

SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

Subscription payments can be made directly to the Ghost Fishing NZ bank account:

Westpac, Kilbirnie

Ghost Fishing New Zealand

03-0521-0017617-00

NB: Please include your name for reference.

Please contact Ghost Fishing NZ at GFNZmembership@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE *(please select)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Student (18 & under with ID) & Senior (over 65)	\$35 NZD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Membership	\$50 NZD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple Membership	\$70 NZD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Membership (immediate family)	\$90 NZD

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- GFNZ Drink Bottle (for initial sign up only – max 2 per family / couple)
- Go Bamboo Toothbrush (for initial sign up only – max 2 per family / couple)
- X2 Free Training Sessions
- Further Discounted Training Sessions
- Unlimited GFNZ Clean Ups
- Quarterly Newsletter

MISSION STATEMENT

Ghost Fishing New Zealand aims to actively promote environmental awareness and conservation by the pro-active removal of rubbish and debris from the sea floor and coastline.

Ghost Fishing New Zealand encourages passionate volunteers to help in the global fight against pollution, with emphasis on education, conservation and exploration.

PERSONAL DETAILS

FIRST NAME:	
FAMILY NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
SUBURB:	
CITY:	
POSTAL CODE:	
MOBILE:	
HOME PHONE (OPTIONAL):	
EMAIL:	
AGE:	
INVOLVEMENT <i>(CIRCLE THOSE WHICH APPLY)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SCUBA TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> FREE TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> SHORE TEAM

PLEASE NOTE: Email addresses are used for the purpose of organising GFNZ activities and email correspondence. They will not be shared between participating Club members or externally.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

FULL NAME:	
RELATIONSHIP:	
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:	
CONTACT EMAIL:	

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS

Member 2

FIRST NAME:	
FAMILY NAME:	
RELATIONSHIP:	
MOBILE (IF APPLICABLE):	
HOME PHONE (OPTIONAL):	
EMAIL (IF APPLICABLE):	
AGE:	
INVOLVEMENT (CIRCLE THOSE WHICH APPLY)	SCUBA TEAM FREE TEAM SHORE TEAM

Member 3

FIRST NAME:	
FAMILY NAME:	
RELATIONSHIP:	
MOBILE (IF APPLICABLE):	
HOME PHONE (OPTIONAL):	
EMAIL (IF APPLICABLE):	
AGE:	
INVOLVEMENT (CIRCLE THOSE WHICH APPLY)	SCUBA TEAM FREE TEAM SHORE TEAM

Member 4

FIRST NAME:	
FAMILY NAME:	
RELATIONSHIP:	
MOBILE (IF APPLICABLE):	
HOME PHONE (OPTIONAL):	
EMAIL (IF APPLICABLE):	
AGE:	
INVOLVEMENT <i>(CIRCLE THOSE WHICH APPLY)</i>	SCUBA TEAM FREE TEAM SHORE TEAM

Member 5

FIRST NAME:	
FAMILY NAME:	
RELATIONSHIP:	
MOBILE (IF APPLICABLE):	
HOME PHONE (OPTIONAL):	
EMAIL (IF APPLICABLE):	
AGE:	
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SCUBA AND FREE DIVER PARTICIPANT DISCLAIMER



1. **As a diver, certified by a known training agency:**

I understand that I am responsible for myself, and my diving, and agree to dive within the limits imposed by my training, ability and experience. I understand that Ghost Fishing New Zealand (GFNZ) activities are NOT organised by a training agency or another club, nor is GFNZ affiliated directly to any training agency, and hence there may not be professional divers on club dives. When participating in a GFNZ event, I understand that the lead GFNZ divers will oversee the diving operations and do their utmost to ensure general safety. Because I am volunteering my time and equipment, I cannot, and will not hold GFNZ responsible for any incident or accident resulting from, including, but not limited to:

- Equipment Failure or accident resulting from equipment failure
- Poor condition of personal equipment
- Diving beyond my ability or certification (whichever is the lesser of the two)
- Diving in conditions I am not comfortable in
- Failing to adhere to the dive plan set by GFNZ
- Failing to adhere to Safe Practices as set out by Training Agencies
- Hazards both in and out of the water
- Personal Negligence
- Any other incident or accident that falls outside of direct control by GFNZ

2. **Diving is a dangerous activity:**

I understand that partaking in any GFNZ SCUBA and free diving activities involves inherent risks and can result in injuries that may require specific treatment (such as in a recompression chamber). I understand that some clean ups can be at remote locations some distance from such a facility. I agree that by signing up on such activities and clean ups, I choose to personally accept and assume responsibility for such risks. I agree that I have training in the use and safe operation of Diver Propulsion Vehicles (DPV's) (where/when used).

3. **Pre-dive Assessment and Disclosure:**

I understand and agree that I will only take part in GFNZ events if:

- a) I feel well, ready for the activity and I have the appropriate clothing, footwear and dive equipment;
- b) I am physically, mentally and medically fit and ready for the activity;
- c) I have read, reviewed and signed any waivers for the activity. Furthermore, I will not participate under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication contraindicative to diving.

I am aware that I must assemble and check all equipment to ensure that it is fully functioning and that I must report any adjustments and repairs to gear completed before, during and following the dive. I agree to return any borrowed GFNZ gear in good condition or report any faults. I agree that I will not take part in any activities if there are conditions or problems that would prohibit me from diving safely or in activities that exceed limits imposed by my training and certification.

I; _____ agree to the above terms and conditions as set out, and can confirm that I accept these terms, and confirm my ability to participate in GFNZ events and activities as stipulated above. I can confirm to the best of my knowledge, I have nothing to declare to GFNZ in regards to my physical, mental, or emotional wellbeing that may render me unable to participate safely.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ALL PARTICIPANT DISCLAIMER

1. In arranging club activities, GFNZ is simply undertaking an organisational role of the event for the logistical benefit of club members. While every endeavour is made to ensure club activities are safe, ultimately personal safety, especially in diving, is an individual responsibility. I understand that neither the trip organiser, the skipper, crew members, other GFNZ members, or any other persons on club activities, may be held liable or responsible in any way for injury, death, or other damages to me, my family, heirs, my belongings, equipment or assigns, that may occur as a result of my participation in this trip. This includes the result of negligence of any of the aforementioned parties, whether passive or active.
2. I understand that GFNZ is encouraging club members to further their training through certified training facilities; however, it is the individual's responsibility to source and book these. GFNZ will provide some specified non-certified educational training, including workshops, pool and classroom sessions.
3. I have read and understood the GFNZ Constitution, Code of Conduct and read, signed and returned the Disclaimer and Liability forms (copies are available on the website or from any committee member).

DECLARATION

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____ **Date Processed:** _____

Processed By: _____ **Membership Number:** _____

HEALTH & SAFETY

A copy of this will be sent with your invoice to participants who wish to participate with scuba or free team activities, for your reference.

Scuba Diving:

All club members accept personal responsibility for their activities when participating in club events and acknowledge the inherent risks associated with scuba and free diving activities. To document this, anyone joining or renewing their membership or participating as a guest in Club activities must sign the scuba and free team disclaimer and adhere to internationally accepted safety recommendations of the dive industry. Anyone under the age of 18 must obtain approval of a legal guardian before participating in Club activities.

The Club expects responsible and safety conscious behaviours of every member when participating in Club activities to minimise risk associated to dive activities. In particular, the Club expects members to plan their dive and perform a pre-dive safety check in line with members' certification, and check weather and marine forecast before every dive.

Special consideration for dives in the Wellington area should be given to currents, wind, water temperature (cold water exposure), visibility and boat traffic.

Scuba Diving Safety Tips:

All diving involves a degree of risk, because, after all, we are air-breathing mammals who have no sensible reason to be underwater. If we accept this premise, and admit to ourselves that we are voluntarily entering an alien environment, we are more likely to approach our diving with a sensible degree of caution. We, must also acknowledge that we rely totally on our equipment while diving.

These safety hints apply to ALL dives, and should be read in addition to those hints for specific types of diving:

- Be trained by a recognised agency. Such training will make you aware of the more common problems you will face underwater, and how to reduce the likelihood of these problems occurring.
- Be medically assessed by a doctor who has appropriate training in diving medicine. Some medical conditions (and medications) are not compatible with safe diving, while other conditions may allow you to dive safely with caution.
- Thoroughly prepare and check your gear prior to diving. You rely totally on your equipment while underwater.
- Choose dives that match your training, experience and confidence. Always dive within your comfort zone. Listen to your inner voice. If you do not feel right while underwater, or you feel that you have exceeded your comfort level, abort the dive.

- When you first reach the bottom, establish neutral buoyancy, ensure your ears are OK, check your air status and depth, tighten your weight belt, and then signal your buddy that you are OK. Make these actions a standard part of ALL dives.
- Watch your ascent rate on all dives.
- Complete safety stops on all dives that exceed 10m depth. Safety stops assist with reduction of excess nitrogen, which reduces the risk of DCI. They also slow your ascent rate, by forcing you to stop for a period of time. The rule of thumb is 3-5 minutes at 5-6 metres.
- Always dive with a buddy. Your safety and your enjoyment will be enhanced by being with a companion while underwater.
- Plan your dive. You and your buddy should agree on depth, time, air cut-off, and safety stops.
- Plan your dive so you surface with a minimum of 50 bar.
- If you have had a layoff from diving, or you have been unwell, do some easier dives to regain your confidence and skill.
- Revise your skills regularly. Practise such survival skills as mask-clearing, regulator removal, and air sharing regularly.
- Log your dives. A record of your diving history may come in very handy should you ever seek higher levels of training.

ALWAYS listen to the pre-dive brief at any GFNZ event and adhere to the rules stipulated by the Dive Team Leader.

DAN (Divers Alert Network)

Follow the link below to find all the answers to many common and some less common questions relating to diving medical issues -http://www.danap.org/DAN_diving_safety/DAN_Doc/main.html

Diving Emergencies:

As divers, we hope to never find ourselves in need of emergency medical assistance as a result of a diving accident. However, statistics highlight that accidents do happen, even to the most experienced divers, so we should all have a plan of action that will prepare us for the unexpected.

If you ever find yourself in an emergency situation, when in New Zealand, your first step should be to call the **Diving Emergency Services (DES) Medical Hotline – 0800 4 DES 111 (0800 4 337 111)**.