

Sheffield Scuba- BSAC36, Equipment Hire Agreement

This agreement outlines the use of all equipment belonging to the club, Sheffield Scuba, branch 36 of the British Sub-Aqua Club. It operates under the following premises:

- equipment can only be used by club members unless the Committee has agreed an alternative arrangement
- priority for the use of equipment will be for those undergoing training
- all equipment available for hire will be kept in good working order and in service / test as appropriate
- all equipment remains the property of Sheffield Scuba regardless of any hire agreement underway
- all scuba equipment should reside at the club's store (Ponds Forge, or as designated by the committee)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HIRER

- the hirer is responsible for the safe use of equipment (trainee divers will only use equipment under the supervision of an instructor)
- the hirer will inform the equipment officer as soon as possible of any defect found whilst using the club's equipment
- any damage or loss due to negligent use will be paid for by the hirer
- the hirer will pay the relevant fee for the equipment (see schedule 1)
- any equipment used in open water will be washed and dried by the hirer, and will be returned clean and promptly by the date agreed with the equipment officer.
- cylinders used in open water will be returned full.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER

- details of the hirer (name, address and contact details) and the equipment hired and expected return date will be maintained by the equipment officer.
- the equipment officer will undertake to maintain all equipment to a standard that is fit for use and in good working order.
- Regulators and cylinders will at all times be kept within servicing dates and no one will be allowed to use kit that is out of service date.
- The equipment Officer will ensure that cylinders used for try dives and pool training are filled when required.

SCHEDULE 1 - HIRE CHARGES

Trainees - hire of cylinder, BCD and regulator £100 for the duration of training to Ocean Diver up to a maximum of one year. This equipment will be stored at Ponds Forge but trainees will be expected to take it to open water sites. Air will be provided at the club's expense for all pool use but cylinders used in open water should be returned full. Trainees will be able to use a cylinder, regulator and bcd. As part of their training they will discuss air availability with their instructor and ask for cylinders to be filled as appropriate. On occasion trainees may need to assist the equipment officer in taking cylinder to to be filled.

Trainees will be expected to provide their own drysuit, hood, gloves, weights, mask, snorkel and fins for open water dives (these can be purchased, borrowed or hired from a third party). Other equipment **may** be available to borrow including mask, snorkel, fins, weight belt, lead weights, etc. but trainees are encouraged to purchase their own basic equipment.

Qualified Divers - hire of cylinder, BCD and regulator for use in open water £15 per day (diving days). Members must check with the Equipment Officer for availability of equipment, noting that priority will be given to those undergoing training. Equipment must be collected from Ponds Forge and returned to Ponds Forge on a Wednesday evening. Cylinders must be returned full.

Hire of cylinder only for use in open water £5 per day. Hire of BCD only for use in open water £5 per day. Hire of Regulator only for use in open water £5 per day.

Hire of cylinder, BCD and regulator for use in pool for sports Diver Training is free for those who have hired equipment for Ocean Diver training within the last 12 months. For others a charge of £10 applies for the period of training up to one year.

Hire of cylinder, BCD and regulator for use in the pool will be on the basis of £3 for air for ad hoc use, but for more regular use will be on the same basis as for use in open water.

Other Equipment - there is no charge for club members using the O2 kit or resussi-Anne. This equipment is only available to those with qualifications for its use.

The Projector and screen are available for club activities at no cost.