

**California CoastKeeper Alliance**  
**Volunteer SCUBA Diver Pre-Requisite Checklist**

The following must be met and documented prior to participation in any CCKA diving activities:

- 1) Minimum age 18.
- 2) Certification as an open water scuba diver, issued by a nationally recognized certification agency (NAUI, PADI, SSI, YMCA, etc.).
- 3) Advanced level diver certification, or equivalent (as reviewed and approved by the CCKA Diving Control Board), from a nationally recognized certification agency, AND a minimum of 30 hours diving experience in Southern California conditions (temperate water with surge, kelp, low visibility, etc.).
- 4) Rescue diver certification from a nationally recognized certification agency.
- 5) A minimum of 4 logged dives within the past 12 months, 2 of which were within the last 6 months.
- 6) Complete Medical Examination for Scuba Diving with physician approval.  
\*\*Completion of AAUS-approved Medical Exam recommended
- 7) Scuba equipment service by an authorized technician (or new) within the last 12 months.
- 8) Complete CCKA Diver History Form.
- 9) Signed CCKA Voluntary Liability Release & Assumption of Risk on file AND signed Daily Diving Release Forms.
- 10) Obtain & maintain current Insurance for SCUBA Divers (e.g. DAN, PADI, etc.).
- 11) Current (within 3 years) First Aid Training.
- 12) Current (within 1 year) CPR Training.
- 13) Trained in Emergency Oxygen Administration.

Additional requirements to participate in CCKA Kelp Restoration & Monitoring dives:

- 1) Completion of CCKA Basic Research Diver Training Course.
- 2) Check-out dive (required skills include buoyancy check, mask clear, buddy breathing).
- 3) Satisfactory *in situ* demonstration of species identification, restoration techniques and sampling methodology as defined in the CCKA Regional Kelp Restoration Project Restoration & Monitoring Protocol.