

Scuba Diving Scouts Recommended Packing Checklist

CLOTHING TO BRING: Space is limited on Blackbeard's sailboats and the islands we visit are very casual. Several bathing suits, shorts, long pants, several t-shirts, blouse/shirt and wind breaker all packed in soft luggage. Also deck shoes, sandals, sunscreen (non-oil), a hat and sunglasses. Don't forget jammies since this is dormitory style, you'll need something to sleep in besides your birthday suit! In winter, sweatshirts or sweaters are advisable. Personal items such as aspirin and decongestants.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2 towels – nothing is worse than drying off with a wet towel. One for salt, one for fresh.
- Leave-in conditioner – hair gets to be a tangled mess, this helps.
- Socks in case your fins rub.
- Motion sickness tablets – in case the motion of the ocean makes you queasy.

DIVE GEAR:

- Dive logbook to keep track of your dives
- Dive certification card: If you're going on your open water course, they will give you a card
- Mask, fins and snorkel*
- Buoyancy compensator * **
- Regulator with submersible pressure gauge * ** (Rental regulators have octopus and pressure and depth gauges)
- Dive watch *
- Depth gauge or computer * (Our rental regulators have depth gauges)
- Wetsuit ** (Between fall and spring, a wetsuit is recommended)
- Dive light ** (Required for night dives)
- Chemical light stick or suitable substitute (Required for night dives, may be purchased on board)

*Required for divers

**Available for rent with prior arrangements

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- Your passport.
- Money for port night.
- Snacks – if you get hungry in between meals you can bring little snacks on board.
- Special diets can be accommodated with prior arrangements.
- A good book for between dives and you can swap it with others when you're done.
- Eye mask to block out light so you can fall asleep.
- Lip balm – between the sun, salt, wind and water it's a good thing to bring along.
- Earplugs help motion sickness and drown out boat noise.
- Journal to write down daily thoughts and contact information for new friends.
- Clothespins to keep your clothes from being blown into the ocean.
- Deck of cards – always a good idea.

GEAR TO BE LEFT AT THE DOCK:

- Suitcases, clothes, and toiletries for the return trip home, street shoes and everything else you won't need on the boat—for this trip, less is more!

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Big bulky bags – try to pack light and in soft-sided bags. You can leave your wheeled bags at the dock storage with your going home clothes.
- Alarm clock – you are on vacation!