

Man of War Shoal Marine Park Regulations for dive boat users

VESSELS USE MOORINGS AT THEIR OWN RISK!

The Nature Foundation cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to vessels or personal injuries through the use of dive moorings

1. Dive boats can use dive site moorings as follows:
 - a. Mooring Buoys– vessels up to 30 tons. Dive moorings may only be used by vessels less than 15m (50') overall length
 - b. Only one boat on each mooring at a time
 - c. When approaching the mooring, pick up the yellow floating line and feed bow line through the loop at the end of this floating line. Tie bow line back onto your boat. Do not tie the yellow floating line directly onto your boat. The boat line must be **at least as long as your vessel. Failure to do so will result in a penalty**
 - d. Maximum stay of 2 hours
 - e. First come first served priority
 - f. Respect that some dive sites are more popular and refrain from repeatedly using the same dive mooring.
 - g. Boats must display the 'alpha' flag at all times when divers are in the water.
2. Dive boats must respect other boats that have a 'alpha' flag on display and should not go closer than 30m to the boat for safety reasons.
3. Divers may use gloves to ascend/descend the mooring line but should avoid using gloves at any other time.
4. All boats should expect rangers to approach them at a safe distance at any time.
5. It is not permitted to touch, damage or remove any marine life.
6. It is not permitted to remove any historical artifacts from the Marine Park without written permission from the authorities.

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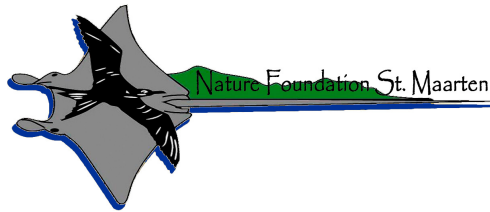
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7. All boats must adhere to applicable regulations and codes of conduct for boats operating in St. Maarten with appropriate safety equipment.
8. The Port Authorities channel is VHF 12 or 16. Boats can reach the Nature Foundation on VHF channels 16 or 17. The Coast Guard, Port Authorities and the Nature Foundation can be reached on channel 16 in case of emergency.

Remember: Mooring buoys need to be maintained at all times. If you ever see a damaged mooring, please contact the Nature Foundation so we can do the necessary repairs.

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I understand and respect these regulations and will contact the Marine Park in case of any problem adhering to regulations.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Boat type: _____ Colour: _____

Calling
signal: _____ Moored: _____

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