

Aquamarine Dive Information for Divers 1

Dear Diver,

Welcome to Santo!

16 years of local knowledge, 2 Instructors, 6 experienced dive guides make Aquamarine the most reliable diving service in Santo. Aquamarine offers instruction and guided dives to the best variety of wrecks & reefs around Santo. Guests diving with Aquamarine can have your dive holiday customised to your individual experience and interest requirements whilst being assured of fun & safety at all times.

Dive Program

Aquamarine offers a variety of dive sites, some of which are subject to numbers of divers and weather conditions.

Prior to any diving all divers must **present their certification cards** to the Divemaster. You will not be permitted to dive without verification of your certification card.

Please fill in our registration forms & present diving vouchers (if you have prepaid to your travel agent), and read carefully and sign the liability Release form before commencing dives.

We will pick you up from your accommodation between 8.00 to 8.30 am for the morning dive and between 2.00 to 2.30 pm for the afternoon dive. Pick up time for all dives will be advised by Divemaster day by day.

- ** Two dives per day plus optional night dive. Depending on the number of divers or depth, we offer single dive in the morning & single dive in the afternoon or double dives in the morning.
- ** First dives are normally President Coolidge.
- ** Second dives are normally Reef or Million Dollar Point, or President Coolidge
- ** This may change if the majority of divers request it.
- ** Aquamarine's Divemaster will choose each dive site depending on the weather, sea condition, number of divers, diver's interests, and their experience.
- ** We also offer shore night dives on the SS President Coolidge, Million Dollar Point and reef direct front of Aquamarine(ex - WW2 wharf) - min four divers
- ** Divers requiring more customised dive packages. I.E. - two dives per day on the Coolidge or only other wrecks or reef dive, should advise such when booking. Your requests can be confirmed or advised otherwise when the booking is made.

Booking

- *** Dive shop is open from 7.30 to 11.30am, and 1.30 to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 7.30 to 11.30 am on Saturday. Shop will be closed on Saturday afternoon and all day Sundays.
- *** Morning dive must be booked by day before. Afternoon dive must be booked by 11.30am.
- *** No confirmation on the dive is to be made without payment or dive vouchers.
- *** Do not leave booking dives until the last moment as some dives are limited by numbers.

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- * We recommended that all divers have adequate protective clothing for the dive sites (Wetsuits, Lycra suits, Gloves) to protect yourselves from sharp parts of the wrecks, and Stinging Hydroids that are on the wrecks. We recommend a 3mm full wetsuit for all seasons.
- * It is Aquamarine's intention to preserve the underwater wrecks & reefs in Vanuatu. We would like to advise you on a few ways that will enable you to assist.
 - a. You will assist in not silting, and accidental kicking, breaking of coral reefs by continuously monitoring your buoyancy. Neutral buoyancy should be used at all times.
 - b. Please be aware of fins and gauges around coral, the gentlest of kick can still damage years of coral growth.
 - c. We would ask that gloves not be worn on reef dives. Should you insist on wearing gloves we ask that you do not touch any coral, fishes or animals.
 - d. Please do not take any live shells, or corals.
 - e. Please do not chase Boris the Grouper, Turtles and other fish life, just relax and move slowly, and everyone will get a good look.
 - f. **Listen very carefully to all dive briefings and do not deviate from the dive plan.**
 - g. **The SS President Coolidge & Million Dollar Point are totally protected by law, it is an offence (1,000,000 vt fine) if you take anything from the wreck sites.**
 - h. By observing these few and basic suggestions you will enjoy your experience with us much more. However ignoring our suggestions may prevent you from diving some of our best dives.

Dive Packages & Dive Vouchers

- ** Dive package rates are available from 6 dives or more and 10 dives or more per diver
- ** Dive packages/ Dive vouchers are per person, and are not transferable and non refundable.
- ** Dive vouchers can not be exchange for other goods for sale or activities.
- ** All dives and courses are to be paid in Advance.
- ** Night shore dives are available every night
 - President Coolidge, Million Dollar Point, Aquamarine base only (Min two divers)

Additional Activities:

- *** Boat ride and/or Snorkelling trips on the diving trip for non divers (ask for any space available)
- *** Arrange half day, full day land trips to Bush walks, native villages, Champagne Beach, Blueholes

Vanuatu Dive Operators Code of Practice

1. **Maximum depth limit of 60m(200')**
2. **Minimum 4 hours surface interval between deco dives**
3. **Maximum of 2 deco dives per day**
4. **Repetitive dives maximum depth 40m(130')**
5. **Maximum bottom time on the Coolidge 25 minutes**
6. **Minimum wait after computer clears on deco dives 20minutes(unless using Nitrox)**