



# Gear Checklist

**Note: This is an ALL-ENCOMPASSING list. This complete list prepares you for ANY type of dive completed with SNI. You should ALWAYS thoroughly read dive plans and notes from your dive's Diver-in-Charge when prepping for a dive and refer to attached gear checklists on every dive.**

## REQUIRED DIVE EQUIPMENT (per participant: NAUT OR ADULT)

- BCD
- Regulator and “octopus” (secondary regulator)
- Octo Necklace (This keeps your octopus at the ready for any emergencies that may arise.)
- Gauge console or Dive console (dive computer optional, but preferred)
  - If you are considering purchasing a BCD, regulator, or dive computer, please contact your Chapter Dive Safety Officer (DSO) first for recommendations!
- Mask & Snorkel
- Fins (and booties if needed)
- Weights
- Weight belt (if BCD is not weight integrated or if belt is used for trim)
- Timing device (**Even if you have a computer, you must have a dive watch for emergencies.**)
  - This does not mean that you need to go buy a \$3,500 Omega. A 30m waterproof watch is available for about \$20 at Wal-Mart or Target.
- Dive compass
  - If you don't own your reg set or already have one without a compass in the console, consider a wrist-mounted or retractable version rather than a console version.
  - When purchasing a regulator, a gauge console with a compass is recommended. (It's harder to forget or lose and allows you to monitor depth while navigating.)
- Thermal protection
  - Summer water temp should be about 82°F. This means a “skin” or “shortie” is sufficient for most people. Winter/spring dives will need at least a 3 mm full-suit, maybe a hood.)
  - For those who are warm enough without a wetsuit, you might consider a skin (just a Lycra jumpsuit) to help protect you against any stinging organisms. (Like your SNI Dive Skin!)
- Surface marker buoy (aka- Safety sausage)
  - 6 ft (or more)
  - length (4 ft acceptable if start date is prior to June 2017) Tuck into a BCD pocket.
- Dive Whistle or Horn
- 1 Primary light
- 1 Back-up light
- Batteries for your lights
  - Do NOT pack or store your dive lights with the batteries in them. Keep them separate, or you will likely find dead batteries or a corroded and destroyed light—or both.
- Cutting device (blunt-tip knife or dive scissors)
- Dive slate and pencil
- Three-ring binder with mission statement insert
- DAN (Diver's Alert Network) Insurance Card
- SCUBA Certification Card (aka, C-card)

## SCUBAnauts International

### Gear Checklist for before your first dive as a SCUBAnaut (continued)

#### REQUIRED CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS:

- SNI swimsuit (actually, more than one is a good idea, see document 9.1 “Formal & Swim Uniforms”)
- Sunscreen and hat
- REFILLABLE Water bottle**
- SNI uniform polos, t-shirts, shorts, etc.
- Towel (A chamois is a nice alternative, and it’s dry and ready for your second dive!)
- Snack/Lunch (for boat trips)
  - Please keep it light and easy. No “staining” foods like cheetos, etc.
- Any personal prescription medications (if needed)
  - Parents: please provide this information for your children who will be participating in the expedition, and make sure it is included on the dive waiver.

#### SUGGESTED CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Dramamine motion sickness pills (non-drowsy variety, include on waiver)
  - Trust us on this one. Even if you have never been motion sick or sea sick...bring some anyway. Notice the directions usually say to take one the night before and one an hour before travel. Taking something once the boat is underway is ineffective.
- Mask defogger
- Lightweight sweatshirt or jacket. It gets cold out there some days.
- Gloves—may be nice for coral nursery work
- SCUBAnauts rash guard (long-sleeved, nylon/lycra-style shirt with SNI logo, purchase through SNI)
- Save-a-Dive Kit (This is HIGHLY recommended if you will be actively diving with the organization but this can be something you slowly build your own. You can use a wide variety of recycled jars or containers to hold your kit. You don’t have to buy something special.

#### ITEMS NOT TO BRING:

-  Illegal drugs or alcohol
-  Non-SNI swimsuits (You won’t be wearing them, so why bring them?)
-  Any clothing with offensive language or artwork. Just because it’s acceptable at school does not mean it is not offensive. Please think before you pack.