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**The lawyers tell us we must say this:**

**Spree Expeditions, Inc., its owners and employees, reserve the right at our sole discretion to refuse service to anyone at any time for any reason.**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Weather call:** Departure decision for each trip is made at noon on the date of departure after the mid-morning forecast update. Accommodations will be provided aboard for all guests in the case of a delayed departure. We notify every customer of cancellations by telephone, so please make sure the telephone number you provide when booking with us is correct and one that will reach you while traveling.

The trip status will be updated on the Spree Expeditions website, or you may call our office at (281) 970-0534 to check on trip status. Groups traveling by air or from greater distances should make case-by-case arrangements with us for weather information.

**If departure is cancelled or delayed due to weather or any other circumstances beyond our control, including but not limited to mechanical failure, we will have no liability to you other than to refund your payment or issue a voucher for future travel.**

**Boarding:** Boarding begins at 8:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 7:45 pm to attend the pre-boarding briefing dockside. There are no facilities for passengers to wait at the boat prior to boarding, so if you arrive in town early please plan to spend your day seeing the sights and sounds of Key West.

**Diver age:** minimum age for passengers aboard the Spree is 12 years old. All divers between the ages of 12 and 15 **MUST** dive with either a parent or a dive supervisor. Non-diving minor children will not be allowed unless there is a parent aboard to supervise them at all times, including during dive windows. The crew is not available for babysitting.

**Minimum certification:** open water or junior open water diver. You must present proof of certification to be allowed to dive. You **MUST** make special arrangements beforehand if you wish to complete open water certification on the vessel (Florida only).

**Non-divers:** non-divers are always welcome at full price. Snorkeling is allowed.

**Release of Liability:** All divers and passengers must execute and provide the crew with an originally signed Spree Expeditions release without modification. PLEASE NOTE THAT the Spree Expeditions release contains provisions releasing Spree Expeditions and its related parties from the consequences of its own negligence. Read the release carefully. Divers or passengers without completed release forms will not be taken offshore. Forms are available on the Spree Expeditions website.

**Unaccompanied minors:** minor children coming without a parent or legal guardian upon boarding must provide the crew with an **originally signed and notarized** Spree Expeditions release **and** authorization for medical treatment with photocopies of the parent's medical insurance information. Please note, each individual sheet of paper must be signed and notarized. We will gladly fax these documents to your store for the parent to complete. Forms are also available on our website. **PLEASE NOTE THAT the Spree Expeditions release contains provisions releasing Spree Expeditions and its related parties from the consequences of its own negligence. Read the release carefully. Minors without completed release forms and medical treatment consent forms will not be taken offshore.**

**Physical Limitations:** All divers must be physically capable of performing a giant stride entry from a height of 6 feet above the water. Additionally, all divers must be capable of boarding the vessel after the dive with all dive gear intact, including, but not limited to: mask, fins, BCD with cylinder, and weights. Adaptive SCUBA participants are always welcome, provided they are accompanied by certified and trained adaptive buddies to assist with entry, exit, gear removal, etc. The vessel crew is neither trained nor equipped to assist adaptive divers in the water or on the dive deck.

**Medical Conditions:** any diver with a medical condition which is a contraindication to diving must, upon boarding, provide the crew with an originally signed and dated letter from their doctor on the doctor's letterhead stating that the doctor understands the consequences of diving with the diver's specific medical condition and that the diver is medically fit to dive. Standard medical release forms alone will not be accepted. Please contact Divers Alert Network about your medical condition.

**Snacks:** meals and snacks are provided from 6:00 am until midnight. For sanitary reasons, food and drinks are not allowed below deck. Please encourage your customers to not bring food or drinks to the boat. Personal ice chests, sodas, beer, and glass containers are not allowed on board at all. The coolers and freezers are fully stocked for the charter, so there is no room for anything that needs to be refrigerated or frozen. Vegetarian diets are easily accommodated. Vegan and kosher meals, however, cannot be accommodated aboard the Spree.

## TANKS AND EQUIPMENT

**Scuba equipment:** all divers should arrive at the boat with a complete set of scuba gear, including but not limited to: mask, snorkel, fins, buoyancy compensator with inflator, regulator with alternate air source and gauges or dive computer, timing device, weight belt, and appropriate thermal protection. **Dive computers are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**Tanks:** the boat provides aluminum 80's for all divers. We do allow divers to bring personal cylinders on the boat. Please bring them filled and ready to dive. Doubles are not allowed on sport trips.

**Pony Bottles:** pony bottles in use aboard the M/V Spree are considered redundant safety equipment for emergency situations only. Pony bottles equipped as a redundant gas supply with first and second stage regulators will be filled once at the beginning of the charter if needed.

**Rebreathers:** rebreather use is allowed on the Spree under certain conditions. Please see the Spree Rebreather Sport Diving Policies.

**Scooters/DPV's:** diver propulsion vehicles are allowed on the Spree on technical diving charters only.

**Signaling devices:** all divers are required to carry both visual and audible surface signaling devices. Divers arriving without signaling devices will be issued them at boarding time. There is a \$35 charge for any lost boat signals. Audible signaling devices are also required.

**Lights:** we require a minimum of 3 lights per buddy team--primary light for each diver and backup light between the two--as well as a tank marker light for each diver. The tank light can be battery powered or a chemical light (cyalume) but cannot be a white strobe. The boat has cyalumes for sale but does not rent lights. Solo divers must carry 2 lights with them on night dives.

**Lost or Forgotten Items:** Please keep track of your equipment. We are not responsible for any lost items. A pre-paid UPS shipping label is required for the return of forgotten items left on board.

Please refer to our "Frequently Asked Questions" section for additional information.

## DIVING POLICIES FOR RECREATIONAL DIVERS

**Depth limits:** Table divers: the depth limits are 130 fsw/39 msw for the first dive of the day only, with a maximum allowable depth of 100 fsw/30 msw for each subsequent dive.

Computer divers: The depth limits are 130 fsw/39 msw per dive.

Rebreather divers: The depth limits are 140 fsw/42 msw per dive.

Any diver violating a depth limit will be required to sit out the next dive. Then the diver's return to diving is at the sole discretion of the Captain.

**Dive Planning:** All dives will be planned and executed within the no decompression limits of the divers' computers or tables. Decompression diving is not permitted on sport diving charters.

**Computer/Dive Table violations:** Any diver found in decompression violation of either their computer or dive tables will need to follow the omitted decompression steps of their computer or tables. This usually involves a 12 or 24 hour extended surface interval. The only exceptions are: (1) in the case of a diver wearing 2 computers, the more conservative one is in DECO, or (2) the obvious failure of a computer, in which case the diver must switch to tables for the following 24 hours. Failure to turn on a computer prior to entering the water or failure to correctly set the breathing gas is not considered failure of the computer. In this case, the diver will be required to switch to dive tables for the following 24 hours. The boat divemasters are required to log all divers into and out of the water and obtain every diver's profile for each dive. visually inspect each diver's computer at the time the diver returns to the boat and obtain the diver's profile for the dive.

**Out of air:** We feel that running out of air is a life threatening situation and a failure completely within the control of the diver. Barring equipment failure, any diver in an out of air situation in their primary cylinder will be required to sit out the next dive. Then the diver's return to diving is at the sole discretion of the Captain. Out of air is defined as the diver not being able to take an effective breath on their regulator while standing on the dive platform at the end of their dive.

**Buddy diving:** Every diver must dive with a buddy, maintaining contact throughout the dive. They must enter the water together and return to the boat together with similar dive profiles.

**Solo diving:** Solo diving is only allowed by properly equipped and certified solo divers making recreational dives on open circuit scuba. Solo diving certifications accepted aboard the Spree for diving without a buddy are limited to the SDI Solo Diver and PADI Self Reliant Diver programs. No other certification cards will be accepted for solo diving. Properly equipped solo divers will carry a redundant air supply including cylinder, first and second regulator, surface marker buoy (not lift bag or safety sausage), reel, and audible signaling device. H and Y valves are not considered redundant air sources. Rebreather divers are never allowed to dive solo from the Spree.

**Dive Window:** All divers must be in the water within 20 minutes of the opening of the dive window.