving center.

However, it is recommended to bring with you:

- a. Scuba diving certification
- b. Identification document
- c. Valid medical certificate

DIVING IN ELBA - about our dive center

The Diving in Elba company operates in 3 different locations on the Island of Elba, below we briefly describe the locations to better define the procedures adopted.

# PORTOFERRAIO INSIDE HOTEL AIRONE

It is located on an area of lawn in front of the hotel pier, the changing room is a technostructure that can be opened (gazebo type) to ensure large spaces and ventilation.

Separate gazebos are available which can be mounted if necessary to increase the available space.

The equipment warehouse has a desk for delivery without the need for access inside.

The compressor area is separate and is delimited to prevent access by unauthorized personnel.

Showers are outdoors and the toilets are those made available by the hotel in the swimming pool area.

# PROCCHIO - PIAZZA DEL MARE

The headquarters is located on the beach front, offers an outdoor veranda of about 50 square meters. where separate equipment preparation stations are set up.

The diving center has a reception just after the entrance which is used for equipment delivery and payments. Showers and toilets are inside the structure.

## **BIODOLA - INSIDE HOTEL HERMITAGE**

The dive center is located directly on the beach at the beginning of the hotel boarding dock. It is a warehouse for equipment and a compressor room. Interior spaces are not available. The equipment preparation area is entirely external and extends along the pier.

# 1- PROCEDURES FOR RECREATIONAL DIVING ACTIVITIES, DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES, SNORKELING, BOAT EXCURSIONS

1.1

# Info point

In the Portoferraio and Biodola offices it will be set up externally and in any case it is necessary to come one by one.

Only one person can access the Procchio office.

It is always mandatory to keep the safety distance greater than 1 meter from other people.

It is mandatory to wear gloves and a mask (PPE).

Outside the info-point there is a sanitizing gel dispenser available to customers.

## **Check-in activity**

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Only one person can access the Procchio office.

It is mandatory to wear gloves and a mask (PPE).

It is mandatory to keep the safety distance greater than 1 meter from other people.

If someone is temporarily without a PPE, Diving in Elba will provide it (only once).

## 1.2

Briefing, equipment preparation, dressing - (diving, snorkeling, excursions).

It is mandatory to wear gloves and a mask (PPE).

Spaced positions are provided for the assembly and disassembly of equipment and for storing your clothes.

It is mandatory to keep the safety distance greater than 1 meter from other people.

#### 1.3

It is mandatory to have a <u>waterproof container / bag</u> for spare gloves and masks and / or in an adequate number as needed. If someone does not have it, they can buy it at DIVING IN ELBA. Scuba equipment will be identified with a number corresponding to the customer, assigned at check-in

Transfer Diving / Pier / Boat and return - (diving, snorkeling, excursions):

It is mandatory to wear gloves and a mask (PPE).

It is mandatory to keep the safety distance greater than 1 meter from other people.

### 1.4

#### On a boat

The number of divers and / or passengers on board of DIVING IN ELBA boats is established according to compliance with the safety distance imposed by the ISS and related to the italian law

# 1.5

# Transfers - round trip - (diving, snorkeling, excursions)

By boat - preparation for the dive - (diving, snorkeling, excursions)

Each diver must remain seated in front of his Scuba equipment.

Each diver will have to wear his own Scuba equipment independently, in case he needs help the staff will have to wear PPE in order to do so.

Each diver must have a waterproof container / bag to store gloves and a mask.

For entry into the water, every diver must comply with the captain's instructions of the boat and / or the underwater guide.

#### 1.6

Once in the water the diver will have to keep the mask worn and the regulator in his mouth, he will then be able to join his partner (buddy system) to proceed with the descent and start of the dive.

## 1.7

# **Diving**

Refer to the Scuba Diving Activities Regulation of DIVING IN ELBA, however, please note that diving is in compliance with the regulations in force and the order of the local Port Authority of Portoferraio n. 54/2009.

1 Guide / Instructor for every 4/6 certified divers (recreational dives within -40m).

Notes: new procedures have been adopted for air sharing\* in recreational diving, as also established by the SSI agency that regulates teaching features of DIVING IN ELBA instructors: THE PRIMARY REGULATOR CANNOT BE SHARED BUT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE DONOR WILL PASS THE EMERGENCY AIR SOURCE OCTOPUS (it is specified that it receives breathable gas directly from the first stage of the regulator and therefore in a separate circuit from the EAS Octopus).

\* - Emergency cylinder + regulator lowered under the boat: they will be sanitized after each possible use, they have 2 separate second stages able to guarantee additional supply of air to divers in case of emergency.

#### 1.8

# Exit from diving - (diving, snorkeling, excursions)

At the end of the dive every diver will get back on the boat by the stairs with the Scuba equipment worn unless otherwise specified by the divemaster and / or personal needs of the diver. Any diver who has reached his position must wear the surgical mask (or similar) and gloves (PPE). Each diver must disassemble the "regulator group" from the cylinder leaving the BCD inserted. The cylinder change management in case of double tank dive is carried out by the DIVING IN ELBA staff. After the dives, the cylinders will be refilled and disinfected by the DIVING IN ELBA staff. The diver will be responsible for set up again is regulator gear on the tank.

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Return to the diving center - at the end of the dive / activity - (diving, snorkeling, excursions) It is mandatory to wear gloves and a mask (PPE).

It is mandatory to maintain the safety distance imposed by the ISS.

The (external) space dedicated to washing diving equipment is created in such a way as to guarantee the distances for each customer and in any case a maximum number of 2 can be accessed at a time while maintaining the safety distance greater than 1 meter.

In the Equipment Storage rooms, ACCESS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED by the customers, they will be able to lay their equipment in the external "hangers" in positions assigned to them and separate from those of the other customers.

The (external) showers can be accessed in a maximum number of 1 person at a time and in any case maintaining the safety distance greater than 1 meter.

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# Sanitation - (diving, snorkeling, excursions)

Hand sanitizing gel is available at the entrance and in the diving center. The rinsing tanks are prepared with specific products for sanitization and will be separated by type of equipment.

The regulators will be treated separately, it is recommended that each diver bring his own regulator. Each person must take care of their regulator (diving will make washing products available).

As for the rental regulators, they will be delivered in a sealed, sanitized bag, **without the mouth pieces (n.2)** and must be returned to the diving staff at the end of the activities for subsequent disinfection. The mouth pieces to be affixed to the second stages (n.2) must be brought by the customer or purchased at the diving center.

It is mandatory, for every diver and / or participants in the activities, to have masks, gloves (PPE), in the event that they are lost or broken during the stay at the diving, a small emergency stock will be provided by Diving in Elba.

It is mandatory to have a waterproof container / bag for gloves and masks (PPE). Those who do not have it can buy one at Diving in Elba.

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## Cylinder refill area of all sites

The cylinder refill area is only accessible to DIVING IN ELBA specialized personnel.

**Note:** In our dive center in Portoferraio we refill the cylinders directly on the transport trolleys to the pier, in which case the trolley will be placed in an area delimited by signs that clearly indicate the prohibition of access by customers.

The cylinder refill area and in particular the external suction of the compressor is located in a private area belonging to DIVING IN ELBA, far from roads and public transit areas.

The full cylinders are stored in a warehouse which can only be accessed by DIVING IN ELBA staff. The DIVING IN ELBA staff responsible for refilling the cylinders will be equipped with masks and gloves (PPE).

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The transfer service from the port / hotel to the dive center must be booked in advance and will be guaranteed for a maximum of 5 people each time to maintain the safety distance on our minivans.

Read, approved and undersigned

DATE SIGNATURE