

SeaTREK Guide Training Requirements

THE SEA TREK® STAFF

Now that we have reviewed the basic components of the Sea Trek system, let's take a look at its most important aspect... the Sea Trek staff.

One of the most common comments about the Sea Trek experience is not about the Sea Trek system, or even the marine life, it is about the Sea Trek staff. Sea Trek staff members make the difference in the success and growth of business worldwide. It is imperative that staff are properly trained and conduct business according to Sea Trek's standards and operating procedures.

Sea Trek staff can be certified for the following position(s):

- 1. Sea Trek Guide (in helmet)
- 2. Sea Trek Safety Diver
- 3. Sea Trek Surface Attendant
- 4. Sea Trek Training Coordinator (by sponsorship only)



Sea Trek® St. Maarten

NOTE: It is critical that all Guides and Surface Attendants are capable of performing the duties of Surface Attendant, Sea Trek Guide and Sea Trek Safety Diver and be able to provide the Pre-Walk Briefing.

A Sub Sea Systems corporate Training Coordinator must appoint all Sea Trek Training Coordinators. Training Coordinators are capable of training and certifying in-house staff as needed.

TRAINING STANDARDS

Requirements for a Sea Trek® Guide, Surface Attendant and / or Safety Diver:

- 18 years of age
- Pass a general diving physical with emphasis on ear clearing, breathing, heart function, and muscle-skeletal motor function
- Certified by recognized scuba dive certification agency with a minimum rating of "Rescue Diver", or higher
- Current "First Responder" or Medic First Aid and CPR certification with oxygen administration or equivalent certification
- Minimum of 20 documented scuba dives

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- Successfully pass a written exam
- Signed Sea Trek Participant Record and Liability Release
- Current medical exam certifying fitness for diving (or proof of physical exam within the last 12 months)
 —submitted to Sea Trek's corporate office and kept on file
- Complete training application, Sea Trek Certification Program, including demonstration of necessary skills and abilities to the Sea Trek Training Coordinator
- Possess a current copy of the Sea Trek Manual (3.0)
- Provide proof of professional liability insurance policy coverage

Personnel must also proficiently perform the following:

Swim skills test—conducted in a continuous sequence without resting in between skills:

- Swim 400 yards or meters using any stroke within 10 minutes
- Tread water for 15 minutes (without wetsuit)
- Swim 800 yards using a mask, snorkel and fins without using any arm strokes. This is a test of snorkeling proficiency and stamina.

Scuba skills test—demonstrated to the Sea Trek Training Coordinator.

- Scuba equipment assembly and disassembly
- Regulator recovery and clearing
- Remove, replace and clear mask
- Remove and replace weight belt on surface and underwater
- Remove and replace BCD on the surface and underwater
- Demonstrate neutral buoyancy
- Perform an out-of-air ascent from 20 ft of water (minimum)
- Execute the use of an alternate air source as the air donor

First Aid skills test—demonstrated under the supervision of a Sea Trek[®] Guide or Training Coordinator.

These skills must cover but are not limited to scenarios treating:

- 0² Administration
- Heart Attack
- Stroke
- Hypothermia
- Muscle Cramps
- Heat Stress
- Bleeding
- Cuts / Abrasions
- Back / Neck Injuries
- Blocked Airway

- Near Drowning
- Unconsciousness
- Adverse Reaction to Stings
- Asthma Attacks
- Epilepsy Seizures
- Diabetic Emergencies
- Shock
- Demonstrate artificial respiration and CPR.
- Broken Bones / Sprains

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Other Training Standards will include:

- Demonstrate the use of the Sea Trek alternate air supply air line.
- Rescue / Assist a Sea Trek guest having fatigue or requiring an immediate return to the exit point and out of the water. The standard for these assists and rescues is as a team involving the Surface Attendant, Sea Trek Guide, and Safety Diver.
- Rescue / Assist a panicked Sea Trek participant from depth and out of the water.
- Rescue a Sea Trek participant that has become unconscious or incapacitated from the maximum tour depth.
- Demonstrate proper support / carry technique with unconscious participant while administering air from Octopus or alternative air supply
- Demonstrate team removal of incapacitated participant onto entry platform
- Demonstrate notification / EMT protocols in a simulated incident
- Demonstrate proper sanitation / cleaning of helmet
- Demonstrate proper helmet lifting / removal techniques
- Extract a simulated unconscious Sea Trek participant from the maximum distance from entry ladder.
- Demonstrate the correct inspection, assembly, function tests, and use of the Sea Trek Underwater Communications system (if applicable).

