



ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

acronyms, terms and expressions used in the Scuba diving



A			
AAS	Alternative Air Source	AND	Advanced Nitrox Diver
ABC	Airway, Breathing, Circulation (casualty assessment)	ANDI	American Nitrox Divers International
ACI	Assistant Club Instructor (BSAC)	AP	Ambient Pressure
AD	Advanced Diver (BSAC)	AR	Ascent Rate
AED	Automatic Emergency Defibrillator	ATA	Atmospheres Absolute
AGE	Arterial gas embolism	ATM	Atmosphere
AI	Advanced Instructor (BSAC)	AV	Artificial Ventilation
AIC	Advanced Instructor Course (BSAC)	AVPU	Alert, Voice, Pain, Unresponsive (simplified consciousness assessment)
AIE	Advanced Instructor Exam (BSAC)		
B			
BA	Breathing Apparatus	BP	Blood Pressure
BAR	Buoyancy, Air, Releases (BSAC)	BPM	Beats Per Minute (heart/pulse rate)
BC	Buoyancy Control	BS	British Standard
BCD	Buoyancy Control Device	BSI	British Standards Institute
BDO	Branch Diving Officer	BSAC	British Sub Aqua Club
BH	Boat Handling (BSAC)	BT	Bottom Time
BLS	Basic Life Support		
C			
CAGE	Cerebral Arterial Gas Embolism	CI	Club Instructor (BSAC)
CBL	Controlled Buoyant Lift	CMAS	Confederation Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (World Underwater Federation)
CC	Cardiac Compressions	CNS	Central Nervous System
CCCM	Closed Chest Cardiac Massage.... superceded by ECM, and eventually CC	CO	Carbon Monoxide
CCR	Closed Circuit Rebreather	CO2	Carbon Dioxide
CD	Club Diver (BSAC)	CPF	Chartwork & Position Fixing
CEDIP	European Committee of Professional Diving Instructors	CPR	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
CEN	Comité Européenne de Normalization (The European Committee for Standardisation)	CTC	Current Tissue Code
CESA	Controlled Emergency Swimming Ascent		
D			
DAN	Diver's Alert Network	DM	Dive Marshal/Manager (BSAC)
DCI / DCS	Decompression Illness	DO	Diving Officer
DCC	Decompression Computer	DPM	Dive Planning & Marshalling
DCS	Dive Control Specialist (SSI)	DPV	Diver Propulsion Vehicle



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DDC	Deck Decompression Chamber (offshore professional diving)	Dr ABC	Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Circulation (casualty assessment)
DDRC	Diving Diseases Research Centre	DSMB	Delayed Surface Marker Buoy
DER	Depth Experience Record	DT	Dive Time
DL	Dive Leader (BSAC)	DV	Demand Valve
E			
EAD	Equivalent Air Depth, or Effective Air Depth	END	Equivalent Narcotic Depth
EAR	Expired Air Resuscitation.... superceded by AV	EO	Equipment Officer
EANx	Enriched Air Nitrox	EPIRB	Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
ECM	External Cardiac Massage (term superceded by CC)	ERD	Extended Range Diver (BSAC)
F			
FAD	First Aid for Divers	FCD	Freeflow Control Device
FCD	First Class Diver (BSAC)	FEV(1)	Forced Expiratory Volume (in one second)
G			
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System	GPS	Global Positioning System
H			
H	Hydrogen	HID	High Intensity Discharge
HE	Helium		
I			
IFC	Instructor Foundation Course	ITS	Instructor Training Scheme (BSAC)
ISO	International Standards Organisation	ITW	Instructor Training Workshop (BSAC)
ITC	Instructor Training Course (BSAC)		
K			
KISS	Keep It Simple, Stupid!		
M			
MCQ	Multiple Choice Questionnaire (also known as Multiple Choice Paper)	MFS	Mask Fin Snorkel
MOD	Maximum Operating Depth		
N			
N2	Nitrogen	NO	Nitrox
NDL	No-Decompression-Limit	NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration



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NE	Neon	NQI	Nationally Qualified Instructor
NI	National Instructor (BSAC)		
NN	Nitrogen Narcosis		
O			
O2	Oxygen	OPV	Over Pressure Valve
OA/O2A	Oxygen Administration	OT	Oxygen Toxicity
OAC	Oxygen Administration Course	OWI	Open Water Instructor (BSAC)
OD	Ocean Diver (BSAC)	OWIC	Open Water Instructor Course (BSAC)
OMS	Ocean Management Systems		
P			
PADI	Professional Association of Diving Instructors	PPP	Planning Preparation Presentation
PAD	Public Access Defibrillator (American term for AED)	PPPPPP	Perfect Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance
PNR	Passenger Name Record	PRM	Practical Rescue Management (BSAC)
PP	Partial Pressure	PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
Q			
QA	Quality Assurance	QRB	Qualification Record Book
R			
RA	Rescue Assessment	RFA	Rescue First Aid
RAC	Rebreather Awareness Course	RIB / RhIB	Rigid hulled Inflatable Boat
RB	Rescue Breathing	RMV	Respiratory Minute Volume
REAP	Review Encourage Assess Plan	RNT	Residual Nitrogen Time
REG	Regulator	ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
S			
SAA	Sub Aqua Association	SI	Surface Interval
SALT	Statement of Alternative Level Training	SLJ	Surface Life Jacke
SAR	Search and Rescue	SMB	Surface Marker Buoy
SC	Surfacing Code	SNK	Snorkel
SCR	Semi-closed Circuit Rebreather	SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea (int. maritim norm/convention)
SCUBA	Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus	SPG	Submersible Pressure Gauge
SEEDS	Safety Equipment Exercise Discipline Signals	SR	Search & Recovery
SD	Sports Diver (BSAC)	SWA	Sheltered Water Assessment
SDC	Skill Development Course (BSAC)	SWP	Safe Working Pressure



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T

TBT	Total Bottom Time	TO	Training Officer
TD	Technical Diver	TP	Test Pressure
TLA	Three Letter Acronym	TPR	Transportable Pressure Receptacle
TLC	Tender Loving Care	TSM	Technical Support Manager

U

UPTD	Unit Pulmonary Toxic Dose	UBA	Underwater Breathing Apparatus
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V	Visual (Inspection of air cylinder for test purposes)	VVDS	Variable Volume Drysuit
VIS	Visibility		

W

WB	Weightbelt	WP	Water Pressure, also Working Pressure
WC	Water Capacity		