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## TRAINING SCHEDULE

All individuals applying for any dive classes offered by the NDC must submit the following items; NOAA Diving Training Request and Authorization form, completed NOAA diving physical, swim test, dive resume, Standardized Equipment Measurement form, and current First-aid/CPR certificates. All forms are available online at: [www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov/forms.html). Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the Diving Center.

Events scheduled through March 2007:

Jan. 22 - 26	Divemaster	Key West
Mar. '07	TBD Tentative	WD Refresher Sea.
May 7 - 25	Working Diver	Seattle
May 20 - 25	Divemaster	Seattle

Please contact Laurie Barber at 206-526-6695 or via e-mail [laurie.barber@noaa.gov](mailto:laurie.barber@noaa.gov).

## ANNUAL UNIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Annual dive locker inspections are required by NAO 209-123 (NOAA Dive Regs). Unit Diving Inspection Checklists, used to conduct these inspections, are important to better ensure that unit/ship dive lockers are evaluated with a critical eye with regard to equipment condition and maintenance, organization, resource availability, etc. Completed checklists will be due from all units/ships to their LODO/FDO by January 15, 2007

Annual Unit Inspection checklists are available online at the NDC web site, [www.ndc.noaa.gov](http://www.ndc.noaa.gov) and also on MOCDoc's. Those ships/units/sub-units who have already performed this inspection and submitted their checklists, THANK YOU.

If you have any questions, please contact LT Eric Johnson at [eric.t.johnson@noaa.gov](mailto:eric.t.johnson@noaa.gov).

## ANNUAL ELDER VALVE TEST KIT

All units who have been issued NDC Emergency Oxygen Kits (Black Pelican Cases) should have received an Elder valve test kit. Please keep these with your O2 Kits, they are for each unit to keep on site, **do not** send them back to the NDC.

To test your SEP elder valve, remove the true fit mask and install the test kit (fig.2). Completely depress the elder valve delivery button and hold for 5 seconds. The delivery pressure should reach a maximum and stabilize, venting slightly. The maximum elder valve delivery pressure should be between 32 and 48 mmHg.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Store the elder valve test gauge (fig.1) in a secure area that minimizes vibration and shock, rough handling may alter its calibration (do not store in the portable oxygen kits).

At the completion of the pressure test, check the appropriate box on your Annual Safety Check-Off Sheet. If the system fails, please contact Bill Gordon at the NOAA Dive Center for a replacement regulator. (206)526-6450 or William.J.Gordon@noaa.gov.

*(Contents of each kit: 1 set of instructions, 1 new elder valve test gauge, 1 new rubber stopper with cotton filter installed, 1 storage bag)*

