

# Reef Environmental Education Foundation



## Liability Release and Assumption of Risk

Please read carefully, fill in all blanks, and initial each paragraph before signing.

**REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVER, TRAINED IN SAFE DIVING PRACTICES, AND AM AWARE OF THE INHERENT HAZARDS OF SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that, in consideration of my being permitted to participate in this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, neither the Reef Environmental Education Foundation, Inc. (REEF), nor any of their employees, officers, agents, or assigns [hereinafter referred to as the Released Parties] may be held liable or responsible in any way for injury, illness, death, or other damages that may occur as a result of my participation in the REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, including but not limited to scuba diving, dive boat use, equipment use, snorkeling, other water sports activity, or any other activity relating to this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity [hereinafter referred to as Diving Activities]; or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the sole function of REEF and their employees, officers, and agents during the course of this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity is to provide instruction in and familiarization with marine life identification and use of marine life survey forms. Although REEF employees, officers, or agents may or may not be certified scuba instructors / divemasters, and will give freely of their marine life knowledge and experience, I understand that they are not acting in the capacity as scuba instructor / divemaster. I understand that REEF employees, officers, or agents do not lead and are not in any way responsibly or liable for any Diving Activities conducted during the course of this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that REEF is independent of and has no business association, as partner, joint venturer, owner, or otherwise, with any resort, hotel, carrier, dive center, boat operator, or other person or firm furnishing any travel-related or Diving Activity-related service, equipment, or facility in connection with this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity. I further understand that REEF assumes no liability or responsibility for any service, equipment, or facility furnished by any such resort, hotel, carrier, dive center, boat operator, or other person or firm either as to its availability, safety, quality, or condition nor for the acts or omissions of any employee or agent thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks: decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the Diving Activities may be conducted at a site that is remote, by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such Diving Activities in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

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\_\_\_\_\_I declare that I am in good mental and physical fitness for Diving Activities and that I am not under the influence of alcohol or any other drug that is contraindicatory to Diving Activities. If I am taking medication / drugs, I declare that I have seen a physician and have approval to engage in Diving Activities while under the influence of the medication / drugs.

\_\_\_\_\_I understand that Diving Activities are physically strenuous and that I will be exerting myself during this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc., that I assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for same.

\_\_\_\_\_I will inspect all of my equipment prior to all Diving Activities. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to engaging in any Diving Activities.

\_\_\_\_\_In consideration of being allowed to participate in this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with said REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, including, but not limited to, all Diving Activities, for any harm, injury, illness, or damage that may befall me while I am a participant, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

\_\_\_\_\_I further save and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns that may arise out of my participation in this REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity, including both claims that may arise during the REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity or after I complete the REEF Field Survey / REEF Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_I further declare that I am of lawful age and both competent and qualified in law and equity to sign this Liability Release and Assumption of Risk, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act.

IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPAT IN THIS REEF FIELD SURVEY / REEF ACTIVITY, IT IS THE INTENTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE REEF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., THEIR EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND ASSIGNS FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBLITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH, HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS. I INTEND AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS DOCUMENT.

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (where applicable)

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Date