

## **Pre-Launch Equipment Checklist**

**Note:** *All gear should receive yearly maintenance and cleaning by a certified dive shop.* This will ensure that your gear is working efficiently assuming the gear is properly taken care of after the maintenance. Proper gear care may be found in the PADI Open Water Manual, or you can ask any PADI certified dive shop.

\* optional, *yet should be heavily considered depending on location* (i.e. you may not need a wetsuit in warm water, but may want one if stinging jellyfish may be present.)

*Enough Dive tanks must be taken for each individual for each dive. All other gear may be shared as dive groups take turns assuming the gear properly fits.*

- Fins
- Mask
- BCD
- Regulator
- Full Air Tank
- SMB and reel
- Compass
- \*RDP – for consecutive dive times
- \*Dive Knife
- \*Wetsuit – Used for warmth and Protection from stings and abrasions
- \*Snorkel – most often used to navigate at the surface without using air from your tank
- \*Dive Boots – Helps hold fin straps at the heel. Helps with warmth as well
- \*Gloves – protection from abrasion and stings, helps with warmth as well

*Dive Tanks must be visually inspected annually, and be hydrostatically tested every five years to ensure proper functions. This information may be found in the form of a sticker on the tank with the dates of inspection.*

**Note:** Be sure to secure the dive tanks in the vessel so they will not shake around. These tanks are under very high pressure.