

## SPREE REBREATHER SPORT DIVING POLICIES

- Only experienced rebreather divers will be allowed to use rebreathers on the *M/V Spree* during sport trips. The following options will be available to prove experience:
  - 25 hours of logged bottom time on the particular unit you will be diving on a sport charter; or
  - A personal recommendation from a rebreather instructor/supervisor, who is known to the owner of the *M/V Spree*; or
  - A rebreather diver diving under the supervision of a certified rebreather instructor/supervisor; or
  - A rebreather diver diving with a certified rebreather instructor/supervisor.
- Rebreathers that have been modified beyond the manufacturer's/OEM recommendations will not be allowed on the vessel. Examples of allowable modifications include a tee in the breathing loop for an oxygen sensor for use with a VR-3. Examples of disallowed modifications include non-standard oxygen/diluent gas cylinders. Homemade rebreathers of any kind will not be allowed.
- Rebreather divers must bring full cylinders. Available fill options on sport trips are air or 32% nitrox. Divers requiring any other gas must bring appropriately filled replacement cylinders.
- All rebreather divers must carry a complete redundant open circuit bailout system with sufficient gas volume to complete a safe ascent in the event of rebreather failure.
- Hypoxic breathing mixes will not be allowed on sport trips.
- Rebreather divers will be limited to bottom times similar to the open circuit divers. Divers will be limited to a total run time of 1 hour per dive, and must remain within no decompression limits. If the rebreather diver is delayed in entering the water, the boat crew may ask him/her to reduce the dive time as is appropriate to accommodate staffing issues, or boat movements. It is recommended that the rebreather divers try to enter the water at the beginning of a dive period to allow for the full time.
- Buddy diving will be required for all rebreather divers. Buddies may be on open circuit or rebreather. The rebreather diver's buddy must be close enough and aware enough of the rebreather diver to affect a rescue of the rebreather diver in the event of rebreather failure or shallow water blackout. Buddies diving on open circuit must be properly briefed on rescue techniques for rebreather divers.
- All absorbent changes will be performed on the far aft end of the main deck near the lazarette hatch, with the absorbent material placed in a designated container provided by the boat staff. Rebreather divers are responsible to make sure that the absorbent or absorbent dust will not blow on the rear deck or on any open circuit divers, their equipment or the dive deck. Any spillages will be cleaned up immediately. All absorbent materials will be removed from the sanctuary and disposed of properly by the boat staff.
- In the event of a flood in the unit, the flooded rebreather will not be allowed on the main dive deck until the absorbent and the related caustic condition have been cleaned from the breathing loop. The water, caustic and absorbent mixture will be placed in a designated container provided by the boat for transport out of the sanctuary. The contaminated components of the breathing loop will be washed out by garden hose on the swim platform, not out on the main deck or other location on the boat.