

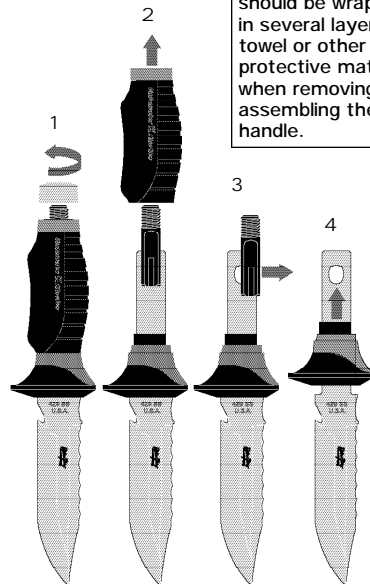
## Caring For Your Blue Tang

Although the Blue Tang is made from the best materials to withstand the harsh marine environment, a little extra care will increase the useful life of this knife.

**Rinse before storage** Before putting the Blue Tang away between dive trips, remove the handle as shown on the right and rinse with fresh water. This will prevent growth of salt crystals and long term rust of steel blades under the handle. Titanium will not rust, but salt crystals will still accumulate.

**Keep the blade sharp** A dive knife is often used as a tool for activities beyond cutting and slicing. Acts such as prying, hammering and stabbing, etc. can destroy the cutting edge of the knife. When you really need to use the knife for cutting the performance will not be as expected. We recommend that you keep the blade sharp using the sharpening steels and stones used for other cutlery. There are many techniques published in books and on the web.

**Inspect the sheath before diving** Before diving inspect the knife locking mechanism of the sheath. Insert the knife and make sure that it locks in place. If not look for mud or seaweed in the mechanism which may prevent proper operation.



Blade Removal For Cleaning

**CAUTION**  
Due to sharpness of the knife blade, it should be wrapped in several layers of towel or other protective material when removing or assembling the handle.

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Underwater Kinetics products are engineered for maximum performance and durability. All products carry a Limited Lifetime Warranty to the original retail purchaser to be free from defective material and workmanship under normal and intended use. In addition, the Underwater Kinetics Limited Warranty covers materials used in its products to the original purchaser, from the date of purchase, as follows: plastics for 10 years; fabrics and rubber for 3 years.

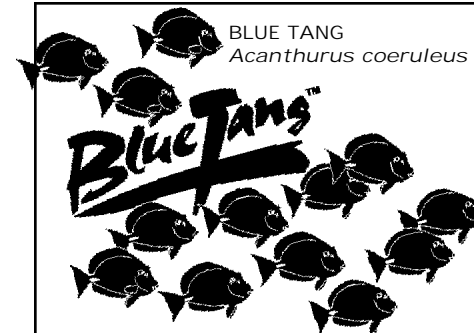
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Grazing on algae in the shallow Caribbean reefs are schools of platter shaped fish cloaked in a most magnificent indigo blue. A thin horizontal stroke of yellow can be seen accenting the base of each tail. Protruding from this highlighted zone is a sharp spine used for defense. To visitors, this beautiful fish is known as the Blue Tang. It is a member of the Surgeon Fish family, all of which brandish a keen edged spine. As a juvenile, the Blue Tang is brilliant yellow in color with crescents of bright blue above and below each eye. With age the dorsal and anal fins become edged in light blue. Head and body develop into a darker shade of blue. Finally the yellow tail is transformed and adulthood arrives.



**T**hank you for choosing our Blue Tang dive knife. We have worked hard to bring you a knife made from the most durable materials we could find and crafted them into a tool designed to meet the needs of a fully trained and responsible diver.

In designing this knife we became aware that the dive knife is an extra special piece of equipment. To a new diver, the vision of plunging into the sea, dagger clinched firmly between the teeth, is not readily admitted, but also hard to deny. To a seasoned diver the knife is a tool which comes in many shapes and sizes. It is a safety device for freeing oneself from an unseen monofilament line, fishing net or perhaps a hunger ravaged shark. It is a prying tool for loosening scallops, pieces of wreckage or opening a treasure chest. It is a propulsion device for dragging ones tired body up current along a sandy bottom. It is a hunting tool for breaking up chum, spearing fish or filleting the catch for a beach barbecue. It is a make shift screwdriver, hammer, pry bar, or marlin spike.

Whatever your needs may be, please use your Blue Tang responsibly and dive safely.



## Getting To Know Your Blue Tang Dive Knife

Signaling pommel from Titanium or HYDRALLOY™ is insulated from blade to eliminate metal to metal corrosion

Quick disassembly for cleaning. No tools required!

Hooked edge line cutter  
Large choil for power grip on blade

Serrated edge for cutting rope and line

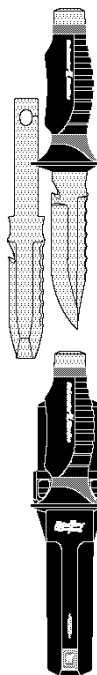
Straight edge for slicing

Two knife models: Drop Point or Blunt Tip

Two blade alloy options:  
Titanium or HYDRALLOY™

Ozone resistant quick release knife straps included

Backed by Underwater Kinetics' warranty and reputation for quality and service



**Comfortable Grip** The Blue Tang fits comfortably in the palm of either hand. A soft rubber thumb guard is provided for the thumb to press into when slicing. For the most powerful grip, you can choke up on the handle and allow the thumb and index finger to wrap firmly around the choil of the blade.

**Titanium or HYDRALLOY™ Blade Material** A dive knife should be sharp, corrosion resistant and durable. Titanium is light weight, will not corrode and holds an edge better than many softer stainless steels. It is also the most expensive. HYDRALLOY™ is less expensive, extremely corrosion resistant and holds an edge as well as many stainless steels which corrode.

**One Hand Operation** To release the Blue Tang from the sheath, depress two buttons located on either side of the handle with the thumb and index finger. Pressing one button accidentally will not release the knife. Pushing the knife back into its sheath locks the handle in place.

We gave ourselves an assignment: Create a dive knife that keeps a keen edge comparable to 420SS, resists corrosion like 316SS and is not made of titanium. Our solution — HYDRALLOY™. By combining a unique blend of alloys and proprietary finishing techniques, we have developed a superior new brand of stainless steel for dive knives

### Quick Release Knife Straps

Two quick release knife straps are included with the Blue Tang. Simply adjust the length as described below, then you can then snap your Blue Tang knife on securely and remove it quickly with little effort.

1. Thread one of the two knife straps through the slot provided in the back of the knife sheath
2. Feed the soft tip of the strap through loop portion of the quick release clasp as shown.
3. Install the other strap in a similar way.
4. Place the sheath on the inside of your lower leg and clip the hook of each strap into the corresponding loop of the clasp.
5. If a strap does not fit, adjust the length of the strap fed through the loop section of the clasp.

