

## Scientific Diving Administrative Requirements

### **Initial requirements for program entry into a Research Diving Course:**

- AAUS Medical Evaluation of Fitness for SCUBA Diving (or equivalent) – to be completed by physician familiar with diving medicine - *a diving medical is current for 5 years if under the age of 40, 3 years if over the age of 40, and 2 years if over the age of 60.* (use forms on pages 63-69 of URI Diving Manual)
- diving certification card from recognized agency (*please provide your highest level of training*)
- proof of current DAN membership and insurance (*DAN, DiveSafe, or equivalent*)
- proof of regulator purchase or maintenance within last 12 months if you will be using your own regulator or BCD - *sales receipt or letter of inspection from authorized service technician or facility is sufficient.*
- A check-out dive scheduled by the DSO

### **Requirements to progress to full ‘Scientific Diver’ status, typically during a course include:**

- proof of current CPR, AED use, first aid, and oxygen administration training (*generally valid for 2 years*)
- proof of current DAN membership and insurance (*DAN, DiveSafe, or equivalent*)
- complete 12 dives within the last 12 months. *Those that do not meet this requirement will be permitted to dive only at the discretion of the DSO/DCB, and may be required to complete additional supervised dives prior to approval.*
- Read and understand the URI Scientific Diving Manual
- Written Scientific Diver Exam - *senior staff/divers may be exempt in some circumstances*

### **Required for all divers:**

- Complete and submit URI Dive Logs immediately following each field event (if abroad) or monthly (if local). Failure to do this will result in delays in processing paperwork for your future fieldwork.
- Demonstrate continued proficiency and in-water competency to dive