

## Dive Planning Quiz

- 1. List 12 factors you need to consider when planning a dive.
  - a. Tides
  - b. Wind
  - c. Swell
  - d. Currents
  - e. Qualifications and experience of divers
  - f. Location
  - g. Parking availability
  - h. Maximum depth
  - i. Deco or non-deco dive
    - i. Oxygen
    - ii. First aid kits
  - j. Meet time to suit all participants
  - k. Entry
    - i. Calm water
    - ii. Through surf
    - iii. Jetty
      - 1. Entry point, is it tide dependent?
    - iv. Boat
      - 1. Step off
      - 2. Backward roll
      - 3. Reentry to boat
        - a. Gear on
        - b. Gear off
  - I. Equipment requirements
  - m. Emergency procedures
  - n. Day vs night dive
    - i. Extra requirements for night dive.

- 2. You are planning a boat dive. What additional factors do you need to consider?
  - a. One or more boats
  - b. Skipper qualifications
  - c. Slack water dive vs non tidal dive
    - i. If slack water, the skipper won't be able to dive the same site
  - d. Deployment of shot lines or not
  - e. Backup skippers
  - f. Communication between boats (VSAG uses VHF channel?)
  - g. Who will give the dive briefings
  - h. Diver record keeping (Entry, exit, air in, air out)
  - i. Payment of boat owners
  - j. Insurance
    - i. Individual boat owner. What is covered?
    - ii. VSAG. What is covered?
- 3. You wish to plan a dive outside PPB heads. What are the key factors determining whether this will be possible?
  - a. Swell less than 1m
  - b. Wind <10 knots
  - c. Neap tides preferable
  - d. Previous reports of "reasonable" visibility
- 4. You have heard good things about diving at Jervis Bay. How would you plan a VSAG dive trip to Jervis Bay.
  - a. Charter boat vs club boats
  - b. Knowledge of dive sites if opting to use club boats
  - c. Research local dive shops and charter operations
  - d. Research water temperatures and best time to dive
  - e. Air filling stations and availability
  - f. Accommodation options
  - g. Check school holiday dates
  - h. Proposed time and duration
    - i. Long weekend. More club members could attend
    - ii. Midweek. Less busy but may limit club members.
  - i. Insurances

- 5. You have heard great things about night diving at Sorrento Jetty. How would you plan a night dive at Sorrento Jetty.
  - a. Diving is only possible after the ferry finishes operation
    - i. Check ferry times
  - b. Sorrento jetty is affected by tidal flow
    - i. Research best times
      - 1. Neap tides
      - 2. Slack water (approx. 2hrs after Point Lonsdale)
        - a. Approx 1 hr either side of slack water
  - c. Additional equipment
    - i. Torch and backup light(s)
      - 1. Cyalume if diving in buddy pair
    - ii. Compass
  - d. Recent reports on visibility (night diving in poor visibility is not recommended).