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## Comment

I have been a commercial diver for 35 years, and I would just like to thank the U.S. Coast Guard for the implementation of their future 5 man dive team standards. It's been a long time coming, especially in the New York harbor region where the attitude towards diver safety is piss poor.

Statements such as "we can't follow OSHA or Coast Guard standards because we can't compete with non-union", "tending the divers hose is not a job", "non-divers can be a dive team member", and or "traditionally we don't hold the divers hose", etc. etc. These statements come out of the mouths of fools and amateurs relying on a profit by cutting diver safety corners instead of producing in the water in order to compete with non-union. They say "the piers we work under are only in thirty feet of water or less". they forget to mention that the reason they are working under these piers in this NY deep water port with heavy vessel traffic is because the imminent threat of a collapse is possible.

With the new standards I'm now confident and hopeful that the Coast Guard will monitor and enforce where and when needed, so the fools that oppose these standards will no longer be playing Russian roulette with a divers life. Oh bet me me amateurs with their non-diver Business agents will come to Louisiana to oppose, only identifying their ignorance towards a real dive operation. Don't let them sway these professional standards set by the Coast Guard.

in closing I would like to thank the United States Coast Guard for all their hard work making the commercial diving industry a little safer. I would also like to thank the gentlemen of the Coast Guard for their service.

sincerely,  
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P.S. Those of you that don't like these comments, to bad, you are part of the problem.

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