

**NOTE:** Observer divers and Unit Diving Supervisors shall complete and submit this form to the NOAA Diving Center in order to document Observer diver activities. This form shall be submitted to the NOAA Diving Center immediately following the diving activities described below.

*I am aware of the inherent risks and hazards associated with diving and declare that I am in good mental and physical condition for diving. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this activity, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with any dive(s) for any harm, injury, damage or death unforeseen. I further save and hold harmless said activity and NOAA, and any of its employees, from any demand, claim or lawsuit for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, by me, my family, heirs, executors, representatives, administrators, and assigns, arising out of my participation in this activity.*

*I have read and understand all requirements of the NOAA Diving Safety Rules (NAO 209-123, Exhibit 1) and agree to abide by them while diving as a NOAA Observer Diver.*

*My signature indicates I have read the above reliability release and the NOAA Diving Safety Rules and fully understand their content.*

OBSERVER NAME:	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
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Prior to conducting diving operations, the **Unit Diving Supervisor** shall ensure all items listed below have been completed with regard to the participating Observer Diver. Mark each item as it is completed. Reference the NOAA Diving Regulations for questions about Observer Diver certification requirements.

- A NOAA Diving Program "Observer Diver Medical History Report" has been completed, reviewed, and approved by a Health Care Provider within 12 months of the planned dive(s).
- Evidence of minimum dive experience of 10 dives, one of which was completed within the last 3 months, was presented.
- Evidence of a diving certification from a recognized certifying agency was presented.
- Diver has not completed 6 dives as a NOAA Observer Diver during the current calendar year.
- Diver has reviewed and understands the NOAA Diving Safety Rules (Exhibit 1 of NOAA Diving Regulations)
- Diver's gear has been inspected by the UDS for current maintenance and proper operating condition (Diver must supply equipment).
- Diver is familiar with diving equipment to be used.
- Planned dives and dive conditions are within the apparent abilities and skill level of the Observer Diver
- Lost buddy, low air, out of air, etc., scenarios have been discussed with Observer Diver.
- The Dive Accident Management plan for the dive site has been discussed with the Observer Diver.
- The Observer Diver will be limited to visual observations and/or photography while diving.
- The Observer Diver will be accompanied by a fully certified NOAA Scientific or Working diver who will not be performing work and who's sole task is to monitor the Observer Diver.

*My signature signifies that all of the above items have been completed prior to the planned diving operations, and that the diving activities and expected diving conditions are within the apparent abilities and skill level of this Observer Diver.*

UDS SIGNATURE:	LINE OFFICE:	UNIT & LOCATION:
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**Log all dives for Observer Diver below:**

	Date	Dive Location	Maximum Depth (ft)	Bottom Time	NOAA Dive Buddy	Dive Purpose and Remarks
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

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