

## **BRIEFING 002: Personal Diving Development Plan (PDDP)**

### **Outline**

All divers know how important training and rehearsal of basic skills can be. Ongoing training, education and development of every diver only acts to improve the quality, safety and versatility he or she can offer diving activities. In the last two decades diver training has diversified to meet the increasing variance in the styles and techniques of diving. With less options found in a bag of jelly beans, how to progress through a recreational diving training program has become increasingly complex. As a member of DT<sup>2</sup> each person is entitled and encouraged to produce a Personal Diving Development Plan PDDP under the guidance and supervision of an experienced diver or instructor. This will allow the club's instructors to clearly define and introduce appropriate syllabi, topics and themes to best reflect the requirements of members.

### **Format**

The PDDP begins with a general training questionnaire (PDDP01), to be kept within the membership file. This questionnaire gives every member the opportunity to highlight a range of experiences which they already have, in addition to polling what interests in diving they would like to further. From this questionnaire an appointed club member will evaluate what events, training or guidance would best suit each individual to further their diving skills within the context of their ambitions. This will be clearly communicated to each member through a specific form (PDDP02) which highlights a recommended course of action to follow in order to further their development. The concept of the PDDP is fluid and should allow for general feedback and guidance at all points from both the member concerned and the club instructors.

### **Usage**

The PDDP is designed to help divers progress to reach a personal goal. The plans will not act as "goals" or replace any form of basic diver training. They are an opportunity for each member to develop their diving skills to wherever they would like to take their diving. No time limits or performance standards will be set against a PDDP; however an understanding of course requirements, experience and duration should be realistically discussed.