

SERVICE GUIDELINES @ ESCAMBRON MARINE PARK

Scuba Dogs' service standards for customer orientation and safe decision making considering marine weather forecast & conditions at the Escambrón Marine Park in San Juan.

WAVE HEIGHT	WIND SPEED	VISIBILITY RANGE	RAIN / STORM PROBABILITY	ELEMENTS & EVENTS	TERMS TO CONSIDER	SNORKELING TOURS	DISCOVER SCUBA	SCUBA TOURS & TRAININGS	SWIM & RESCUE TRAINING
						All ages, beginner friendly	10+ years, beginner friendly	SCUBA certification required or under Instructor training	6 months and above, level based
Based on Caricoos Report using open water buoy North of SJ.	Based on Caricoos Report using open water buoy North of SJ.	By visual observation from shore, Pro Staff after services and water quality reports.	Based on Dark Skies, Windguru and/or Accu Weather Report for San Juan area.	Natural elements such as jelly fish, excess sargassum, marine debris from storm runoffs, pollution, extreme water temperature, and/or other major events.	Adjustment in tour route, ratio and location considering group size, skill level, and logistics.	Aquatic service standards are based on PADI tour and training requirements followed worldwide; dive industry safety standards; and Scuba Dogs' 25+ years of professional experience in Puerto Rico. Important Note: For decades, the "Pocita" or "Turtle Bay" is considered by industry expert as confined water environment because it is a enclosed area naturally protected from the Northern swells by the Escambrón Peninsula, a wave braker extended at Pressure Point, and the Fish Protection Wall inside the Bay. All guided tours & trainings require professionally trained, certified, and insured aquatic personell. For customers, all activities legally require to be in good health in order to participate.			
EXCELLENT CONDITIONS									
- 2'	- 10 Knots	20'+	- 30% Rain	No factors	RATIOS	1 to 8 / 2 to 20 / Max. 40 split in smaller groups	1 to 2 = DSDL / 1 to 4 = Instructor / Max. 12	1 to 6 = DM or Instructor	Follow established Swim & Rescue Ratios
					LOCATION	Inside the Bay and over Fish Wall	DSDL = Inside the Bay / Instructor = Over Fish Wall in Open Water	Open to explore the Marine Park	Inside the Bay only
GOOD CONDITIONS									
3'- 5'	10-15 Knots	11' - 20'	30-50% Rain	Few / Mild	RATIOS	1 to 8 / 2 to 20 / Max. 40 split in smaller groups	1 to 2 = DSDL / 1 to 4 = Instructor / Max. 12	1 to 6 = DM or Instructor	Follow established Swim & Rescue Ratios
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LESS THAN IDEAL									
6' - 9'	15-18 Knots	5' - 10'	50-80% Heavy Rain, Passing Stormbands or Electric Storm; must wait :30 min. to enter	Mid to Large	RATIOS	1 to 6 / 2 to 12 / 3 to 20 / Max. 40 split in smaller groups	1 to 2 = DSDL / Instructor / Max. 12	1 to 6 = DM or Instructor	Follow established Swim & Rescue Ratios
					LOCATION	Inside the Bay Only, distant from Fish Wall	Inside the Bay Only, distant from Fish Wall	Inside the Bay only, it becomes OW Environment	Inside the Bay only, along the Shoreline
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS									
10'+	18-20+ Knots	Less than 4' or Contaminated Water	80+ % Heavy Rain & Electric Storm	Overwhelming	N/A	Cancel or Postpone Services; Not Allowed to Enter Water			

