



## DSAC Pool Marshal Rules

- If you cannot make your allocated date, please arrange to swap with someone else in **plenty** of time (and let DO and your fellow marshal know). NB: minimum qualification for pool cover is SD – so all Ocean Divers or trainees are buddied with a minimum SD and *cannot* do pool cover without qualified support. The club diary shows all marshals and a list will be distributed with this document. A weekly reminder is also sent by email. There is usually no valid excuse for not turning up and the committee take a dim view of anybody who does this! ☺ From Sept 08, we are trialling a new scheme where we ask the pool marshals to either “report for duty” in person by 8.15 at club meeting (or by phone by 6.30 or email by 5.00 to the DO) rather than relying on people to ring if they cannot make it on the night.
- IF WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT POOL COVER THEN WE CANNOT USE THE POOL. Please use your common sense and check there is a marshal on duty before entering the water. When there is no pool cover (for whatever reason) the pool cannot be used by members under any circumstances. Members who do not come down to the club (the names of pool marshals are announced each week & their attendance confirmed) but rather go straight to the pool are responsible for ensuring that there is pool cover/ marshals without exception before they enter the pool. The Committee cannot accept responsibility/ liability for members entering the pool without having adhered to DSAC Pool Rules
- Please be at the poolside from 9-10, ready to enter the water if a rescue is necessary (not necessarily in swimming costume, but light clothing only – e.g. no jeans). You should ensure easy access to fins/mask (available from kit store). Obviously your main task is to watch closely people in both pools.
- Please also wear the high-visibility waistcoats kept in the equipment store to enable the official Pool Marshals to be easily identified.
- Chairperson/Training Officer has “pass cards” to allow free entry for Pool Marshals (remember to return after use for the next person!)
- Please complete the pool log fully as these are monitored and used for planning etc.
- Pools to be cleared by 10pm (You may need to start asking people to exit from 9.55).
- Please read the Risk Assessment for pool activities and the Sports Centre emergency procedures (distributed with this document / on website), so you know what to do if unfortunately necessary.
- If official training is taking place, there will be an NQI supervising lessons (may be in water themselves).
- Other divers should have requested pool space from TO/DO.
- **Rules:** Unqualified trainees to be buddied by SD/ADI minimum.
- Qualified divers may go in together, ODs to check with DO if wish to dive together.
- Minimum SD if a “solo” dive required to check kit (e.g. practising for Trimix)...must request close observation from Pool Marshal. Buddy diving is preferred!