



NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE

Welcome!

Returning Aquarium Diver
PADI Distinctive Specialty





Course Logistics

- Paperwork
- Dive Briefing
- Aquarium Dives



Dive Briefing – Overview

- The dive locker
- Gear assembly
- Transporting gear
- Getting ready to dive
- Entering the water
- The dives
- Exit



Dive Briefing – The Dive Locker

- Equipment storage
- Briefing area
- Gear assembly
- Assembling your gear
- Equipment
- “J” valve
 - OSHA compliance
 - Redundant air source
 - Must be in UP position



Dive Briefing – Let's Go Diving!

- Transport – your scuba assembly and weights will be ready for you at the platform
- Do you have: mask & fins, gloves
- Gear up sitting on dive platform
- The Tender will help you in and out of the water safely and monitors all divers during the dive
- Controlled seated entry
- **WE DO NOT DO GIANT STRIDE ENTRIES AT THE AQUARIUM!!!!**

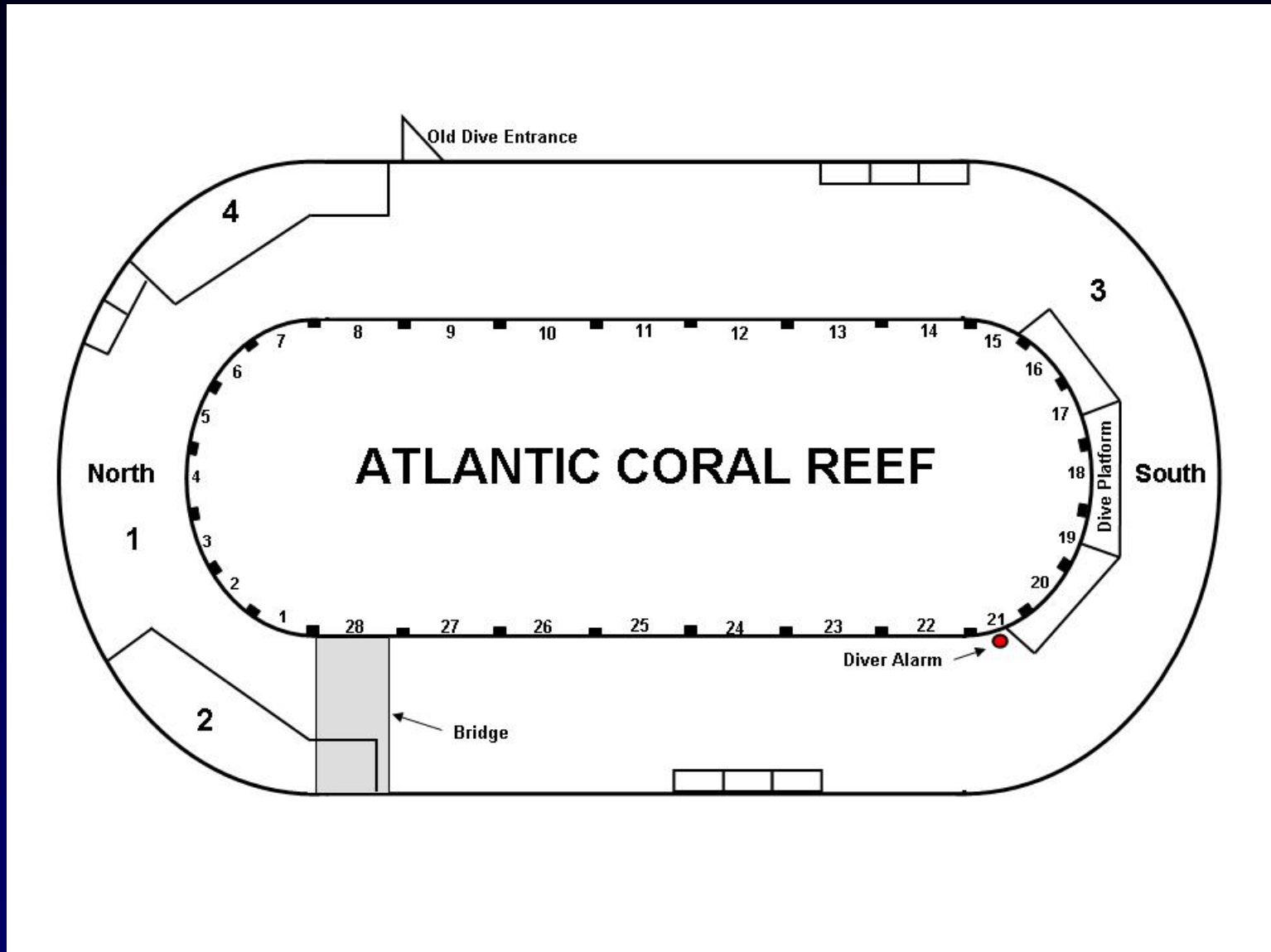


The Atlantic Coral Reef (ACR)

- 13 feet deep
- 335,000 gallons (man made saltwater)
- Overhead environments/caves and tunnels
 - Maintain proper buoyancy control
 - Do not enter caves or tunnels
- The Animals - Cautions
 - Capable of causing injury
 - Mouths can bite
 - Barbs can cause a penetration wound
- Some of the animals are large



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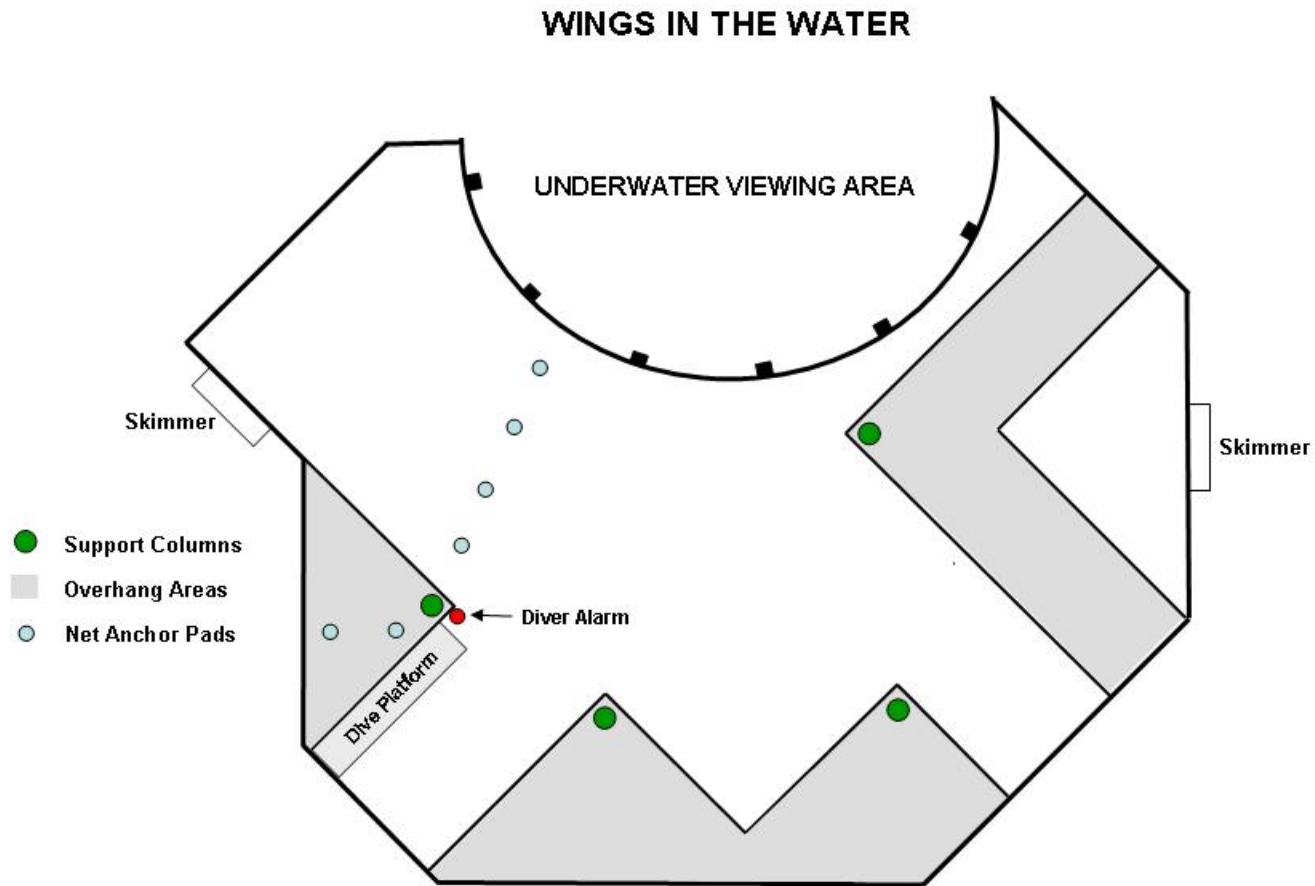


The Wings in the Water

- 8-9 feet deep
- 265,000 gallons of man made saltwater
- Overhead environments
- The Animals – use caution
 - Mouths and barbs
 - Size matters
- Currents
- HINT – Stay low in the water column



The Wings in the Water





Oscar, the green moray eel

- Oscar - juvenile green moray eel
- Do not touch, grab or harass Oscar
- Oscar may come out to greet you
- Do not attempt to feed Oscar
- Do not voluntarily touch Oscar
- Oscar may approach you during your dive
- Do not panic, tuck your hands and relax. The animal should swim away
- If you feel uncomfortable, return to the dive platform and exit

Keep your hands
and fists in and
close to your chest



Have a great dive!

- Thank you for joining us at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, we hope you enjoy your dive
- Once back in the dive locker, help yourself to a shower
- Be sure to fill out and sign your PADI PIC form
- The Aquarium Diver Distinctive Specialty counts towards your “Master Diver” certification

