Hand signals for maintenance dives on the Gordons Bay underwater nature trail

Chain - **Both Index Fingers Interlocked**

Where is the chain? - **Both index fingers interlocked** followed by the standard sign for **"Where is?"** -both arms extended out and upward and a shrug of the shoulders

Chain in poor condition - **Both index fingers interlocked** followed by the standard sign for **"not okay"** the hand palm down and rotate or shake the wrist slightly a couple of times.

Chain in good condition - **Both index fingers interlocked** followed by the standard signal for **"okay"** – Thumb and index finger making a circle

Chain broken - **Both index fingers interlocked** followed by a **pulling apart of the hands** in sideways and opposite directions

Shackle - Grab left index finger with right thumb and index finger as if grabbing and holding

Spanner – Hold right arm down and away from body, right hand in a loose fist whilst moving the wrist slightly back and forth as if using a spanner. This hand movement should be below the waist so as never to be confused with the "50 bar left" sign which is a closed fist held at shoulder height.

Underwater trail missing several metres of chain - **Both index fingers interlocked** followed by a **pulling apart of the hands** in sideways and opposite directions followed by **both palms facing each other but about 30cm apart** to indicate length followed by the diving standard to indicate metres by showing number of fingers.

Length of chain - **Both palms facing each other but about 30cm apart** to indicate length then use both hands if needed with palms towards the other person and show the number of fingers to indicate number of metres (Diving standard already used to indicate time and depth) This can also be used following the "chain in poor condition" to record how much chain will be needed for repairs.

Repair or task to be completed next dive. -If time is limited on dive to indicate "Let us do this task on the next dive" Use the international signal used by motor racing competitors when they have just lost their race. Hold your right hand slightly in front of your right shoulder and **rotate the index finger several times in small circles**. This is symbolic of the clock hands rotating several times meaning "Next time" we will get the job done.

Lift bag - Both palms pointing up with fingertips touching but base of palms apart, much like the **shape of the lift bag**.

Buoy – With both hands make the **shape of a ball** with tips of fingers touching but splayed and thumbs touching on the opposite side to form a sphere.

Drum - Arms in front of body at waist level with fingertips touching to form a rough **circle**.

Reef Ball - Both palms pointing up with fingertips touching and tips of thumbs touching and horizontal to form the base of a rough **triangle**.