Member Companies of the

Association of Diving Contractors International

are your

Water Resources Specialists
History

The Association of Diving Contractors International, Inc. was founded in 1968 by a small group of diving companies. Their goal was to create a non-profit organization that would cultivate and promote commercial diving, establish uniform safe standards for commercial divers, and encourage industry-wide observance of these standards.

Since that time, the organization has grown to over 480 General Members Companies, Associate Member Schools and vendors; as well as cultivating a wide supporting and individual Membership, in over 40 countries throughout the world. The Association's mission of Safety, Education, and Communication for all Underwater Operations worldwide is based upon the ADCI Consensus Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations. The Consensus Standards are a living document, continuously being updated to reflect safe application of current best industry practices. The ADCI Consensus Standards are also recommended for use by non-member companies as guidance for conducting underwater operations.

The strength of the ADCI is not the numbers reflected in its large membership, but the diversity and expertise within its membership. Encompassing the offshore and inland sectors of diving, both domestically and internationally the Association of Diving Contractors International is comprised of segments from the business, educational, and medical communities.

From its beginning the ADCI has cooperated and participated with State and Federal regulatory agencies. Ever broadening its horizons; the Association works closely with all stakeholders (Federal and State Regulatory agencies, flag and foreign nations, industry operators, and municipalities) to develop standards which are consistent and attainable, while meeting the highest standards of safety for underwater operations.

Why Should I Use An ADCI Member Company?

An ADCI General Member Company has agreed in writing to adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions, and additionally, to abide by the ADCI Consensus Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations. In certain cases, the ADCI Consensus Standards are more stringent than those of the USCG, OSHA, or regulations, standards, and codes applied by Flag State or National bodies outside of U.S. jurisdiction.

ADCI General Member Companies are committed to employ only fully trained and properly experienced commercial diving personnel. General Member companies are required to maintain insurance coverage to protect not only the interests of the company, but also the interests of the contracting party.

ADCI General Member Companies have also pledged to utilize equipment which fully conforms to the requirements of federal, state, flag state, and national regulations, as well as those of the manufacturer. They must also be able to demonstrate that required tests and inspections have been conducted.
Your Commercial Diving Contractor

Must Be

Compliant with ADCI Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations, as well as those outlined and required regulations, standards, and codes applied by the Nations in which the work is to be performed.

Fully insured to the degree, as mandated by the customer, Flag State, or Nation.

Able to provide ADCI Commercial Diver Certification Cards for all personnel, as well as equipment maintenance documentation.

Diving Equipment Placed on Your Project

Must Be

Current in testing and inspection requirements, (as mandated by National codes and standards). Documentation to verify all testing and inspection should be present on the site.

Appropriate for the tasks associated with your project providing sufficient safeguards and protection.

Capable of supporting both primary diver(s) and standby diver(s) with dedicated equipment.
Dive Team Personnel Assigned To Your Project

Must Be

Formally trained in commercial diving to ADCI Consensus Standards for Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations, as well as those outlined and required by the Nations and States in which the underwater task(s) are to be performed.

Formally trained in and current with first aid and CPR certification

Familiar with procedures and proficient in the use of tools, equipment, devices, and systems associated with the assigned task(s)

Should have a recognized ADCI Commercial Diver Certification Card as recognized by OSHA, USCG, USACE, and other regulatory agencies worldwide.

Special Note

NAUI, PADI, YMCA, and other SCUBA certificates are for recreational diving only and not acceptable under OSHA regulations or ADCI standards for commercial diver training.

Association of Diving Contractors International
1. SAFE PRACTICES / OPERATIONS MANUAL
As outlined in USCG 46 CFR 197.420 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.420; all commercial diving contractors are required to have a safe practices/operations manual at the dive location. This document should address such items as:
- Safety procedures and checklists
- Assignments and responsibilities of dive team members
- Equipment checklists and procedures
- Procedures in case of emergency

2. MEDICAL REQUIREMENT
Copy of Diving Physical (Within the last 12 or 24 months) Filed

3. GENERAL OPERATIONS PROCEDURES
   A. Copy of Diving and Safe Procedures Manual ON SITE
   B. Emergency Phone Numbers
   C. Planning and Assessment
   D. Job Safety (Hazard) Analysis Complete
   E. Dive Flag Up
   F. Lockout and Tagout Complete and Verified
   G. Pre-dive Checks/Briefing Complete
   H. Post Dive Procedures

4. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS
   A. Diver’s Dress Appropriate
   B. Harness
   C. Weight Belt
   D. Bailout System (In-Use, Documented current HYDRO / VIP)

5. HELMETS AND MASKS
   A. Properly Installed and Tested
   B. Suitable for Task
   C. Manufacturer’s Recommended Maintenance Completed

6. HOSES (Record umbilical and deck hose numbers)
   A. Tagged and Tested (Annually)
   B. Umbilicals Properly Marked for Length

7. COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS
   A. Air Tested (Semi-annually) Record compressor number
   B. Volume Tank (ASME Approved) Record tank number
   C. Filtration System

8. DIVER ENTRY AND EGRESS SYSTEMS
   Diving Ladder or Stage

9. PRESSURE VESSELS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY CHAMBER
   Chamber (ASME Approved)

10. DEPTH GAUGES
    Calibrated Semi-annually

11. SAFETY EQUIPMENT
    A. First Aid Kit
    B. Fire Extinguisher
    C. Manual Bag-Type Resuscitator