

DIVING IN CROATIA

For the year 2001, licenses for diving in zones under protection by the Ministry of Culture were issued to the following entities:

For Istarska County:

Diving centers

1. Nadi & Co. - Rovinj
3. Petra d.o.o. – Rovinj
5. KL – Sub – Pula
2. Plava laguna – Porec
4. Lorymar Sub – Fažana
6. San Lorenzo d.o.o. – Porec

For Splitsko-Dalmatinska County:

Diving centers

1. Stiga d.o.o. – Split
2. Dodoro d.o.o. – Split
3. TA Darlic & Darlic – Komiža

Club

1. KPA Vis - Vis

For Dubrovacko-Neretvanska County:

Diving centers

Diving for recreation and sports in Croatia is subject to the following regulations:

1. Regulations on Underwater Activities (Official Gazette No. 47/99), issued by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Traffic and Communications
2. Regulations on Teaching of Diving and Diving for Sports and Recreation (Official Gazette No. 105/2000), issued by the Ministry of Education and Sports
3. Regulations on Licensing of Underwater Activities in Zones of Coastal Waters and Territorial Waters of the Republic of Croatia Protected as Cultural Heritage (Official Gazette No. 78/2000), issued by the Ministry of Culture
4. Regulations on Concession Licenses (Official Gazette 51/96) issued by Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Traffic and Communications
5. Regulations on Customs Procedure and Passenger Traffic (Official Gazette No. 63/92), issued by the Customs Administration.

Diving is permitted only provided that a person holds a valid diver's card issued by the Croatian Diving Federation (CDF) (see figure 1 below). A diver's card is valid for a year as of the date of issue and is issued only to divers with a valid diver's brevet issued by one of the international diving associations (CMAS, PADI, SSI, NAUI, NASDS, YMCA, MDEA, NASE, IDEA IANSTD, NSS-CDS, ANDI, TDI NACI, PSA, PDIC, SDI, FIAS, ACUC, BSAC, VDST, BARACUDA, IDD, UDI, ... and other international diving associations).

Temporary diver's brevets are not valid.

The area of diving shall be clearly marked with a prescribed buoy or a flag. Diving schools shall report to the Croatian Diving Federation, and CDF shall return a certified list to the instructor. CDF shall certify the list of candidates to the diving schools only if the school is organized through a member of CDF, and the instructor is licensed for the current year and holds a valid license for work in the Republic of Croatia.

The highest permitted depth of diving for sports and recreation on air is 40 meters.

Zones where diving is prohibited:

1. parts of coastal waters encompassing harbors, harbor accesses, anchorages, and areas of heavy traffic;
2. strict and special sea nature reserves, nature parks, and in other protected zones of sea and sea bed (Malostonski Bay, Limski Bay)
3. close to anchored military ships and protected military facilities at the coastal edge at distance lower than 100 meters
4. National Parks of Brijuni and Krka

A. Zones where special permits are required for diving:

1. Kornati National Park - Management, phone/fax: ++385 (0) 22 434 662

++385 (0) 22 435 058

In 2001, authorized to organize diving activities in Kornati National Park are:

a) Neptun-Sub – Šibenik (Vodice) g) Ivan Mihalic – Sali

b) Alba Maris – Biograd n/m h) DC Zlatna Luka – Bibinje

c) Delfin ronjoci – Biograd n/m i) MOANA d.o.o. – Jezera

d) Nautilus d.o.o. – Betina j) B & J d.o.o. – Mošćenicka Draga

e) VAL d.o.o. – Jelsa k) Aurea international d.o.o. – Krk

f) Aquanaut d.o.o. – Murter l) Vodeni sportovi d.o.o. – Samobor

2. Mljet National Park – Management, phone/fax: ++385 (0) 20 744 041

++385 (0) 20 744 043

In 2001, authorized centers for diving activities in Mljet National Park are:

a) Kronmar Sub – Split (Pomena), 091/542 1319, 091/ 313 2120

3. Telašćica Park of Nature

023/ 377 096 – Management of the Park

B. Diving is permitted only subject to a previous authorization

by the Ministry of Culture – Department of Cultural Heritage Protection

a) Zagreb – phone: 01/6116 848, fax: 01/6116 849

b) Pula – phone: 052/451 711, fax: 052/451 829

c) Split – phone: 021/305 444, fax: 021/305 418

d) Dubrovnik – phone: 020/411 075, fax: 020/411 075 (loc. 120)

in the following zones of coastal waters and territorial waters of the Republic of Croatia:

1. VIS zone, area bordered with the following coordinates (encompassing the islands of Vis, Biševo, Svetac, and Brusnik, with the appertaining reefs and shallows)

A - W = 42 55' 00" N L = 15 40' 00" E

B - W = 42 55' 00" N L = 16 20' 00" E

C - W = 43 08' 00" N L = 15 40' 00" E

D - W = 43 08' 00" N L = 16 20' 00" E

2. LASTOVO zone, area bordered with the following coordinates (encompassing the islands of Sušac, Kapište, Lastovo, groups of islands of Donji školji and Vrhovnjaci, with all the appertaining reefs and shallows)

A - W = 42 40' 00" N L = 16 27' 00" E

B - W = 42 40' 00" N L = 17 10' 00" E

C - W = 42 49' 00" N L = 16 27' 00" E

D - W = 42 49' 00" N L = 17 10' 00" E

3. PALAGRUŽA zone, area bordered with the following coordinates (encompassing all the islands of the group of islands with the appertaining reefs and shallows)

A - W = 42 22' 00" N L = 16 14' 00" E

B - W = 42 22' 00" N L = 16 21' 00" E

C - W = 42 24' 00" N L = 16 14' 00" E

D - W = 42 24' 00" N L = 16 21' 00" E

4. MLJET zone, encompassing a 300 meters wide sea belt from the coastline of the island and all the other small islands and rocks in the zone 2000 meters from the island coastline.

5. JABUKA zone, 300 meters wide sea belt, around the island, including the shallows of Jabuka.

6. PREMUDA zone – Szent Istvan wreck, 300 meters wide sea belt, around the position 44 14' 88" N and 14 26' 26" E.

7. NOVIGRAD zone – Coriolanus wreck, 300 meters wide sea belt, around the position 45 19' 09" N and 13 25' 25" E.

8. SV. IVAN NA PUCINI zone – Baron Gautsch wreck, 300 meters wide sea belt around the position 44 56' 25" N and 13 34' 43" E.

9. PELJEŠAC zone – Olympia wreck, "8-57", 300 meters wide sea belt, around the position

42 51' 20" N and 17 30' 00" E.

10. ŽIRJE zone, 300 meters wide sea belt, around the position 43 40' 00" N, 15 40' 15" E.

11. CAVTAT zone, 300 meters wide sea belt, around the position 42 35' 45" N, 18 12' 30" E.

1. Ronilacki raj – Lastovo 3. Kronmar – Split 5. Lopin & Co. – Žuljana

2. Epidaurum – Cavtat 4. MM Sub – Lumbarda

Clubs

1. KPA Tajan – Lastovo 2. KPA Drava – Varaždin

Diving activities are supervised by the Port Authorities, Maritime Police, and diving inspectors of the Ministry of Education and Sports (see ID card on figure 2 below)

Legal entities failing to comply with the Regulations on Underwater Activities shall be fined with Kuna 3,000 to 15,000, and individuals shall be subject to Kuna 1,000 to 5,000 as well as an immediate fine of Kuna 500.00.

Maritime Search and Rescue Service: 9155 (DAN), VHF channels 16, 10, 74

Pula decompressing chamber – phone/fax: ++385 (0) 52 217 877, 24 572,

mob. 098/255 945, mob. 098/219 22

Split decompressing chamber – IPM HRM, phone: ++385 (0) 21 354 511

Split decompressing chamber – phone/fax: ++385 091/546 13 13, 099/475 095

Osijek Clinical Hospital Center – phone/fax: 031/511 511

Additional information available on CDF web page: www.diving-hrs.hr,

as well as the phones: 01/48 48 765, and fax: 01/ 48 49 119, E-mail: hrcdf@zg.tel.hr