

## **EEMB Marine Operations Boating/Diving Support Services Safety Protocols During COVID-19**

**\*CDC recommended face coverings as well as gloves are required to be worn at all times in the boatyards and dive support facilities (ex. scuba tank room, dive lockers, etc).\***

**\*No chemicals may be discharged into any Marine Lab boatyard drain. If chemical disinfection of equipment is required and there is a chance of discharge into the storm drains, disinfection must be done off premises and in a responsible manner.\***

### SCUBA Tank Use:

**\*All users will wear gloves and face coverings** when present inside the boatyard or dive support facility. Gloves shall always be worn when interacting with SCUBA tanks.

- 1) Authorized users (as determined by OR, SBOC and DCB) will create an online scuba tank reservation a minimum of three working days in advance of planned field work.
- 2) The day of field work, users will retrieve their SCUBA tanks from the rack, utilize them in the field, rinse tanks with water following normal protocol, and place them back on the rack. Users should position the tanks with valves facing down and gently purge them to remove standing water.

### Gasoline Pump Use:

- 1) Anyone interacting with the gasoline pump, fuel locker, and fuel log book shall wear a face covering and gloves at all times.
- 2) Gasoline pump and fuel locker handles will be wiped down with user provided alcohol wipes after each use.

### EEMB Boat Use:

\*The following rules regarding EEMB boat use are subject to change at any time. Users should consult the EEMB launchmaster with questions about changes to use protocols.

\*All users will wear face coverings and gloves when present inside the boatyard or dive support facility. Gloves and face coverings will always be worn when interacting with and on EEMB vessels.

- 1) EEMB boat use will be restricted to those authorized by the OR, SBOC and DCB (if required).
- 2) Scheduling will be done online at a minimum of three working days before the desired date of field work and on a first come first serve basis.
- 3) Scheduling conflicts will be resolved by the EEMB launchmaster.
- 4) Boat keys will be provided to the user or placed on the necessary boat, the afternoon of the day before the boat is to be used.
- 5) The designated boat captain is responsible for confirming that all emergency support services for the area to be visited and listed under the dive plan (if applicable) are available on the day of field work.
- 6) Boat operators will operate under the assumption that there is no immediate help from Marine Operations support personnel and that their primary source of mechanical related on water support is vessel assist.
- 7) Boat operators will be responsible for cleaning/disinfecting EEMB owned vessels and boat specific equipment following the 'UCSB Boating. Guidelines for Boat and Boat Specific Equipment Cleaning/Disinfection'
- 8) Each EEMB boat will be given a minimum 12 hour drying time after cleaning/disinfection.