

## LA MADDALENA PARK – DIVING REGULATION

The Marine Park of the Archipelago of La Maddalena offers a lot of interesting dive sites that can satisfy beginners and experts, as nearly all the dive sites are suitable for any level of certification. There are 40 dive sites to be visited around the Maddalena Archipelago, the reserve of Lavezzi and the Bonifacio Strait. The presence of many islands and islets in the area offer sheltered places to dive, even with bad weather conditions. The maximum depth is about 30 metres and even if you do not go deeper you will have all chances to watch different species of fishes, corals, crustaceans, nudibranches and other marine life. The water is clear and the visibility is between 15 metres to 30 metres (50-100 feet). The water temperature varies from 15°C in early Spring, and between 19°C and 25°C in Summer and Autumn. A suit 5mm-7mm is recommended. The type of diving is characterized by rocky reefs with caverns and overhangs, seagrass areas and a few wrecks, and the marine life by octopus, groupers, breams, barracudas, sponges and corals. The dives in the Corsic area are characterized by a huge quantity of fish. At the "City of the Groupers" of Lavezzi, famous all over the world, giant groupers approach the divers in search of food. On the shoals of "Ponente", "Pilone", "Banco", "Ostro" and "Sperduti" you'll be sure to see a lot of typical lair fishes like groupers, shadefish, breams, rocklings and morays, as well as free water fishes like amberjacks, dentexes and barracudas. On the other side, the Sardinian area is characterized by the beauty of its underwater paths. The shoals of "Spargi", "Mezzogiorno", "Budelli" and "Razzoli" have a highly spectacular morphology, with castles of granite raising up from the sandy ground, in vertical walls of 20-30 meters, covered by the greatest red gorgons of the Mediterranean already at the depth of 15 meters. In this zone there is also a well known and unique dive spot, strictly reserved to the more expert divers: the deep dive at the "Shoal of the Black Coral", (the largest living branch of the Mediterranean Sea).

