

THE CDWS RATIOS FOR DIVING AND SNORKELING ACTIVATES

For Diving Activities:

The CDWS is implementing the World Recreational Scuba Training Council (WRSTC) standards www.wrstc.com for recreational diving. This means that you simply use your training agency ratios, procedures, rules, recommendations, and standards for your diving activities. The students to instructor ratio during training courses are specified by the training agencies' standards. For guided dives or organized dives, however, it is not practical to impose a ratio of certified divers to dive leaders. The Manager of the dive operation and the dive pros of a licensed operation are perfectly capable of making the right professional decisions based on the qualification of the diver(s), their proof of experience and how recently they dived, the divers' capabilities, the dive location, weather conditions, etc.

Kindly note that according to the CDWS Board Members' decree #3/13/696, stated that the ratio of the diving guides/ instructors to practitioners should be **one guide/instructor to 12 practitioners** for diving and kitesurfing activities performed on safari or daily boats, this ratio aims to ensure a high level of safety standards.

For Snorkeling Activities:

Since most of the participants in snorkeling activities won't be qualified skin divers or previously trained for snorkeling; the CDWS regulation - approved by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities- requires that the maximum number of snorkelers participating in an open water activity is **12 snorkelers to one snorkeling guide**. (THIS RATIO IS CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE BOAT LIST BEFORE DEPARTURE) IF THERE ARE 25 SNORKELING CLIENTS ON BOARD THEN A MINIMUM OF 3 SNORKEL GUIDES WILL BE ON BOARD).

Of course, this ratio may be reduced by the operation manager or the snorkeling guide if the sea conditions, location or the abilities of the participants requires modification in order to be on the safe side.

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