

## **Magician new rules as of Oct. 1, 2019**

In the wake of the Conception tragedy there are now important changes for all the dive boats. The USCG is taking this very seriously requiring every commercial vessel to complete an additional inspection of watch keeping procedures, crew training, firefighting equipment, emergency lighting and bunkroom escape hatch.

**The Magician met or exceeded all crew training, fire prevention & firefighting requirements for the USCG before any improvements.**

In spite of this, they have upgraded their smoke alarms to an interconnected smoke/carbon monoxide tester system and added two more detectors. In addition they have added two nightwatch alarms, one in the wheelhouse and one in the galley.

**They have also had to make other changes onboard that will AFFECT EVERYONE. PLEASE READ before signing up for a trip on the Magician.**

1-ALL lithium batteries (most everything has a lithium battery) brought on board will need to be in a fireproof container like the Lipo bags you can find on the Internet. Power strips have never been allowed on the boat and still will not be allowed.

2-All lithium batteries will be required to be charged in your fireproof container or Lipo bag. NO charging of batteries will be allowed between 10 pm-6 am.

3-Large hard dive cases will no longer be allowed onboard. They can block escape routes.

4-According to the USCG to ease passenger egress in case of an emergency they will be lowering the maximum on overnites and people sleeping on the boat at dock to 14 passengers. There can still be more people on the boat for a day trip but people wishing to sleep on the boat the night before WILL BE limited to 14.