On average, Lobster Mini-Season results in two dive fatalities. Here’s what you need to know to avoid becoming one of the numbers.

DIVE FATALITY AND LOBSTER MINI-SEASON STATISTICS

**OVER A DECADE OF DIVER DEATHS**

Over the ten-season period from 2004 through 2014, there were nearly 800 scuba diving related deaths in the U.S. and Canada alone. 400 deaths occurred in the ocean and, of these, 110 were divers. California and Florida accounted for nearly 74% of all U.S. scuba diving deaths in divers.

**FOUR TIPS FOR SAFER MINI-SEASON DIVING**

1. **Monitor Your Gauges.**
   - Hunters can become easily distracted by the thrill of the hunt and multi-tasking while diving. Risks levels are higher.
   - Failure to monitor gas has resulted in more drowning and Risks deaths than expected.
   - Check your gauges often.

2. **Dive with a Buddy.**
   - Diving with a buddy is both more fun and safer than diving alone. Plan your dives and safer than diving alone. Plan your dives and safer than diving alone.
   - Use the Buddy System.

3. **Be Fit for Diving.**
   - Diving places physical demands upon the body and multi-tasking adds to the workload. Make a check-out dive before mini-season to ensure you are physically up to the task. If you are out of breath on an easy dive, do not make the situation worse during mini-season by trying to catch a bag of lobsters.

4. **Get Certified.**
   - Certified divers are more educated, safer divers. Uncertified divers commonly breach more safety rules which increases the risk of death.
   - Statistics show that California and Florida account for over 60% of all diving fatalities in the U.S. Therefore, more safety interventions may be very helpful in these key dive states.

**NUMBERS DON’T LIE. DIVERS DIE.**


**COASTAL DEATHS**

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**HUNTERS BECOME EASILY DISTRACTED**

Hunters are divers that harvest marine animals such as lobster, abalone or fish for personal use while diving. Hunters become distracted from the thrill of the hunt.

**THINK THIS CAN’T HAPPEN TO YOU? THINK AGAIN.**


**DIVING DANGERS**

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- **Check your gauges often.**
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- **Be fit for diving.**
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