Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Scuba Diving International and the Boy Scouts of America / Sea Scouts

WHEREAS Scuba Diving International (SDI) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) / Sea Scouts, BSA have a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of young adults, their families, and adult leaders, we enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for the purposes of confirming a cooperative relationship under which SDI and BSA/Sea Scouts, BSA will assist one another in areas of mutual interest.

WHEREAS SDI is a global leader in recreational scuba diver training by providing education related to a scuba diving. Through its sister companies, Technical Diving International (TDI) and Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI), participants are provided with education in more advanced diving techniques and equipment, along with Public Safety diving for first responders. These programs can also help educate individuals as to how to protect the marine environment, develop leadership, and establish confidence.

WHEREAS Sea Scouts, BSA is a program of the Boy Scouts of America and is organized into ships comprised of male and female youth from ages 14 - 21 led by adult leaders; and there are Sea Scout youth with adult leaders as advisors throughout the United States; Sea Scouts learn safe operation of programs in, on, around, and under the water through boating and water safety and are devoted to the aims and goals of the Boy Scouts of America; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this MOU between SDI and Sea Scouts, BSA is to create mutually beneficial programs that would encourage Sea Scouts, BSA to incorporate scuba diving into their programs and for SDI leaders to share their expertise and guidance with America’s youth.

BE IT RESOLVED that SDI and Sea Scouts, BSA will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies, procedures, safety guidelines and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Boy Scout troops and Sea Scout Ships so that young adults may grow in character, physical and mental health, citizenship responsibility and with personal growth necessary to achieve their greatest potential.

For Sea Scouts, BSA:

Keith Christopher, National Director, Sea Scouts, BSA

Date

March 2, 2017

For Scuba Diving International:

Brian Carney, President SDI

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