## Release of Liability/Assumption of Risk/Non-agency Acknowledgement Form

## **BOAT TRAVEL, EXCURSIONS AND SCUBA DIVING**

Please read carefully before ticking/checking box at checkout.

## **Non-Agency Disclosure and Acknowledgment Agreement**

I understand and agree that PADI Members ("Members"), including Sydney Dive Charters and/or any individual PADI Instructors and Divernasters associated with the program in which I am participating, are licensed to use various PADI Trademarks and to conduct PADI training, but are not agents, employees or franchisees of PADI Americas, Inc, or its parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations ("PADI"). I further understand that Member business activities are independent, and are neither owned nor operated by PADI, and that while PADI establishes the standards for PADI diver training programs, it is not responsible for, nor does it have the right to control, the operation of the Members' business activities and the day-to-day conduct of PADI programs and supervision of divers by the Members or their associated staff. I further understand and agree on behalf of myself, my heirs and my estate that in the event of an injury or death during this activity, neither I nor my estate shall seek to hold PADI liable for the actions, inactions or negligence of Sydney Dive Charters and/or the instructors and divernasters associated with the activity.

## **Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement**

I hereby affirm I am voluntarily engaging in the recreational activities planned for my trip to the dive site chosen by the Master of the vessel operated by Sydney Dive Charters, which activities may include, but are not limited to, scuba diving, snorkeling, boating and whale watching. I certify that I am fully aware of and expressly assume all risks involved in scuba diving, snorkeling, boating and other activities in which I choose to participate.

I hereby affirm that I am a certified scuba diver or a student diver under the control and supervision of a certified scuba instructor, and that I thoroughly understand the hazards of scuba diving including those hazards occurring during boat travel to and from the dive site (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Excursion").

I understand that these inherent risks include, but are not limited to, drowning, air expansion injuries, decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries that require treatment in a recompression chamber; slipping or falling while on board, being cut or struck by a boat while in the water, injuries occurring while getting on or off a boat, and other perils of the sea; all of which can result in serious injury or death. I understand the Excursion will be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from a recompression chamber and emergency medical facilities. I still choose to proceed with the Excursion. By 'checking the box' during booking this dive or trip, this Agreement, I certify that I am fully aware of and expressly assume these and all other risks involved in making such a boat trip and scuba dive(s), whether conducted as a certified diver or a student diver in a diving class.

I confirm that I have had a dive medical and that I am fit to dive and if I have had any changes to my medical status, including but not limited to my fitness, I will inform the vessel crew before diving.

I, confirm that I have read the Recreational Scuba Training Council Medical Questionnaire which is attached to Sydney Dive Charters website and I confirm I am fit to dive, and if I am not without my knowledge, I assume all the risk for not seeking further medical assessment before diving.

I understand and agree that neither the dive professional(s); nor the crew or owner of the vessel; nor the vessel itself; nor PADI Americas, Inc., nor its affiliate or subsidiary corporations; nor the owners, officers, employees, agents, contractors or assigns of the above listed individuals and/or entities (hereinafter "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any personal injury, property damage, wrongful death or other damages to me or my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this Excursion, or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

I affirm I am in good mental and physical fitness to scuba dive. I further state that I am not under the influence of alcohol or any drugs that are contradicted to diving. If I am taking medication, I affirm that I have seen a physician and have approval to dive while under the influence of the medication/drugs. I understand that skin and scuba diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this Excursion, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same.

I am aware that safe dive practices suggest diving with a buddy unless trained as a self-reliant diver. Accordingly, it is my responsibility to plan my dive allowing for my diving experience and limitations, and the prevailing water conditions and environment. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to safely plan my dive, dive my plan, and follow the instructions and dive briefing of the dive professional(s)/vessel crew. I affirm it is my responsibility to inspect all of my equipment prior to the Excursion and that I should not dive if my equipment is not functioning properly. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to diving or if I choose to dive with equipment that may not be functioning properly.

I understand and agree that neither Sydney Dive Charters, nor PADI Americas, Inc., nor its affiliate or subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties,") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any occurrence on this trip which may result in personal injury, property damage or wrongful death or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this trip or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Liability Release Agreement, or that I have obtained the written consent of my parent or guardian.

I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have 'checked the box' at the time of booking, agreeing to this Agreement of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree that if any provision of this agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this agreement. The remainder of this agreement will then be construed as though the unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I understand and agree that I am not only giving up my right to sue the Released Parties but also any rights my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries may have to sue the Released Parties resulting from my death. I further represent I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns, and beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

I, BY THIS INSTRUMENT, AGREE TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE ALL THE ABOVE LISTED ENTITIES AND/OR INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NAMED OR NOT, FROM ALL LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH, HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRODUCT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND MY HEIRS OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING BOTH BEFORE CHECKING/ TICKING/ MARKING THE BOX AT BOOKING OR CHECKOUT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.