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CMAS Technical Sidemount Diver Standard

1. Aim of the training programme

1.1 The CMAS Technical Sidemount Training Programme is designed to cultivate the essential skills required for diving in a technical sidemount configuration in a technical diving environment. It provides the sidemount diver, with an opportunity to advance his/her sidemount diving skills using technical sidemount equipment and configuration, in a progressive manner developing the skills, knowledge and techniques necessary for diving in technical sidemount configuration. It provides non-CMAS trained divers with a gateway to CMAS training.

2. Classification

2.1 The CMAS Technical Sidemount Training Programme is classified as an advanced level speciality diver training programme.

3. Instructor and Assistant Requirements

3.1 The CMAS Technical Sidemount Training Programme may be presented by any CMAS Technical Sidemount Instructor with a minimum of a CMAS Advanced Nitrox Instructor grading that complies with the requirements as prescribed by Clause 2.1.16 of the definitions in Chapter 1.

3.2 The CMAS Sidemount Instructor may be assisted by a CMAS Dive Leader that complies with Clause 2.1.15 of the definitions Chapter1.

4. Competencies of a certified CMAS Technical Sidemount Diver

4.1 A CMAS Technical Sidemount Diver does not receive additional competencies; he shall be trained such that when assessed by a CMAS Instructor, he shall be deemed to have sufficient knowledge, skill and experience to dive using Technical Sidemount configuration within the parameters of his CMAS Diver qualifications or those applicable to the other diver training certifications he already holds.

5. Prerequisites for participation in the training programme

5.1 In order to gain access to the CMAS Technical Sidemount Training Programme, the participant shall:

5.1.1 Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; there is no upper limit;

5.1.2 Hold a CMAS Two Star (2) Diver or equivalent certification;

5.1.3 Hold a CMAS Advanced Nitrox Diver or equivalent from a recognized agency;

5.1.4 Effectively demonstrate his basic watermanship ability by performing, to a CMAS Instructor, the prescribed physical conditioning and watermanship evaluation of the CMAS Federation;

5.1.5 Complete the medical history/statement form required by the CMAS Federation prior to participating in any in-water activities; and

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- 5.1.6 Sign the appropriate form(s) as required by the CMAS Federation acknowledging and assuming the risks of SCUBA diving prior to participating in any in-water activities. Parental or legal guardian signature is required on the appropriate form(s) when the applicant is a minor.

6. Requirements for certification

6.1 In order to be certified as a CMAS Technical Sidemount Diver, the student shall:

- 6.1.1 Comply with all the prerequisites for participation in the training programme as prescribed by Clause 5 of this Standard;
- 6.1.2 Successfully complete the theoretical assessment as provided for in Clause 10.1 of this Standard; and
- 6.1.3 Successfully complete the practical skills assessment as provided for in Clause 10.2 of this Standard.

7. Required theoretical knowledge and diving skills

7.1 The participant shall receive tuition in the theoretical knowledge and practical skills as prescribed in Standard 3.B.? in Chapter 3.

8. Theoretical training parameters

8.1 The CMAS Instructor shall conform to the standard theoretical training parameters as prescribed in Clause 4.5 of Chapter 1.

9. Practical training parameters

9.1 The CMAS Instructor shall conform to the standard practical training parameters as prescribed in Clause 4.6 of Chapter 1.

10. Assessment

10.1 **Knowledge**

10.1.1 The participant shall demonstrate to the CMAS Instructor knowledge of Technical Sidemount diving theory and techniques by taking and passing an oral or written examination. This examination shall test Technical Sidemount diving theory and techniques as prescribed in Standard 3.B.? in Chapter 3.

10.2 **Practical skills**

10.2.1 The participant shall demonstrate to the CMAS Instructor his mastery of Technical Sidemount practical skills, as prescribed in Clause 2.1 of Standard 3.B.? in Chapter 3, during a practical skills assessment session.

11. Certification

11.1 Upon successful completion of the training programme the participant shall be awarded with a CMAS Technical Sidemount Diver C-card.

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