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| Mercian Divers SAA 39 Risk Assessment | Assessment Title: Shore Diving | | |
| | Assessment No: MDRA 3 | | |
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This risk assessment is in addition to Baseline Diving Assessment MDRA 1

| Hazard | Risk of | Groups at Risk | How you can reduce the risk |
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| 1. Kitting up | | | |
| Carry equipment long distance to entry point | Fatigue Overheating | Diver | Ensure fully recovered from exertions before entering water. Do not wear full, zipped suit |
| 2. Water Entry | | | |
| Falling in surf | Choking | Diver | Do not try and enter through surf Fit mask and DV before water entry |
| Falling on rocks | Injury, kit damage | Diver | Take extreme care when climbing over rocks with full kit. Consider making several journeys |
| Jumping off quay etc onto obstruction | Injury | Diver | Ensure the water at entry point is deep enough and free from underwater obstructions |
| 3. Dive | | | |
| Being struck by boats | Injury | Diver | Always use an SMB when boats are around, especially important in shallow water. Use extreme care when surfacing |
| Swept away from site by tides and currents | Drowning | Divers | Ensure you have local information regarding tides and currents. If unexpected currents are encountered, |

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| Currents and tides | Fatigue | Divers | consider aborting dive. Use boat cover if possible |
| 4. Exit | | | |
| Failure to find exit point | Drowning | Divers | Use compass, know bearing for exit point. Keep aware of position throughout dive |
| Tide change means entry point not available for exit | Drowning | Divers | Check tide tables, ensure exit point will be available at time of exit |
| Tripping over fins in surf | Injury, Kit damage | Divers | Remove fins in water and walk out. Keep mask and DV in place till clear of water |