

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to the Ocean Institute! We want you and everyone to have a memorable and safe experience.

The Ocean Institute's environment, vessels, facilities, and activities are unique and different from your usual surroundings and activities. There are many inherent risks, dangers, and hazards and everyone must exercise caution at all times in order to avoid or minimize the risk of damage, injury, and death.

Examples of these risks, dangers, and hazards include, without limitation: (a) walking and standing surfaces that may be wet, slippery, moving, irregular, unstable, and rough; (b) open areas such as hatches into which someone could fall; (c) low or irregular lighting, or no lighting at all; (d) objects and equipment that could fall on someone; (e) low ceilings; (f) ropes, chains, and other items that could strike or entangle someone; (g) extreme and variable physical, weather, and ocean conditions, including darkness, sun glare, storms, and hot and cold temperatures; (h) vessels, docks, buildings, ladders, and stairs from which someone could fall; (i) vessels and docks that could pitch, roll, capsize, flood, collide, and sink; (j) gaps between a vessel and a dock that could open or close suddenly and unpredictably; (k) possible encounters with wildlife and plants; and (l) unavailability of medical attention and treatment.

If you attend any Ocean Institute activities, then you must exercise caution at all times to protect yourself and others from these risks, dangers, and hazards. If children or other persons under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then discuss these risks, dangers, and hazards with them as they too must exercise caution at all times.

**Important!** The form should be completed IN CAPITAL LETTERS using a BLACK or DARK BLUE ballpoint/fountain pen. Characters and marks used should be similar in the style to the following:

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Program Name:  Program date:  /  /   
(MM/DD/YY)

**Participant Name:**

Last:  First:  Birth date:  /  /   
(MM/DD/YY)

**Guardian Name:**

Last:  First:   
Home Phone: (  )  -  Cell Phone: (  )  -   
Work Phone: (  )  -

Address:   
City:  State:  Zip:   
Email:

If you attend any Ocean Institute activities, and if others under your care attend any Ocean Institute activities, then by signing this document or by your attendance you and such other persons shall be deemed to have read and understood this document and to have irrevocably waived any and all claims against the Ocean Institute and its directors, officers, employees, contractors, volunteers, agents, and insurers for damage, injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of such activities.

Additionally, I authorize the use of photos taken of me and others under my care by the Ocean Institute for its promotional purposes.

Date:  /  /   
(MM/DD/YY)

Parent/Guardian Signature (Participant's signature if 18 or older)

Check here if you do not want to receive information on upcoming events and activities at the Ocean institute.

