

**University of Rhode Island**  
**Dive Operations & Accident Management Plan**

**DIVE OPERATION OVERVIEW**

**ALL DIVE PLANS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE URI DIVING CONTROL BOARD AND/OR DIVING SAFETY OFFICER PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY DIVING OPERATIONS.**

**Location of Fieldwork:** List general location, e.g. Narragansett Bay, RI

**Local Dive Safety Officer/POC:** This is the URI DSO if local. Otherwise, use on-site DSO.

**Dates of research dives:** Suggest range- seasonal or per travel.

**Scientific Dive Team: (First diver listed is lead diver)**

<u>Diver Name</u>	<u>Diving Program</u> <u>Email Address</u>
Lead Diver*	
Diver 2	
Diver 3	

*\*Lead Diver must ensure that oxygen unit, first aid kit, & radio or cell phone are on-site.*

**Location of research dives (describe local sites):** Provide specifics on dive sites you plan to visit. A map is always helpful here.

**Approximate number of proposed dives:** List anticipated dives per day and anticipated dives for the entire season or trip..

**Estimated maximum depths and bottom times anticipated:** Dives must be planned around least experienced divers and their depth ratings.

**URI Diving Equipment:** What dive equipment do you expect to use from URI? Oxygen? Dive flag? Weights, tanks? All divers will have dive computers supplied by URI for logging purposes.

**Special Equipment Required:** What specific research equipment or specialized diving equipment do you expect to use?

**Other Equipment, Boats, etc.:** Please list all other needs here.

**Any hazardous conditions anticipated:** Examples include fishing line entanglement, limited visibility, harmful marine life, boat traffic, etc...Please list hazards and contingencies or methods to alleviate if needed.

**Scope of Work (describe what you are doing):** Please be as specific as possible. Diagrams are always useful. If multiple phases of underwater work, include each phase here. Supplemental materials listing the methods are always welcome.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

### **Primary Response**

1. Diver will be removed from water and stabilized on a backboard if necessary.
2. Make appropriate contact with victim or rescuers as required.
3. Establish (A)irway, (B)reathing, (C)irculation as required.
4. Further stabilize the victim
5. Administer 100% oxygen, if appropriate (in cases of Decompression Illness, or Near Drowning).
6. Activate Emergency Medical System (EMS) for transport to nearest medical treatment facility. Call DAN to assist and track progress of evacuation. Explain the circumstances of the dive incident to the evacuation teams, medics and physicians.
7. Call appropriate Emergency Contacts to follow-through with primary response and prepare for Evacuation
8. Notify URI DSO or designee
9. Complete and submit Incident Report Form

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Nearest emergency medical facility/phone #: Call 911**

**LIST HERE**

**Name of Emergency Transporter/Method of Transport/Transporter Phone #: Call 911**

VHF 16 on vessel's marine radio

**Coast Guard- List nearby stations or other options**

**Nearest hyperbaric chamber location/contact information:**

**RI**  
**Wound Recovery and Hyperbaric Medicine Center**  
15 Health Lane, Building 2-D  
Warwick, Rhode Island

Contact Information: Ricardo Duran 401-736-4646

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
24-hour emergency hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy service available

**List other options closest to diving destination. Contact DAN for more assistance.**

**Divers Alert Network (DAN) Contact Information:**

DAN Diving Emergencies - **+1-919-684-4326 or +1-919-684-9111**

DAN *TravelAssist* for Non-Diving Emergencies - **1-800-326-3822**

DAN Non-Emergency Diving Questions and all other DAN services **+1-919-684-2948**

**URI Emergency Contact Information: 401-874-2121**

**URI Dive Safety Officer:** Anya Hanson, 203-258-4479- cell

**Local Diving Safety Officer:** if applicable

**Divers' Emergency Contacts:** **DSO has this information for each diver and may provide it.**

<u>Diver Name</u>	<u>Emergency Contact Person</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Emergency Phone</u>	<u>DAN#</u>