**SSC - KIT CARE TIPS**

1. Generally
	1. Ensure you have marked up or labelled all your own equipment for identification purposes
	2. Rinse thoroughly in Fresh Water after pool (chlorine) or Saltwater (salt) use
	3. Allow to dry thoroughly before storing kit away
	4. Store all equipment out of direct sunlight
2. Regulators
	1. Check O’Rings
	2. Dust Cap on first stage
	3. Thoroughly rinse out DV (second stages)
	4. Replace damaged mouthpiece
	5. Service interval to manufacturer’s instructions
	6. Carry as hand luggage on planes as pressure in the hold can cause damage
3. Cylinders
	1. Testing – Every 2.5 Years (30 Months)
		1. Visual – 2.5 Years after manufacture
		2. Hydrostatic – 2.5 Years after last Visual
	2. Dust Cap
	3. Usually supplied with boot for protecting base of cylinder
	4. Consider purchasing a carry handle for easier carrying
	5. A mesh covering helps protect the cylinder and makes it easier to spot when being filled with air. This is the most critical item to have your own identification on as it will regularly be left at pumping stations often with many similar looking cylinders
	6. Lie cylinder down when storing
4. BC
	1. Dust cover on inflator hose connector if available
	2. Empty Pockets
	3. Rinse outside and inside via inflator
	4. Drain after use, and after internal cleaning
	5. Hanging upside down with the inflator hose downwards helps drain excess water from inside the BC
	6. Dump valves – can get grit in them, easy to clean
	7. Store slightly inflated so bladder does not stick to itself which can cause damage
	8. Recommend service as / when required
	9. NEVER inhale air from BC bladder due to risk of bacteria entering your lungs and leading to lung infection
5. Suits

Generally – Take care when wearing not to scuff knees, elbows etc. and avoid sharp objects

* 1. Wetsuit & Wet Boots
		1. Rinse after dive trip possibly with mild detergent or specific wetsuit cleaning product
		2. Turn inside and out for drying
		3. Assisting putting on (especially when wet) – Jollop, Plastic Bags
		4. Repair, as necessary, with Black Witch (Neoprene Repair)
		5. Shaped Hanger and plastic cover for storage
	2. Dry-suit
		1. Dry Outside and also Inside if necessary
		2. Beeswax on zip
		3. Assisting putting on – Jollop
		4. Unscented and non-coloured talc on latex seals before storage
		5. Take care of latex neck and wrist seals when putting on, particularly from fingernails.
		6. Thermal under-suits, socks – wash after dive trip
		7. Fold up in bag for storage
1. Weights
	1. Remove shot weights from pockets, rinse & dry separately
	2. Allow webbing belts to dry
2. Gloves, Hood
	1. Dry inside & out
3. Mask
	1. Check straps
	2. Possible use of anti-fog product
	3. Possible use of lens inserts
4. Fins
	1. Clean and dry thoroughly
	2. Store carefully, with inserts if possible, to retain shape of foot pocket
	3. Always have a spare strap in your spares box
5. Computer
	1. Check batteries regularly, change if required
6. Nitrox Analyser
	1. Check batteries regularly, change if required
	2. Check Oxygen Sensor regularly, change if required
7. SMBs & Reels
	1. DSMB – Rinse, drain & dry
	2. Reels
		1. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly – line is wound round itself
		2. Unfurl and wind up in an even and regular manner on the spool to avoid jams during deployment
		3. Inspect release, lock, spindle & ratchet mechanisms regularly – carry out any fixes on the surface not when trying to deploy during the dive!
8. Torches
	1. Check O’Rings
	2. Batteries – Charge & Storage
	3. Bulbs
9. Knives / Net Cutters
	1. Safe storage / protection
	2. Vaseline on blades
10. Buddy Lines etc
	1. Remove from BC pocket rinse & dry
11. Other On-Site Kit
	1. Wet bag or box – carry essential kit to boat / dive site
	2. Spares Box
	3. Repair kits (Tape (Duct, Insulating, Spinnaker, repair etc.), Aquasure etc.)
	4. Sack Barrow
	5. Work Platform (to assist kitting up)
	6. Changing / kit assembly mat
	7. Tarpaulin / mat for damp gear in car
	8. Car key lock box

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