NOAA DIVING PROGRAM
PRE AND POST DIVE CHECKLIST

PRE-DIVE

1. Mission Safety

- ☐ Dive objectives and goals are defined, reviewed and understood by the dive and support personnel.
- ☐ The Diving Accident Management Plan is posted, coordinated and reviewed (i.e., chamber availability, evacuation route, etc.), and all personnel are informed of their duties.
- ☐ Conduct a pre-dive briefing.

2. Evaluate and Prepare for Potential Hazards

- ☐ Identify dive site entry procedures and exit access point(s).
- ☐ Define depth, bottom time and cylinder ending pressure limits for the planned dive.
- ☐ Evaluate and discuss potential for entrapment, entanglement, other physical or mechanical hazards, bottom obstructions, dangerous bottom conditions or marine life, and marine traffic hazards.
- ☐ Complete Dive Safe Ship Operations (NOAA Form 64-3), if applicable.

3. Diving and Support Personnel

- ☐ Ensure that all divers are authorized to perform their assigned duties according to their NOAA certification levels (i.e., Working Diver, Scientific Diver, Trainee Diver, or Observational Diver).
- ☐ Ensure that all divers are qualified to complete assigned underwater tasks safely.
- ☐ Ensure support personnel understand all diver hand signals, emergency recall signals and can offer immediate assistance in case of an emergency.
- ☐ Provide an assessment of repetitive dive designations of a previous dive was made within 12 hours.

4. Equipment

- ☐ All support equipment (boats, compressor, oxygen kit, tools, etc.) are operated by trained personnel.
- ☐ All dive techniques to be used are safe and appropriate and authorized.
- ☐ All tools used are appropriate for the task.
- ☐ Complete diving first aid kit, first aid handbook, oxygen resuscitator, divemaster kit, a complete set of no-decompression air and Nitrox Tables, and dive flags are on site.

POST-DIVE

- ☐ Dive team buddies have remained together for a minimum of 30 minutes after each dive and have monitored each other's condition during that time.
- ☐ Notify watch on the vessel's bridge when operations are completed (if applicable).
- ☐ Ensure that all personal dive and support equipment is thoroughly cleaned and properly stowed.
- ☐ Conduct a dive debrief and critique operations, including procedures for flying after diving (if applicable).

Printed name of person completing checklist: _____

Signature of above person: _____

Date checklist completed: _____