



Don't put your life on the line

Tips for safe spearfishing

Know what to do in case of emergency

BE SAFE

- Be alert – keep a lookout for boat traffic and make sure you are visible to passing boat traffic
- Don't hyperventilate before holding your breath
- Obtain a current weather report for the time you will be diving
- Beware of the general public – and do not engage in actions that may endanger them
- Never load or carry a loaded speargun out of the water – and make sure the spear tips are sheathed or removed when out of the water

BE PREPARED

- Always dive with a friend – and tell someone where you will be diving and your estimated time of return
- Tow a coloured safety flag – displayed vertically above a float
- Display a 'diver below' flag on your boat if you are in the water
- Attach fish to a towed float so that they are away from your body
- Carry a knife that is attached to your body and easily accessible
- Carry a whistle and a reflective signal mirror in case of emergency

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