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Diver education and care

Dear Divers. We care deeply about you and your safety, and are really excited to share our underwater world with you. With this in mind we do have a few points we would like to make you aware of before you go off to start exploring our incredible underwater world.

- **Switching boats:** When transferring between boats please pay close attention. Both boats will be moving around a bit on the water, and feet placement is very important. The staff will point out where to step and any possible hazards to you. Should you need assistance with your bags, or to be helped across yourself, you only have to ask, and the staff will certainly do so.
- **Checking dive gear:** Once you are on the boat, please check that all your dive gear is accounted for and nothing has been left behind before the boat departs to the dive site. If you are missing anything let us know and we will run and fetch it for you.
- **Dive gear setup:** Before each dive, our staff will fit your BCD onto your cylinder but if you can please check the final adjustment to ensure everything fits you just right.
- **Check tanks:** For your convenience we do change tanks for you between dives, but we might get distracted and accidentally miss you. So please check that your cylinder is full, and the air turned on. Always breathe from your regulator and watch your pressure gauge – if it moves, your tank is not fully open. If your tank is not full, give us a shout and we'll assist in getting you a new tank before you jump in the water.
- **Buddy Checks:** All trained divers are taught to always be safety conscious and do good buddy checks before each dive. We at Beqa love this idea and strongly urge you to do those Pre-Dive Buddy Checks! Remember to also breathe off your regulator to ensure your tank is open.
- **Jumping In:** As you know, most divers are strong and independent in their habits, so if you are capable of getting into, and out, of the water by yourself then please do so when ready. But should you need us to assist you with this, let us know and we will gladly come to your aid. Also, when getting out of the water don't climb the ladder with your dive equipment on. This could place undue stress on your back which might ruin the rest of the diving for you. Rather inflate your BCD so it floats and pass it up to us. We will bring it onto the boat for you.
- **Nitrox:** To All Nitrox divers, we have Oxygen Analyzers at the dive shop and on each boat. Remember when we did our Nitrox training, and we were taught that each diver must analyze his/her own tank and calculate the MOD accordingly? On each of the dive boats we have a sheet that we request you fill in with your Oxygen percentage, together with your MOD before jumping into the water. If you haven't done a dive for a while and are a bit rusty with the calculations, don't worry we do it every day and will help you should you need.



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- **Dive Briefing:** We do dive briefings before each dive so you could be well informed about all aspects of the particular dive site. With some of the sites we will request that all divers descend the mooring rope. Our Divemasters are intimately familiar with all the sites, and should they make this request it will first and foremost be with your safety and enjoyment in mind. There could be a slight current where if you were to make a descent away from the line, you might drift away and lose the dive group. Once you have entered the water, wait on the surface float line for your buddy to enter, and do the descent down the line together. This way you know you will be with the group, and your buddy is right there with you should you or your buddy need assistance from each other.
- **During the dive:** Always be the kind of buddy you would want from your buddy. Our dive buddies are always our first source of assistance should we have need of any. So, stay close to each other and look out for each other. Our Divemasters will always come to assist should they note that you have a problem. However, they do also have other divers in their care on the same dive and even though they are hawk eyed individuals they might not notice that you are in a spot of trouble right away, and this is where the buddy system becomes invaluable. Remember, we all did training during our dive courses for just these situations.
- **Lost diver:** Should you find yourself alone underwater, there is no need to be concerned. Just think back to your training. Rise slightly and look into the distance- other divers bubbles will glint in the sunlight, or you might see the other divers themselves. If you do, wonderful, we're glad you could join us again. If you still do not see anyone, slowly ascend keeping to your ascent rate and turn slowly in a 360-degree circle keeping an eye out for the group the whole time. Once you are on the surface draw the attention of the boat crew and they will come and assist you. We feel it is important to note that your safety is our primary concern, and we take lost diver situations extremely seriously. Should our Divemaster note that we have lost a diver he will immediately let everyone surface to start looking for the lost diver. We understand this would result in unhappy divers being expected to leave their happy place. But what if it was you or a loved one that is missing? Surely having everyone return safely to have a beer or a glass of wine in the evening before diving again the next day is a small price to pay! We certainly think so.

That's it! You are ready to jump in the water and go diving!

And always remember we are here to make your diving experience other worldly!

BEQA'S



TOP 15 DIVE SITES

(★ #) DESIGNATES THE RATING WITH 10 BEING THE HIGHEST

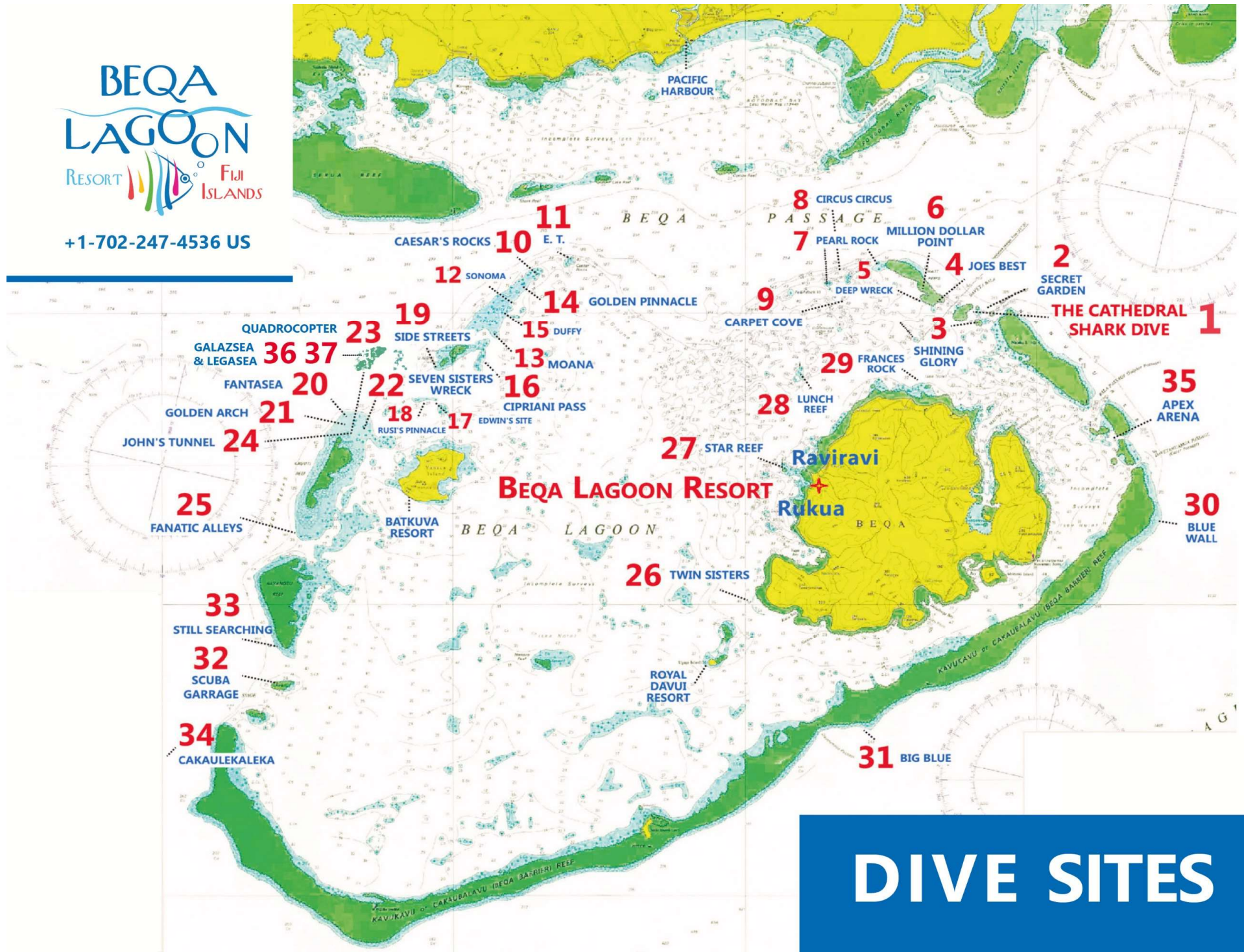
- 1 CATHEDRAL SHARK DIVE** ★10 DEPTH 21MTS/69FT
Big fish and shark dive. Site is exposed, but easy to dive. 2Tank shark feed. Over 8 species of sharks visit this site, including the majestic Tigers.
- 12 SONOMA REEF** ★9 DEPTH 20MTS/66FT
Soft coral site. Swim amongst pinnacles, sides adorned with soft, hard and fan corals. Plenty of tropical reef fish.
- 20 FANTASEA & GOLDEN ARCH** ★8 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Both sites consist of 2 main pinnacles. ^{NEW} Soft coral sites. Beautiful yellow soft corals at Golden Arch.
- 19 SIDE STREETS** ★9 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Maze of soft coral pinnacles. Swim down narrow alley ways with fans blocking some areas.
- 36 GALAXSEA & 37 LEGASEA** ★9 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Multiple pinnacles close together covered in soft corals and teaming with tropical reef fish.
- 18 RUSI PINNACLE** ★9 DEPTH WRECK AT 30MTS/110FT
Pinnacle covered in soft corals and plenty small reef fish. Deep dive for people better on their air.

- 13 MOANA** ★8 DEPTH 20MTS/66FT
Soft coral pinnacles with loads of reef fish.
- 11 ET & 10 CEASERS ROCK** ★9 DEPTH 21MTS/69FT
3 main pinnacles with swim throughs covered in soft corals. Sometimes strong currents so there are times when we can't dive the site as site is small and can't do a drift dive.
- 8 CIRCUS CIRCUS** ★8 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Soft coral dive site on the passage – attention to depth is important as it drops away quickly.
- 4 JOES BEST** ★8 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Has a large swim through and a wreck, soft and hard corals.
- 23 QUADROCOPTER** ★8 DEPTH 18MTS/60FT
Soft coral pinnacles, tropical reef fish abounding. Coral heads close together-plenty to see.
- 35 APEX ARENA** DEPTH OF 16MTS/54FT
OUR NEWEST SHARK DIVE SITE AND OUR SECOND MARINE PROTECTED AREA.
This is a shallow 1 tank dive. Not a shark feed like at Cathedral, but you will have a chance to see many varieties of sharks.

All dive sites are picked daily due to prevailing currents. Winds and Currents play heavily into staff picking the dive sites daily. Soft Coral sites start at Circus Circus and end at Leagasea. All other sites around the lagoon are considered Hard coral sites. The diving out on the Blue wall and Flat head sites cannot be dived when the SE is blowing as they are outside the fringing reef.



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DIVE SITES