

## Top Ten Things Your Instructor May Not Have Told You About Your Scuba Equipment

- 10) When rinsing regulators....pull back the hose protectors and make sure you rinse where the hoses connect to the first stage. Leave them pulled back until completely dry. This is a common spot for corrosion to attack the metal fitting and will eventually ruin your hoses unnecessarily. (April)
- 9) Your BCD has more than one dump....don't forget you can pull your inflator hose to dump the air. You also may have additional dumps in the lower back of your BCD. These rear dumps will allow you to dump the air from the horizontal position, allowing you to remain streamlined and will help to conserve your energy. (May)
- 8) When rinsing your BCD....carefully unscrew the dump valve connection from your inflator hose and run fresh water directly into the BCD. Do this several times. Be careful not to lose the large rubber washer. Then run water back through the inflator hose and out the mouthpiece on the other end. Refill with water again, this time dump the water by pulling the dump valve on the lower rear of the BCD (if you have one). Repeat for all dump valves. Reattach the inflator hose, then inflate the bcd and let air dry. You should also clean any Velcro (weight pockets, cummerbund, etc) with water and a toothbrush. (June)
- 7) To protect the critical seals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of your regulator....
- 6) When packing regulators....
- 5) For photographers/videographers who have....
- 4) During the pre-dive safety check, once you've turned your air on, look at the spg to ....
- 3) To streamline your hoses....
- 2) A great place to store your....
- 1) ????