

# RIB Diving with Clidive During COVID-19

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Our aim during the pandemic is to be able to enjoy our diving while protecting members as far as possible from the risk of infection. The following rules are based on BSAC guidelines and our experience so far. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please speak to me or your Dive Manager.

*Everybody on the trip must follow these rules in order to protect themselves and their fellow divers. We reserve the right to refuse to allow a member to dive if they don't comply.*

## Social distancing

- While **outdoors**, you must make every attempt to maintain **at least 1m** at all times between you and people who are not part of your household.
- When **collecting kit from the van**, wait until others have moved away before you approach, and move away yourself as soon as possible.
- If **helping others with their kit**, keep contact to the minimum and work as quickly as possible.

## On the boat

- **The cox'n is responsible** for safety on the boat, including as it relates to COVID-19. They will tell you where to put your kit and where to sit – you must follow their instructions.
- There will usually be a maximum of **four divers** on each wave plus a dedicated cox'n. The diagrams overleaf show various seating configurations, depending on the number of households on the wave. Exceptionally, it may be possible to carry six divers including cox'ns.

## Face coverings

- You must wear a face covering whenever you are **less than 2m** away from a member of another household. From our experience, during diving operations this means when you are:
  - gathering in a group, e.g. during the DM's briefing
  - moving kit out of or into the van
  - dropping off or collecting cylinders at the air station
  - loading the boat (unless nobody else is present)
  - travelling in the boat and waiting while others dive
  - kitting up on the boat
- You must bring **enough suitable face coverings** for the trip. These can include bandanas, scarves and buffs, as long as they comply with government guidance.
- We will have a small number of **emergency disposable face coverings** on the boat in case you forget yours or lose it while at sea.

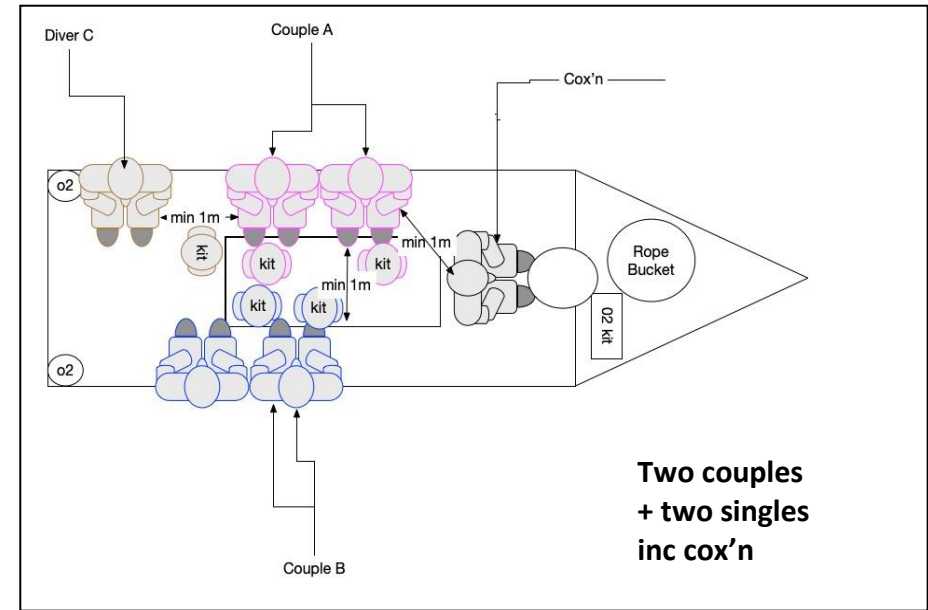
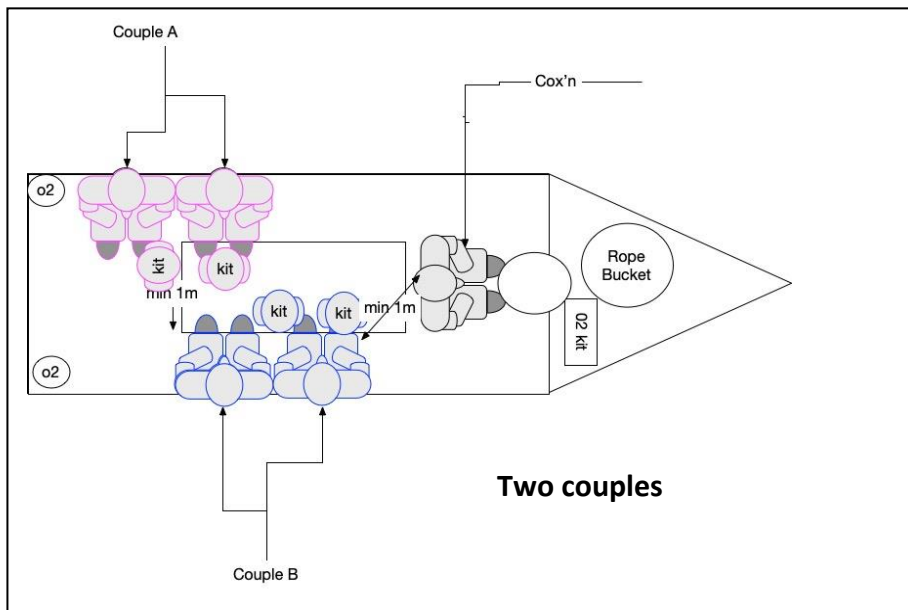
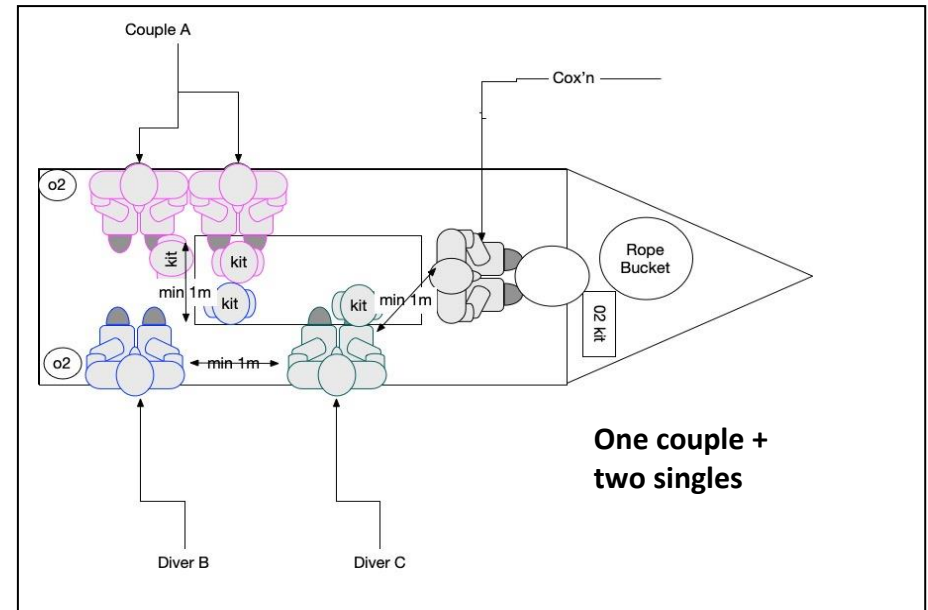
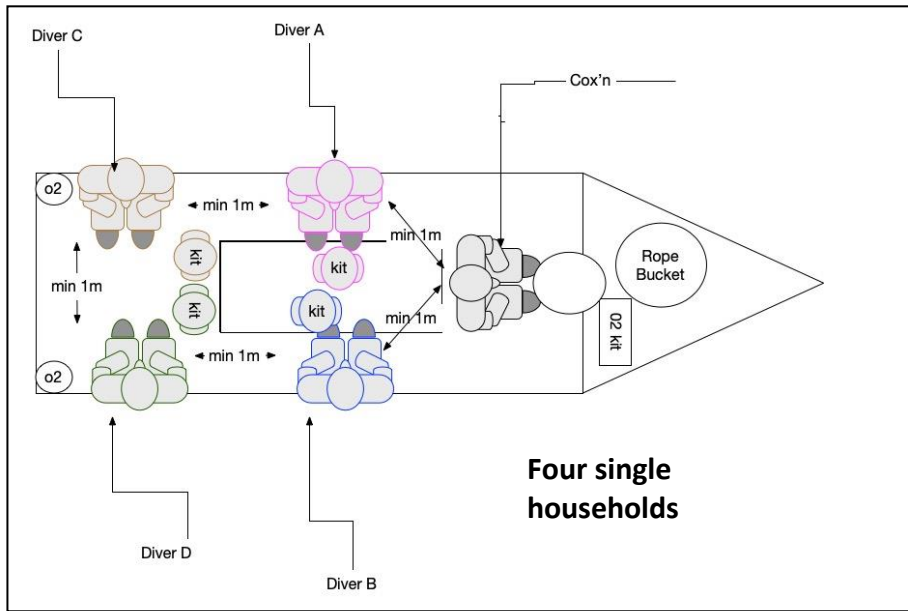
## Sanitiser

- **Bring your own** hand sanitiser and use it as often as possible, and particularly when collecting kit from the van, collecting cylinders from the air station or helping others with their kit.
- There will be **club hand sanitiser** available on the boat and in the van – feel free to use it.

## Water/chocolate

- **Bring your own water bottle.** There will be communal water so that you can fill it up.
- There won't be any communal chocolate. Please bring your **own snacks.**

**RIB seating and kit configurations**



**NB** A 'couple' is two divers from the same household sitting on the RIB together. They do not need to dive as a buddy pair.