

# Marine Park Rules & Regulations

Preservation of Cozumel's beaches, coastline and reefs is the responsibility of SEMARNAP, the Marine Park Authority. They are assisted by the Port Captain and the Mexican Navy. Dive masters are authorized to enforce these rules. In order to protect and conserve our precious marine life, the following regulations should be strictly adhered to by all boats, divers, and fishermen.

## **It Is Strictly Prohibited:**

- To stand on, or take hold of the coral reefs
- To fish for, to collect, to disturb or to keep any marine life organism found in the Park (fishes, corals, shells, starfish, etc.)
- To carry spears, hooks, harpoons or explosives
- To carry gloves or knives (Dive Masters and Instructors may register these items for use with the Marine Park).
- To disturb or to remove fauna and flora from their refuge.
- To feed any fish or animals in the Marine Park
- To dispose of any kind of solid waste in the ocean.
- To dump fuel, grease, oil, or any other liquid substances into the ocean
- To use sun block or suntan oils which are not bio-degradable.

Your courtesy in carefully following these rules ensures that our precious reefs, living organisms in their own right, will enjoy long and healthy lives. For your support and help, the people of Cozumel thank you.

## Bottom Time Divers (BTD) Policies

We are delighted to have provided a safe and enjoyable diving to hundreds of divers over the years. To facilitate our ability to continue to provide a memorable experience, we have established some policies.

1. Bottom Time Divers is a supporter of the Marine Park Rules & Regulations. Please help us maintain the reefs for all to enjoy, now and in the future.
2. Don't forget to bring you C-card with you as we are required to check these.
3. We do require each guest sign an industry typical liability release prior to diving onboard.
4. If you have never been diving with BTD, the first dive is a checkout dive so we can assess your skill level. This will allow you to get back into the swing of diving after a layoff and we can tailor our dive trips to your skill level.
5. Most diving in Cozumel is drift diving. It is important that you descend with your group and stay with the dive master.
6. We do support the Divers Alert Network position that alcohol consumption prior to diving increases the risk of decompression sickness, therefore your first drink of the day will also mark your last dive of the day.
7. We encourage dive computers and reserve the right to spot check.
8. The boat is equipped with a complete first aid kit and oxygen system, but emergency transportation and treatment cost are the responsibility of each guest. We strongly recommend that you obtain special divers insurance.

BTD reserves the right to refuse service to any diver whose behavior is believed to be a danger to the safe operation of the vessel or the health of the reefs.