Los Angeles Port Police Department
Open Ocean Diving Emergency Protocols

Depending on and according to the nature of the diving incident:
1. Make appropriate contact with the victim or conduct the rescue as required.
2. Make the victim positively buoyant (release weights, inflate or remove BCD, use flotation device). Use the appropriate method to get the victim back to the dive boat, dock or beach.
3. Assess and stabilize the victim.
4. Administer 100% Oxygen.
5. If ESD paramedics are present, ESD paramedics will follow established EMS protocols for patient treatment and transport.
6. If ESD paramedics are not present, notify local EMS for patient care and transport decisions (LAFD, Baywatch etc.)
7. Based on the incident and medic support available, decide if the patient will be transported on the vessel or if EMS will respond to conduct the transport.
8. Contact Dive10, Watch Commander and MOD Command Staff.
9. If the victim is unable to be located, notify the United States Coast Guard, Dive 10 and the Special Enforcement Bureau Desk immediately.

List of Emergency Contact Numbers Appropriate for Dive Locations
- Coast Guard Open Ocean Channel 16 VHF
- Coast Guard Sector LA/LB-Emergency 310 521-3815
- Coast Guard Non-Emergency 310 521-3801
- Coast Guard Northern Channel Islands 805 985-9822 “push 0”
- Coast Guard San Diego 619 278-7033
- USC Catalina Chamber Emergency Line 310 510-1053
- DAN Emergency Line 919 684-9111 & Non-Emergency Questions 800 446-2671
- SEB Desk Non-Emergency & Emergency 323 881-7800
- Aero Desk Non-Emergency & Emergency 562 421-2701
- Barley Flats / Air 5 Non-Emergency & Emergency 626 798-2456
- Avalon Station Non-Emergency & Emergency 310 510-0174
- Baywatch Avalon Non-Emergency & Emergency 310 510-0856
- Baywatch Isthmus Non-Emergency & Emergency 310 510-0341
- Marina Del Rey Station Non-Emergency & Emergency 310 482-6000
- Medic Alert Center 866 940-4401 “push 1”
- LAFD Battalion 6 (310) 548-7516
- LAFD Stn 111 (310) 548-7541
- Laguna Beach Lifeguards Non-Emergency & Emergency 949 494-6571
- LA Co. Lifeguards Ask for Specific Beach Location 310 372-2166
- Long Beach Police Non-Emergency 562 435-6711
- Newport Lifeguards Non-Emergency & Emergency 949 644-3177
- Newport Fire Non-Emergency 949 644-3047
- Redondo Beach Lifeguard Non-Emergency 310 372-2162