

WAC 296-37-565 Liveboating. (1) General. Employers engaged in diving operations involving liveboating shall comply with the following requirements.

(2) Limits. Diving operations involving liveboating shall not be conducted:

(a) With an inwater decompression time of greater than 120 minutes;

(b) Using surface-supplied air at depths deeper than 190 fsw, except that dives with bottom times of 30 minutes or less may be conducted to depths of 220 fsw;

(c) Using mixed gas at depths greater than 220 fsw;

(d) In rough seas which significantly impede diver mobility or work function; or

(e) In other than daylight hours.

(3) Procedures.

(a) The propeller of the vessel shall be stopped before the diver enters or exits the water.

(b) A device shall be used which minimizes the possibility of entanglement of the diver's hose in the propeller of the vessel.

(c) Two-way voice communication between the designated person-in-charge and the person controlling the vessel shall be available while the diver is in the water.

(d) A standby diver shall be available while a diver is in the water.

(e) A diver-carried reserve breathing gas supply shall be carried by each diver engaged in liveboating operations.

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