

**SeaLife®**

**SportDiver® S**



# **Instruction Manual**

SeaLife SportDiver S Underwater Smartphone Housing (*item SL408*)

## **Important – Read this first**

- How-to videos are available at: [www.sealife-cameras.com/great-pictures-made-easy](http://www.sealife-cameras.com/great-pictures-made-easy).
- Updates to this manual and troubleshooting are available at: [www.sealife-cameras.com/manuals](http://www.sealife-cameras.com/manuals).
- Please register your SeaLife product online at: [www.sealife-cameras.com/warranty](http://www.sealife-cameras.com/warranty).
- The manual content and specifications are subject to change without notice.
- The limited warranty applies only to the SeaLife SportDiver S underwater housing (the “Product”). This limited warranty does not cover, and does not provide any remedy for damage to, any smartphones, other electronic devices, or other products, used in connection with the Product. Purchaser understands and agrees that while SeaLife has undertaken commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the Product functions in accordance with SeaLife’s applicable published specifications, some risk of flooding or other failure remains when the Product is used, which risk the Purchaser assumes. See page 54 for details. We recommend that you insure your smartphone through your wireless carrier for accidental loss and damage. We also recommend utilizing cloud backup storage (i.e. iCloud® or Google Drive®) to preserve your phone’s data in the event of a total loss.
- Do not directly or indirectly expose the housing to spray-on sunscreens. Spray-on sunscreens may contain chemicals that react with polycarbonate and other plastics, causing cracks and potential flooding.
- Read and follow additional Care & Maintenance instructions on page 47.

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## I. Package contents



SportDiver S underwater housing (SL4081)  
With wrist lanyard (SL4082) attached



Travel pouch (SL4083)



Vacuum pump (SL40006)



Rubber grip tabs (12 each small,  
medium and large) (SL40008)  
(10 medium tabs pre-installed in UW housing)



Spare O-rings (1x Main Seal and 1x Vacuum  
Check Port O-ring – SL40010); O-ring lubricant  
(SL9807); O-ring removal tool (SL9808)



Moisture Muncher (1 capsule) (SL2523)



AAA alkaline batteries (2) (SL40011)

## II. Optional accessories (Sold separately)



Sea Dragon Photo-Video Light  
(For best color and image quality)



6"/15cm Wide Angle Dome  
Lens for SportDiver (SL053)



SeaLife Photo Pro  
Backpack (SL940)



Moisture Muncher desiccant  
capsules 10-pack (SL911)



Screen Shield (SL4005)  
Waterproof screen  
protector for SportDiver



UW Color-Correction Filter (SL40007)  
for blue water. Use SL40003 magenta  
filter for green water.

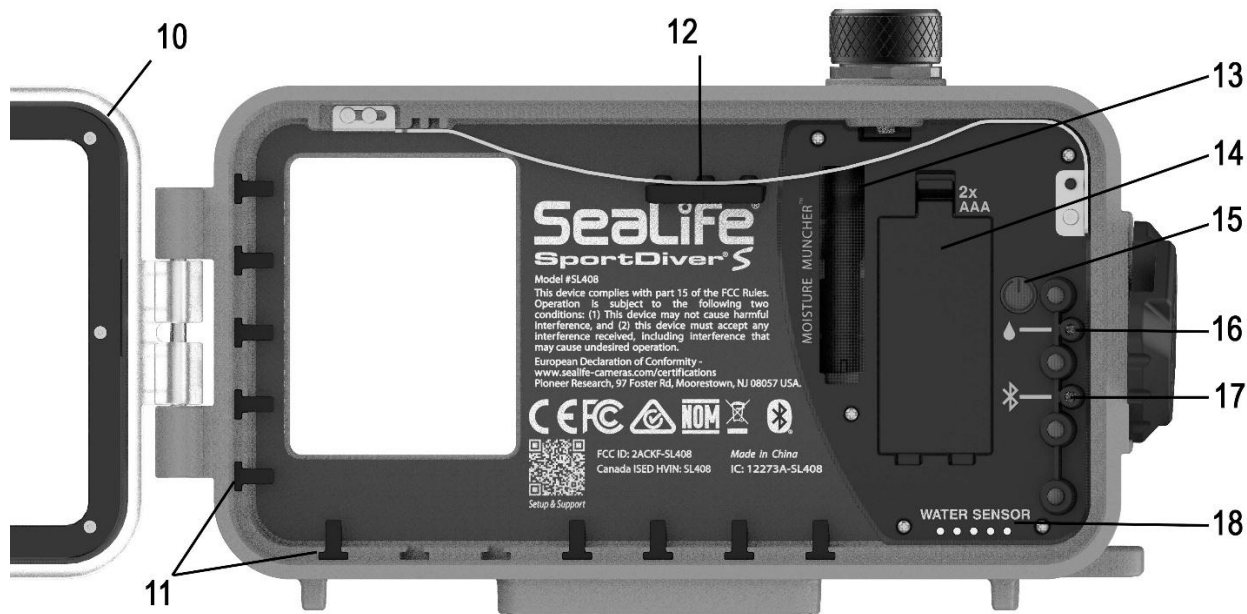
### III. Getting to know the housing



- 1 – Cam-lock closing latch
- 2 – Shutter Lever
- 3 – Vacuum Check Port
- 4 – Optical glass lens port

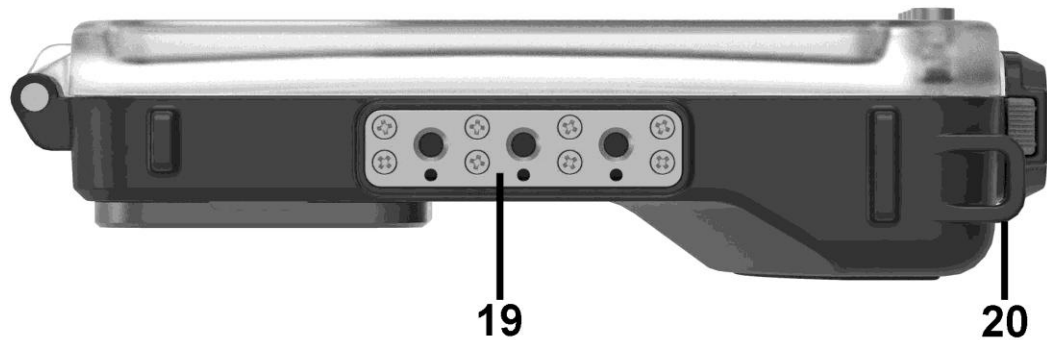


- 5 – Display window (showing phone inside)
- 6 – Mode button (Photo, Video, Settings, Playback)
- 7 – Up button (Scroll up or increase zoom/focus)
- 8 – Down button (Scroll down or decrease zoom/focus)
- 9 – OK button (Confirm selection; Switch between zoom and manual focus)



- 10 – Main Seal
- 11 – Rubber grip tabs (Medium size pre-installed)
- 12 – Holding spring with rubber grip pad
- 13 – Moisture Muncher capsule cavity
- 14 – Battery compartment (fits 2x AAA batteries)

- 15 – Power On/Off switch
- 16 – Leak alarm status LED
- 17 – Power / Bluetooth connection status LED
- 18 – Water sensor (Activates when water touches sensor)



- 19 – Triple ¼-20 tripod mounts  
20 – Lanyard connection point  
21 – Cam-Lock (Opens/closes housing)



#### IV. Setting up the housing

1. To open the housing, push and hold release button (A) and rotate cam-lock (B) counter-clockwise.

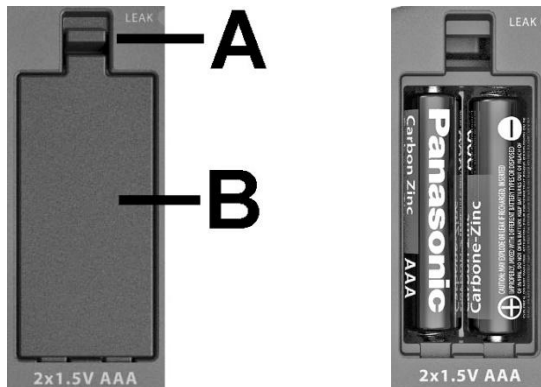


#### **Important**

After diving, make sure you and the housing are completely dry before releasing pressure and opening the housing. If the valve area or your finger is not dry, water drops will be forced into the housing when releasing pressure. Open the housing upside down, with lens facing up, to prevent water drops trapped around the sealing area from accidentally entering the housing.

Release the internal vacuum pressure before opening the housing. To release the vacuum pressure, unscrew the vacuum check port cap and use your fingertip to move the yellow rubber one-way valve sideways. You will hear pressure releasing.

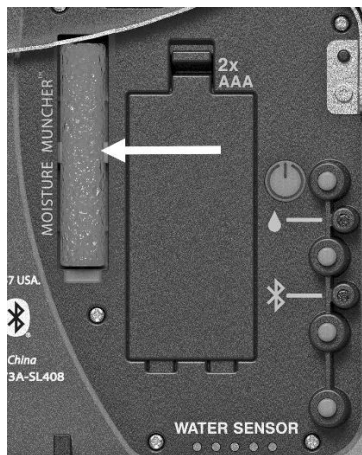
2. Open the battery compartment by pulling down the locking tab (A) and lifting the battery cover (B). Insert two alkaline AAA batteries into the battery compartment. Make sure the batteries are inserted correctly according to the +/- polarity markings.



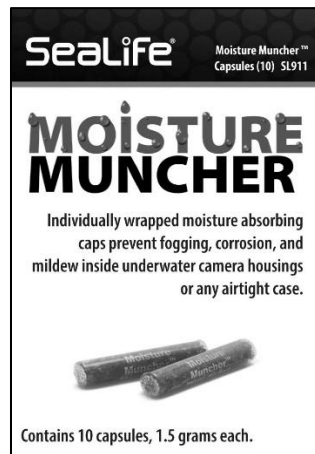
### Notes

- NiMH rechargeable AAA batteries may also be used. The Housing battery strength indicator on the top right of the app display will only show 3 bars with fully charged NiMH batteries.
- Single use batteries will last for approximately 50 hours of continuous use.

3. Insert Moisture Muncher™ desiccant capsule into the cavity. Moisture Muncher absorbs the humidity inside the sealed housing and prevents fogging. A fresh new capsule is blue or orange in color depending on which item you purchased. Replace the capsule when the color turns from blue to pink or orange to green. One sample capsule is included with the SportDiver S. 10-packs of Moisture Muncher in individually sealed foil pouches may be purchased at your local SeaLife dealer.

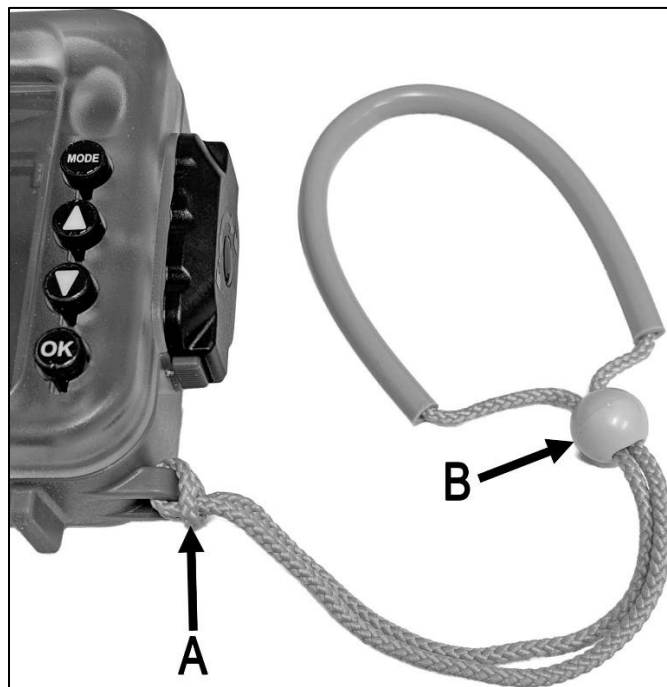


*Insert one Moisture Muncher*



*10-Pack Blue Indicating Moisture Muncher (SL911)  
10-Pack Orange Indicating Moisture Muncher (SL911E)*

4. Attach the wrist strap (A) to the housing connection point as shown below. Use the sliding lock (B) to fasten the strap around your wrist.



5. Download SeaLife “SportDiver” app from Apple App Store™ or Google Play™ store. Search for “SportDiver”. After installing the app, accept all the permissions, which include access to Photos, Camera, Microphone and Bluetooth. SeaLife does not collect data, track location, or gather any personal information from the SportDiver app.



# SportDiver

### Important

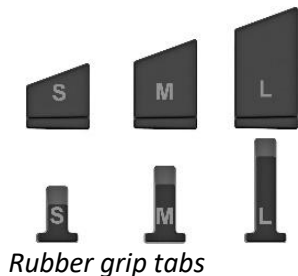
Do not attempt to make a Bluetooth connection between the SportDiver housing and your phone using the Bluetooth setting on your phone – that will not work. The SportDiver housing [when powered ON] is designed to automatically connect to the closest phone running the SportDiver app in the foreground. It may take 30 to 60 seconds for the app to automatically connect to the housing.

6. Ten medium-sized rubber grip tabs (A) have been pre-installed into the housing, as shown below. The rubber grip tabs and bow-shaped spring hold the phone in position and prevent the phone from moving around when the housing is sealed.

**Important:** Do not install grip tabs in areas where the phone's side buttons are located.

Exchange the medium-sized grip tabs with small or large-sized tabs depending on the size of your phone. For larger phones, you may remove left-side grip tabs and only use small grip tabs along the bottom.

The grip tab end is tapered. Make sure to install the tabs with the longer side up and shorter side down, which keeps the phone held down.



*Pre-installed medium-sized rubber grip tabs (A)*

7. Remove the phone's protective case.
8. Insert the phone into the housing to check the fit. Push the phone up against the bow-shaped spring until the bottom can be pushed down and held by the rubber grip tabs. Then, slide the phone left or right so the lenses are not blocked by the housing. Over a soft surface, like a towel, check that the phone is securely held in position and that no grip tabs touch the buttons on the side of the phone. Remove the phone by pushing up on the bow spring and lifting the phone.



*Small phone with large rubber grip tabs installed*



*Large phone with small rubber grip tabs installed*

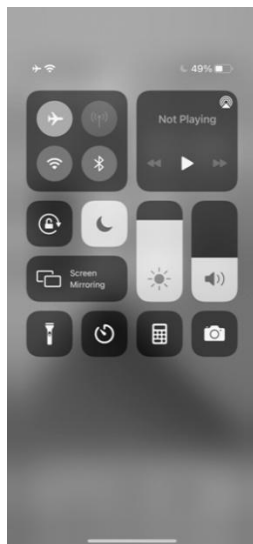
### Note

- Some phones with protective case may be small enough to securely fit inside the housing without removing the protective case. In that case, you may try leaving on the protective case.
- When the housing is powered on, touching the gold water sensor (located on the inside bottom right of the housing) will cause the Leak Alarm to activate. If that happens, power the housing Off and On again.

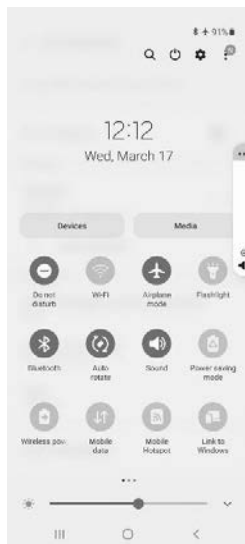
## V. Prepare the housing for underwater use

1. Before underwater use, it is important to change the phone settings to: Airplane mode ON, Bluetooth ON, and Do Not Disturb ON. For iPhones only, turning “True Tone” OFF makes the display easier to see underwater. This ensures the SportDiver camera app operates with minimal battery power and without interruption while the phone is sealed inside the underwater housing.

Go to Settings  
and **turn On**  
> Airplane mode  
> Bluetooth  
> Do Not Disturb



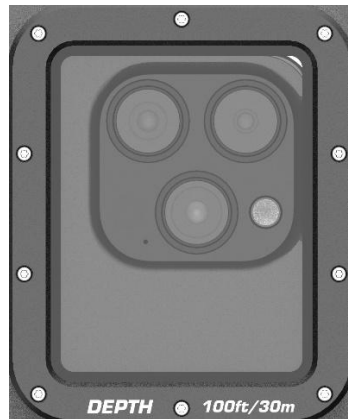
iPhone



Android



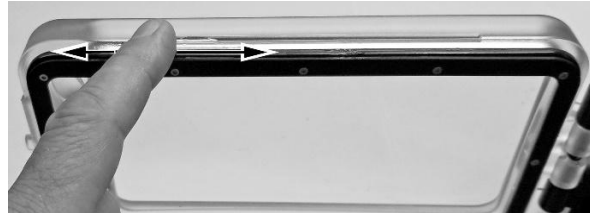
2. Fully charge your phone before each use. Most phones have more than enough battery power to last over two 1-hour dives. Note: When your phone reaches <20% battery power, a “Low Battery” warning will pop-up. This message is generated by the phone’s operating system- not from the SportDiver app. The phone’s operating system does not allow disabling the Low Battery message. Consider lowering your phone’s display brightness to preserve battery power. The SportDiver app has a Power Save settings that will dim the display after 1, 3 or 5 minutes, depending on your setting. In Power Save, the camera live view will turn off. Push any button to exit Power Save mode.
3. To optimize image quality, use a lint-free cotton or micro-fiber cloth to clean the phone lens(es) and the inside and outside of the housing lens port.



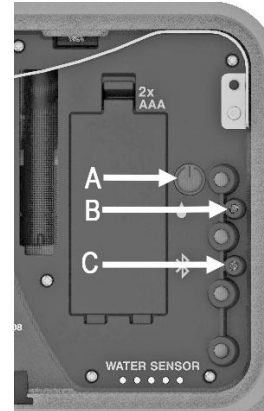
Inspect the main seal (A) and vacuum check port O-ring (B) for cuts or other damage. Remove the vacuum check port cap (C) to expose the O-ring. Clean the seal and O-ring and opposing contact surfaces using a slightly dampened, lint-free cloth. Replace the seal and O-ring if damaged or annually. A spare seal and O-ring is included. Additional seal and O-ring sets (Item SL40010) are available at your local SeaLife dealer.



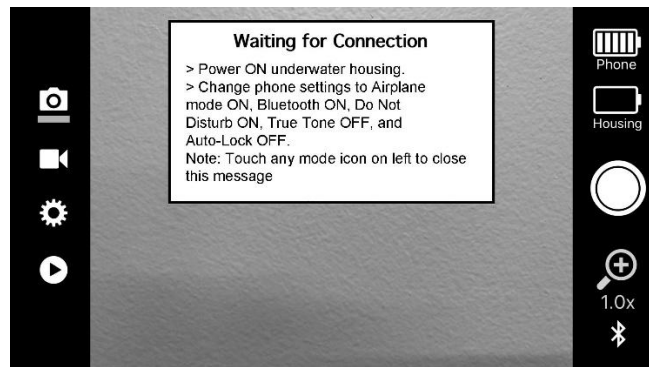
4. Put a small dab of silicone O-ring on your fingertip. Apply a thin film of silicone lube to the exposed surface of the main O-ring and vacuum check port O-ring. Use your fingertip to evenly spread the lube over the exposed O-ring surfaces. **Only a thin film of lube is necessary.**



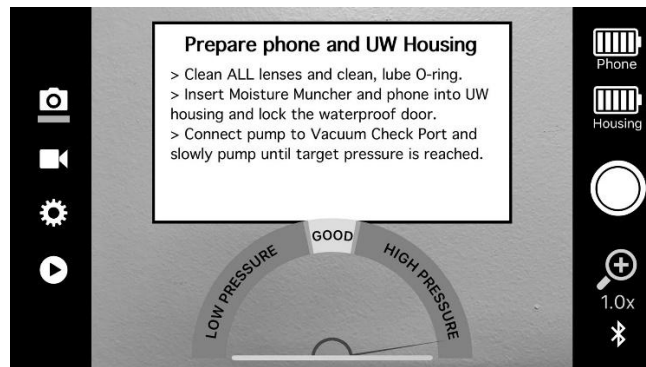
5. Power ON the underwater housing (A) by pushing the power button for 1 second. The housing has two status LED's to indicate Power/Bluetooth connectivity (C) and Leak Alarm status (B). The blue Power/Bluetooth LED and red Leak Alarm LED will both be blinking slowly when powered on. Push the button for 1 second to power OFF. Note: there is no audible beep when powering the housing ON or OFF.



6. Open the SportDiver app on your phone. The app will display “Waiting for Connection”. The nearest phone with SportDiver app running will automatically connect to the housing, provided that the app is open in the foreground. Do not attempt to manually connect the housing using your phone’s Bluetooth settings. It will take about 30 to 60 seconds for the phone to connect to the housing. Once connected, the blue Bluetooth LED will turn solid blue, and the Bluetooth icon in the lower right of the display will turn from white to blue. Once connected, the app will display a pressure gauge and “Prepare phone/housing” message.



*Waiting for connection message*



*Once connected a pressure gauge is displayed*

### Note

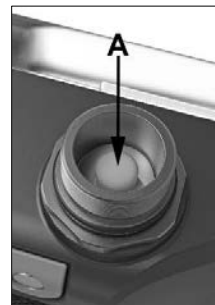
- Do not touch the gold water sensor located inside the housing. That may cause the Leak Alarm to activate and display a “Leak Detected” message. If that happens, power the housing Off and repeat step 6.

7. Insert the phone into the housing, close the waterproof door, and rotate the cam-lock clockwise until it stops and locks in place. Make sure nothing is trapped in the sealing area when closing the door.



Note: It is normal to see a small gap between the waterproof door and the front housing after the door is closed. Applying vacuum pressure in step 10 will close the gap.

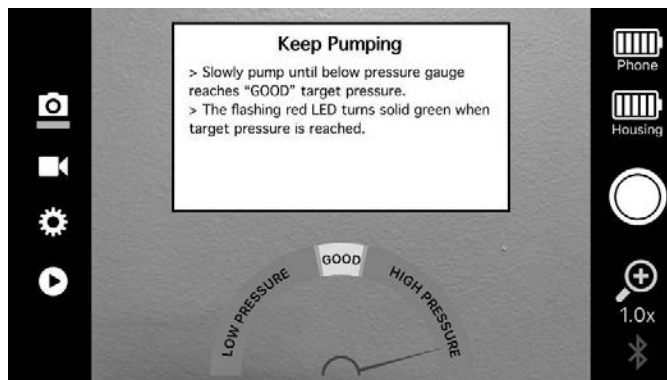
8. Unscrew the Vacuum Check Port cap. You will see a yellow rubber one-way valve (A), which allows air to be removed from the inside of the housing using the vacuum hand pump.



9. Press the rubber tip of the hand pump against the open vacuum check port and pump until the on-screen gauge needle reaches "GOOD". It takes about 2 to 3 full pumps. Screw-on the vacuum check port cap!



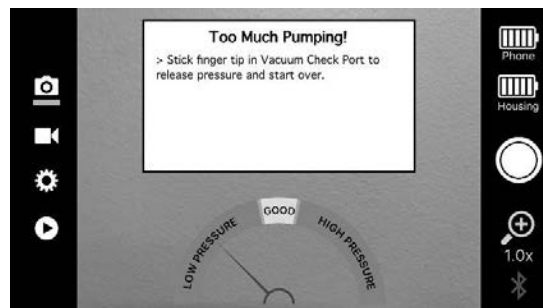
*Hand pump pressed against vacuum check port*



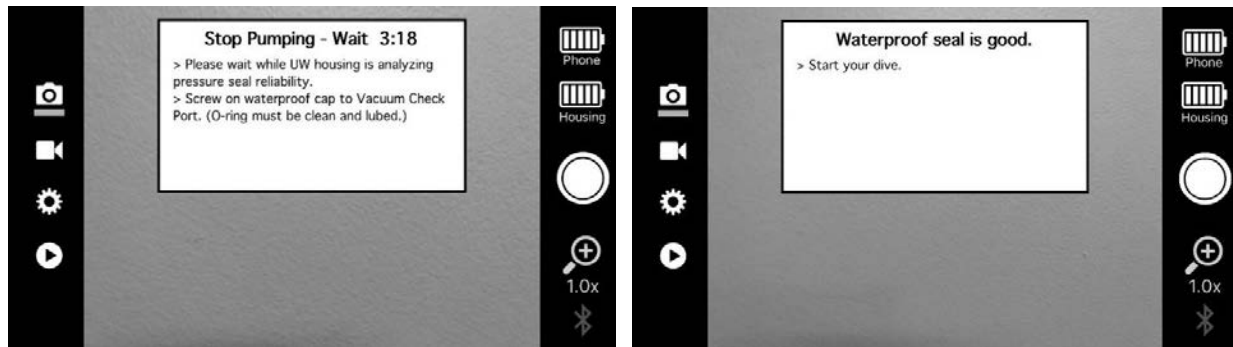
*Pump until gauge needle reaches "GOOD"*

### Note

- If you pumped too much, use your fingertip to move the yellow rubber one-way valve sideways and release some air pressure. Then, pump again until pressure is "GOOD".
- If the gauge needle does not move when pumping, inspect the main seal and the vacuum check port O-ring and try again.



10. When the vacuum pressure is good, the housing will start a 3.5-minute leak analysis to ensure the internal vacuum pressure is maintained and the housing is airtight. After the leak analysis is complete, a “Waterproof Seal is Good” message is displayed.



### Important

- Allow the housing to adjust to the surrounding temperature before starting the leak analysis, and do not expose the housing to direct sunlight during the leak analysis. That may cause heat to build up inside the sealed housing, increasing internal air pressure and resulting in a leak alarm failure.
- Make sure to screw on the vacuum check port cap. The vacuum check port without the cap is NOT waterproof and will cause the housing to leak.
- The internal vacuum pressure needs to be released before opening the housing. Use your fingertip to move the yellow rubber one-way valve sideways to release the vacuum pressure. You and the valve area must be dry!

11. If a “Leak Detected....pressure changed...” message appears during the 3.5 minute leak analysis, go back to step 6. Inspect the O-rings for damage - replace O-rings if damaged. Clean the O-rings and repeat steps 6 through 10.



### Note

- Make sure the housing temperature has adjusted to the surrounding air temperature. If the housing is cooler than the air temperature, the air inside will expand, causing the leak analysis to fail.
- You may disable the leak alarm in the app settings. Disabling the leak alarm will bypass the 3.5-minute leak analysis described. If you disable the leak alarm, it is still important to apply internal vacuum pressure, which helps the waterproof seal.



## VI. After using the housing underwater

Follow these important steps after each underwater use:

1. Soak the sealed housing in fresh water for about 20 minutes. Push each button 20 times to flush out any saltwater, sand or dirt trapped under the buttons.
2. Towel-dry the housing. Make sure that you and the waterproof housing are completely dry before opening the vacuum check port cap and waterproof door.
3. Release the internal vacuum pressure before opening the housing. Unscrew the vacuum check port cap and use your fingertip to move the yellow rubber one-way valve sideways to release vacuum pressure. You and the check port valve must be completely dry when releasing pressure or water will enter the housing!
4. Open the housing upside down with lens facing up to prevent water drops around the O-ring sealing areas from entering the housing. Quickly dry any water drops that accidentally enter the housing.
5. Follow the other care and maintenance instructions on page 47.

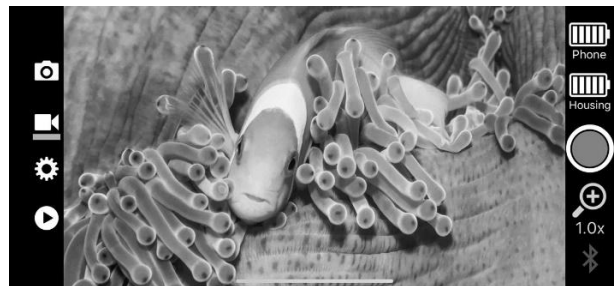
## VII. Operating the housing

The SportDiver S has four primary modes – Photo, Video, Settings, and Playback. Push the Mode button to switch modes. A line appears under the selected mode icon.

MODE



Photo mode for taking pictures



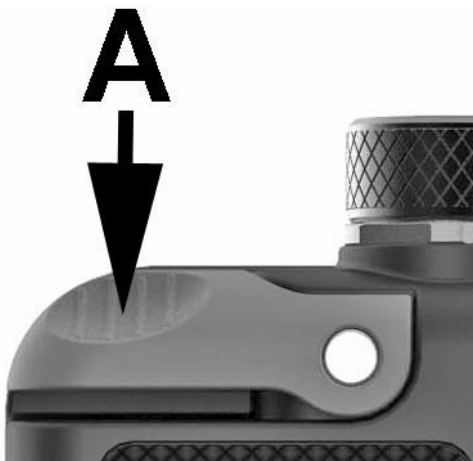
Video mode for recording video









Settings Menu mode for adjusting camera settings

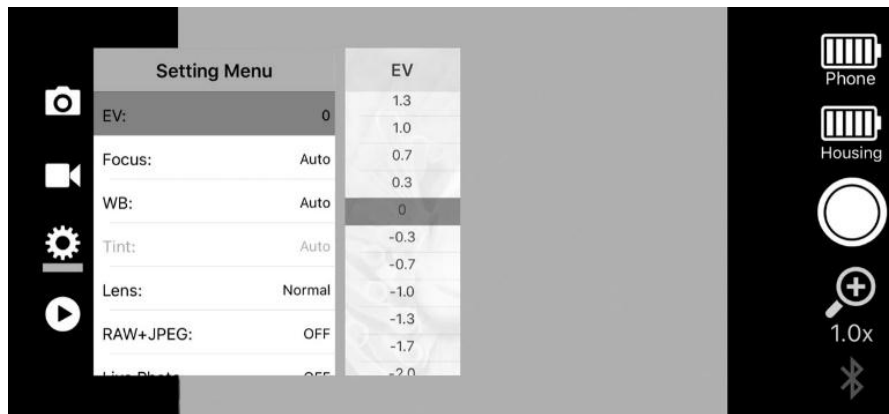
Playback mode for reviewing photos and videos

1. Taking a picture - Set mode to Photo and push the shutter lever (A).
2. Recording video - Set mode to Video and push the shutter lever (A) to start video recording. Push shutter lever again to stop recording. A red elapse timer will appear on top of the display when video is being recorded.



*Push shutter "A" to take picture or start/stop video recording*



3. Changing settings – Set mode to Settings Menu. Use the Up  and down  buttons to scroll through the main settings menu and push  to enter a setting sub-menu. In the setting sub-menu, use the Up  and down  buttons to scroll through setting options and push  to confirm the setting.



*Example of main setting with “EV” setting sub-menu.*

#### Note

For information about each setting in the Settings Menu, please refer to chapter VIII, page 31.

4. Playback pictures and videos - Set mode to Playback. The last picture or video taken is displayed. A thumbnail strip on the right side highlights the single-view image displayed. Use the Up  and down  buttons to scroll through the images. Video clips will have a video camera icon on the thumbnail. Videos will start playing automatically when selected. You may delete any one file by pushing the OK button, selecting Yes and pushing OK to confirm.



*Single-view photo with thumbnail strip on the right*



*Push OK button to open "Delete this file?" option*

### Note

Files are also saved to your phone's Photos app in a folder titled SportDiver. Use the Photos app to make edits and share or delete photos/videos. Deleting files in the Photos app will delete files in the SportDiver app.

5. Zooming – In Photo or Video modes, pushing the Up  button increases the zoom. Pushing the down  button decreases zoom.



*Example of 1X zoom (no zoom)*



*Example of 4X zoom*

#### Note

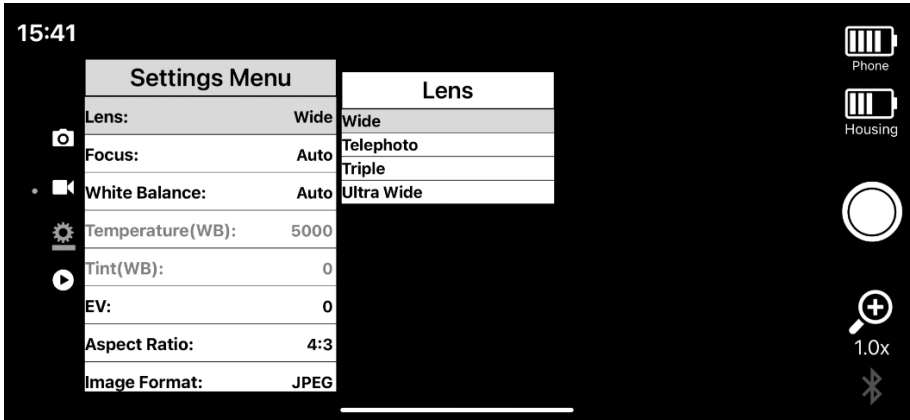
- Zooming only works with JPEG or HEIF image files, not RAW image files.
- When Focus is set to “Manual”, push the OK button to switch between zoom and Manual Focus (MF).

VIII. About the Settings Menu

The SportDiver app Settings Menu includes most of the commonly used camera settings available on your phone, giving you creative control. The following settings may or may not be available, depending on the phone make/model and the operating system being used. The Settings Menu will change as app updates are released, and as new phone models and features become available. Please visit the app store or [sealife-cameras.com](http://sealife-cameras.com) for the latest updates.

The following Settings Menu description is in two sections – iPhone settings and Android settings:

iPhone Settings (Skip this section for Android phones)



## Lens

If your iPhone has multiple camera lenses, you may select the lens of choice depending on what you are shooting. For most shots, wide lens produces excellent results. The ultrawide lens is ideal for shooting macro or larger subjects. The telephoto lens is best for subjects that don't allow you to get close-up.

The focus range for each lens varies depending on your iPhone model. The ultrawide lens typically allows close-up shooting distance of about 2" (5cm), while the telephoto lens has a minimum shooting distance of about 10" (25cm).

iPhones with three lenses will include a Triple Lens option. Triple lens allows you to quickly change optical lenses by zooming. 0.5X is the ultrawide lens, 1.0X is the Wide lens. The Telephoto lens magnification varies by model. All other zoom values are optical plus some digital zoom. For example 1.3x is the 1.0x Wide lens plus 0.3x digital zoom.

## Focus

There are two options – Auto focus or Manual focus. Selecting Manual allows you to manually adjust the focus using the up/down buttons. When Manual is selected, push the OK button in Photo and Video modes to switch between zooming function and manual focus (MF) function. Manual focus can be adjusted from 0.00 (closest focus) to 1.00 (infinity focus) in 0.05 increments.

This setting is useful when photographing smaller subjects in the foreground, but the camera attempts to focus on the larger background area.



### White Balance (WB)

The white balance setting adjusts the color temperature of the ambient lighting conditions you are shooting in, so natural colors can be restored. For example, shooting a white object underwater [without photo-video lighting], will appear blue/green rather than white. Adjusting the white balance setting can offset this color shift effect and make this object appear white again.

Use Auto white balance when using an underwater photo-video light. Use UW Deep (diving) or UW Shallow (snorkeling) if you don't have a photo-video light. UW Deep and UW Shallow are underwater color correction settings that restore the lost red and yellow colors. Selecting Manual WB allows you to manually adjust the color temperature using the Temperature setting

### Temperature (WB)

When White Balance is set to manual, you can adjust the color temperature from 3000K (kelvin) to 8000K to achieve the desired color effect. When manual white balance is selected, the color effect can be fine-tuned using the Tint adjustments described below.

### Tint

The Tint setting is only available when a manual WB setting is selected. You cannot adjust tint if white balance WB is set to Auto. Tint allows you to fine-tune the manual WB color setting. The tint color scale ranges from -150 (green/yellow) to +150 (magenta) in 10-step increments. Using positive (+) values is more suitable for underwater.

### EV (Exposure Value)

This setting adjusts the camera's auto exposure program. Increasing the value (+) results in a brighter image exposure. Decreasing the value (-) results in a darker image exposure. The EV setting can be adjusted from +3.0 to -3.0 in 0.3 step increments. Each step is equivalent to approximately 1 exposure stop.

### Aspect Ratio

4:3 is the standard default aspect ratio that uses the entire 4:3 image sensor. 16:9 is a wide-screen aspect ratio. 4:3 will result in the highest image resolution. 16:9 is wider but has a lower image resolution.



### Image Format

This setting includes options for JPEG, HEIF, ProRAW, ProRAW+JPEG, and ProRAW\_HEIF. The ProRAW option is included with phones that support ProRAW. JPEG is the most universal image format and is recommended for most applications. HEIF (High Efficiency Image Format) is a newer image format that offers better compression and more features than JPEG, but is not as widely supported as JPEG.

When RAW+JPEG is On, each photo taken will be saved as a standard .jpg image and as an unprocessed RAW .dng image. RAW files are not compressed or processed, and the file size tends to be about 4 times more than a compressed JPEG image. RAW images require post-editing using Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom. This setting is best used by photographers experienced in RAW image editing.

ProRAW is not available when using 16:9 aspect ratio.

### Image Resolution

Select between 12MP (megapixel) and 48MP file size. 48MP is only available on iPhone 14 Pro, ProMax and up, and when using RAW image format and the Wide lens setting.

### Video Resolution

Use this setting to select the desired video quality and frame rate. 1080p-30fps is high quality and suitable for most applications. ProRes and 4K are the highest quality video but availability depends on the iPhone specification. Shooting in 4K or higher frame rate will create very large video files that can quickly fill-up your phone's memory. Using 60 frames per second (fps) is recommended for faster moving subjects. Using 120 or 240 fps will playback in slow motion at 30 fps. The faster the frame rate, the larger the video file size will be.

### Power Save

Power save dims the screen after a certain amount of inactivity to save battery power. Push any button to exit the power save. You may select Off, 1, 3, or 5 minutes. The default Power Save time is 3 minutes.

### Display Brightness

This setting adjusts the screen brightness. It ranges from 1.0 (brightest) to 0.0 (darkest) in 0.1-step increments. 0.8 is the default display brightness. Using a higher screen brightness makes it easier to see the display in bright sunny conditions but also uses more battery power.

### Leak Alarm

The pre-dive, 3.5-minute leak analysis may be turned Off, but the water detection leak alarm cannot be disabled.

The SportDiver S underwater housing features two leak alarms. One is the pre-dive 3.5-minute vacuum pressure leak analysis. The app will display a leak alarm alert if it detects an internal pressure change during the 3.5-minute leak analysis. After the 3.5-minute leak analysis is successfully completed, the housing and app will not display a leak alarm caused by pressure change.

The other leak alarm is a water sensor located on the inside of the housing. The app will display a leak alarm alert if water, or any conductive object, like your finger, touches the sensor. This leak alarm cannot be disabled.

## Android Phone Settings (iPhone users may skip this section)



### Lens

If your phone has multiple camera lenses, you may select the lens of choice depending on what you are shooting. For most shots, the wide lens produces the best image quality. The Ultrawide lens is ideal for shooting larger subjects while keeping a close shooting distance. The Telephoto lens is best for subjects that don't allow you to get close-up.

Important:

- Some lenses may not be accessible, which is a limitation set by the phone maker. For example, Samsung Galaxy phones do not give access to the Telephoto lens – that may change in the future.

- Some lenses block-out other settings. For example, ultrawide lens does not allow Manual focusing with Android phones.

### Shutter Speed

Select Auto for automatic shutter speed exposure or one of the manual shutter speed values to create a desired exposure effect. When using manual shutter speed the ISO setting must be manually adjusted.

### ISO

Select Auto for automatic ISO exposure or one of the manual ISO values to create a desired exposure effect. When manual ISO is used, the Shutter Speed setting must also be manually adjusted.

### Exposure

This setting adjusts the camera's auto exposure program. Increasing the value (+) results in a brighter image exposure. Decreasing the value (-) results in a darker image exposure. Each step is equivalent to approximately 1 exposure stop. The exposure setting is blocked-out when manual shutter speed and manual ISO are used.

### Focus

You can manually adjust the focus by pushing the OK button, which switches between zooming and focus. When focus is selected, use the up/down buttons to adjust the focus value from 0.00 (closest focus) to 1.00 (infinity focus) in 0.05 increments. The "AF" value is Auto Focus. This setting is useful when photographing smaller subjects in the foreground, but the camera attempts to focus on the larger background area.

### White Balance (WB)

The white balance setting is used to compensate for the color temperature of the lighting environment you are shooting in, so natural colors are restored. You may fine-tune the white balance to create the desired color effect. For best underwater colors, use a photo-video light and set the white balance to Auto.

There are two white balance setting menus. The White Balance (WB) setting includes presets, like Auto, Manual, Underwater Deep, Underwater Shallow, Daylight and Cloudy. The “Manual WB” includes all the manual WB values ranging from 2000K to 10000K in 100K increments. Select the appropriate white balance preset according to your environment. Here is a description for each of the White Balance WB presets:

**Auto** - The Auto WB setting works well in most underwater lighting environments when used in combination with one or two underwater photo-video lights.

**Manual** - Selecting “Manual” will allow you to manually adjust the white balance color temp (K) in the “Manual WB” setting. You may manually adjust the WB to achieve the desired color effect. Select the kelvin (K) value equal to your lighting environment. For example, if the actual color temp of your environment is 6500K, set the manual WB to 6500K to offset the cooler, bluer lighting environment.

**Underwater Deep and Underwater Shallow** – These preset underwater color-correction settings use a warmer color temperature to offset the natural blue color conditions. Use UW Deep for depths greater than 10ft/3m.

Daylight and Cloudy – These presets are designed when shooting on land. If the Auto WB setting does not achieve the desired colors, try using one of these presets according to your environment.

### Color Effect

This setting is only available on phone models that support color effects. If Color Effects appears in your app settings menu, you will see options for Off, Monochrome, Sepia, Negative, Solarize, and Posterize

### 3-Shot Burst

When turned ON, pushing the shutter will capture 3 photos within 1 second.

### Photo Resolution

Use this setting to adjust the image size or megapixels. The menu options will vary by phone make and model. The default setting is usually the highest megapixel size available on the phone, which is 12 megapixels. Android phone makers block-out access to the ultra-high-resolution option.

### Video Resolution

Select from HD720, HD1080 or UHD 4K video resolution, with UHD 4K being the highest, best quality video. 4K is only available if your phone make/model supports it. The video frame rate is currently 30 frames per second (fps). We plan on adding 60 fps with a future app update. UHD 4K is higher resolution but use 4 times more memory storage compared to 1080p video. 1 minute of 4K video use approximately 550MB of storage, and 1 minute of 1080p uses approximately 140MB of storage.

### Stabilization



Turning on stabilization will make video recording smoother and dampen hand movement. The video frame size is reduced slightly when using Stabilization.

### RAW+JPEG

When RAW+JPEG is On, each photo taken will be saved as a standard .jpg image and as an unprocessed RAW .dng image. RAW files are not compressed or processed, and the file size tends to be about 4 times more than a compressed JPEG image. RAW images require post-editing using Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom. This setting is best used by photographers experienced in RAW image editing - It will take time and experience to acquire the skills needed to convert a RAW image file into a good quality image that is better than a standard processed JPEG image file. Turning ON RAW + JPEG may disable other settings or functions, depending on your phone make & model.

### Power Save

Power save dims the screen after a certain amount of inactivity to save battery power. Push any button to exit the power save. You may select Off, 1, 3 or 5 minutes. The default Power Save time is 3 minutes.

### Display Brightness

This setting adjusts the screen brightness. It ranges from 1.0 (brightest) to 0.0 (darkest) in 0.1 step increments. 0.8 is the default display brightness. Using a higher screen brightness makes it easier to see the display in bright sunny conditions but also uses more battery power.

### Leak Alarm

The leak alarm can be turned Off if you want to bypass the 3.5-minute leak analysis described on section 5. The default setting is On.

The SportDiver underwater housing features two leak alarms. One is the pre-dive vacuum pressure analysis described in section 5. The app will display a leak alarm alert if it detects an internal pressure change during the 3.5-minute leak analysis. This leak alarm may be turned Off.

There is also an internal water sensor (5 gold pins) that will display a leak alarm alert if water, or any conductive object, like your finger, touches the pins. This leak alarm cannot be disabled.

### On-screen Settings

When turned ON, this will show the camera and exposure settings on the top or bottom of your phone display. For iPhones, go to Settings and scroll down to SportDiver app. There you will see the option to enable the on-screen settings.

### System Reset

This will reset all the settings to the factory default setting without deleting any files.

## **IX. Great Pictures Made Easy**

### **Clear water visibility**

Clear water is essential for good results. Tiny particles floating in the water cause low visibility and poor image quality. Avoid stirring up the sea floor with your fins. Limit your shooting distance to 1/10 of the water visibility. For example, if the visibility is 40ft (12m), you should keep your shooting distance to within 4 feet (1.2m).

### **Keep close shooting distance**

The ideal shooting distance is within 6ft (1.8m), and the closer the better. The phone's minimum focus range varies depending on your model and lens selected but is typically about 2" (5cm). The phone can shoot excellent macro photos and videos, so take advantage of that feature.

### **Move calmly and control your buoyancy**

It is awfully hard to take good photos or videos when you are moving around, or if your buoyancy is not controlled. Look around for great picture opportunities. Position yourself at the best angle and neutralize your buoyancy. Use the LCD monitor to perfectly frame your subject, check your shooting distance and keep the housing steady. Be calm and patient - Sometimes you must wait a little bit so fish that were frightened away, come back. Do not chase the fish, let the fish come to you. Always observe safe-diving rules.

### Take several photos of each subject

You can always delete the bad shots later.

### Avoiding blue photos and video

Water reduces light and filters out red/yellow colors resulting in darker, bluer ambient lighting. There are two ways to restore the lost colors:

- 1) Use one or two SeaLife Sea Dragon underwater photo-video lights (optional accessory) to enhance colors and photo/video quality. This will result in best colors, brightness, and sharpness.
- 2) Set the white balance to one of the underwater color correction settings.
- 3) Use the external color-correction filter (optional accessory). The filter is most effective in blue water conditions at depth less than 50ft (15m).

### Visit the SeaLife website for updates and how-to tutorials

Any updates to the manual or additional tips and advice can be found on the SeaLife website at [www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com).

Ask your local SeaLife dive dealer about underwater photography courses. Most SeaLife dive dealers offer underwater photography courses which includes hands-on training as well as many helpful tips and techniques to underwater photography.

## X. Replacing the Seal and O-ring

The SportDiver S underwater housing has two seals that maintain a waterproof seal - the main seal(A) and vacuum check port O-ring (B).

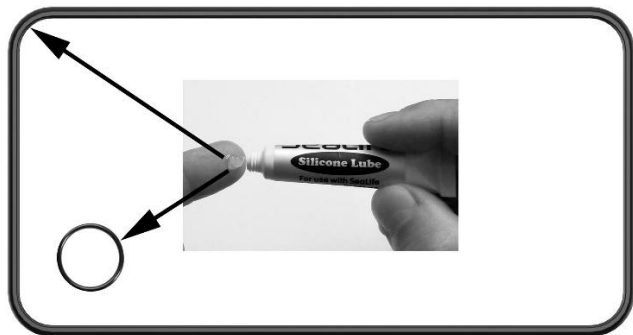
Replace the seal and/or O-ring if damaged or every year. One spare O-ring set is included. See your authorized SeaLife dealer to purchase additional O-ring Sets (Item SL40010)



Remove the O-rings - Use the O-ring removal tool or credit card to lift and remove the main seal from its groove.

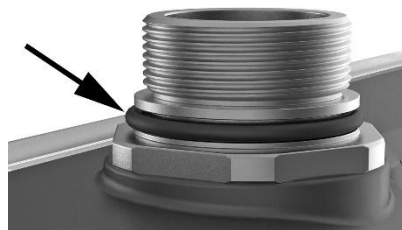


Apply silicone lube - Before installing the seal and O-ring, clean them with a slightly dampened, lint-free cloth. Apply a thin film of silicone lube to both seals. Use your fingertips to evenly spread the lube. Do not stretch the O-seals.



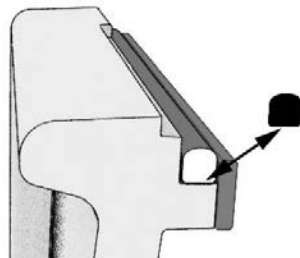
*Apply thin film of lube to the seals*

Install the seal and O-ring – Clean the seals grooves with a slightly dampened, lint-free cloth. Carefully install the seals making sure not to twist the seals.



*Be careful not to twist the seals when installing*

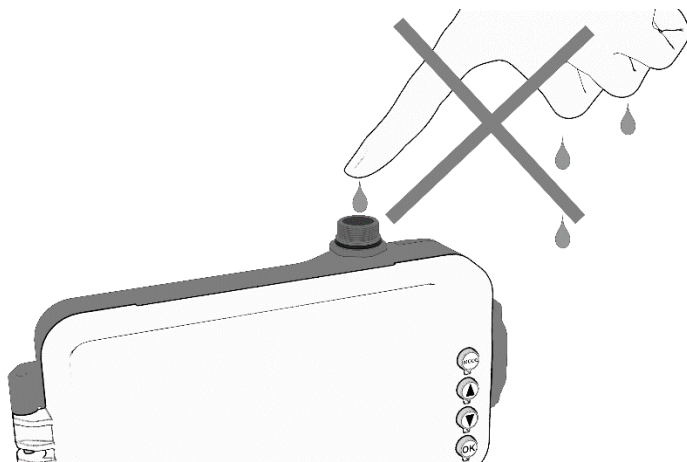
**Important:** The main seal is D-shaped. Make sure the flat side is facing inwards, towards the groove, with the rounded side facing out.



## **XI. Care and maintenance**

Every SeaLife SportDiver S underwater housing is inspected for quality, including a 100ft (30m) pressure chamber test to ensure a waterproof seal. It is your responsibility to properly care for housing and maintain the O-ring sealing area. Carefully follow these important O-ring care instructions. Not following these care instructions may cause the waterproof housing to leak and void your warranty.

- DO NOT open the vacuum check port and release vacuum pressure unless you and the housing are dry. When vacuum is released, water drops in the valve area will be forced into the housing, causing damage to the internal electronics.



- Avoid opening housing in wet, sandy, or humid environments. It is recommended to open and load the housing in dry cool air, such as inside an air-conditioned room. This will prevent water or humidity from being trapped inside the housing, which may cause fogging during underwater use.
- The underwater housing is depth tested to 100ft (30m). Exceeding this depth may cause the housing to flood and may result in damaging the underwater housing and phone.
- Do not directly or indirectly expose the underwater housing to spray-on sunscreens. Most spray-on sunscreens contain chemicals that may react with polycarbonate and other plastics, causing cracks that compromise the waterproof seal. If sunscreen gets on the housing, clean it with moistened soft cloth.
- After diving, soak the sealed housing in fresh water for about 20 minutes . Push each button 20 times to flush out saltwater, sand or dirt trapped under the buttons.
- Use clean, soft cloth to dry housing. Make sure that you and the waterproof housing are completely dry before opening the waterproof door. Open the housing upside down (lens up) to prevent water drops from accidentally entering the housing.
- Store camera and housing only after careful cleaning and when totally dry. Keep the waterproof door unlatched and slightly open when storing the housing.
- Do not use any household cleaners, soaps, detergents, or chemicals to clean the underwater housing. Chemicals may cause negative reaction with the plastic materials.



- Replace O-ring annually to ensure proper seal. Only use the official SeaLife O-ring set (Item # SL40010) designed for the SL400-U SportDiver or SL408 SportDiver S. Replacement O-rings are available at your local authorized SeaLife dealer, or online at [www.sealifepartsdirect.com](http://www.sealifepartsdirect.com).
- Do not expose the housing to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. Keep housing in a shaded area or under a towel to prevent it from overheating.
- Do not disassemble or attempt to repair the housing as this will void your warranty. Contact your local authorized SeaLife dealer or the SeaLife Service Center in your country for repairs.
- Use the included lanyard to strap the underwater housing to your wrist or clip the housing to your BCD (buoyancy control device).
- Do not let any moisture or dirt get inside housing when opening. This may result in fogging when using the camera underwater.
- Store housing at room temperature in a clean and dry place.

## **XII. Specifications**

For comprehensive product specifications, visit [www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com)

<b>Model</b>	SeaLife SportDiver S Underwater Smartphone Housing
<b>Item #</b>	SL408
<b>Certifications</b>	CE, FCC, Bluetooth SIG Listing, ROHS
<b>Depth rating</b>	100ft (30m)
<b>Buoyancy (in seawater)</b>	Positive + 2.8 oz. (80g) UW housing only with batteries and Moisture Muncher; without phone. Subtract weight of phone for total UW buoyancy
<b>Controls</b>	Top: Shutter lever Back: Mode, Up, Down and OK
<b>Operating Temp.</b>	Underwater: 33°F to 110°F (1°C to 43°C) Land: 0°F to 120°F (-17°C to 49°C)
<b>O-ring</b>	Silicone (item # SL40010)
<b>Lens port</b>	Optical glass lens port
<b>Tripod mount</b>	Triple 1/4-20 tripod threads for attaching accessories.
<b>Housing material</b>	Polycarbonate body, TPE rubber, T6061 hard anodized lens frame and 304 - 316 series marine grade stainless steel metal hardware.

<b>Radio frequency</b>	Bluetooth® Low Energy (LE) Frequency Band: 2402-2480MHz; RF Power: -1.95dBm
<b>Battery</b>	2x AAA Alkaline (or NiMH rechargeable battery)
<b>Battery life</b>	Approx. 50 hours
<b>Weight</b>	24.0 oz. (680g) UW housing only – with batteries and Moisture Muncher
<b>Dimensions</b>	External: 8.4" x 4.9" x 2.2" (213.1 mm x 125.7 mm x 54.8 mm) Internal: 6.3" x 3.1" x 0.6" (160 mm x 79 mm x 15mm)
<b>Warranty</b>	1 year limited warranty.

### **XIII. Troubleshooting**

Please visit the SeaLife website at [www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com). Go to the “Technical Updates” section and select “SportDiver”. There you will find the latest troubleshooting tips and advice. If repair service is still needed, please contact your local authorized SeaLife dealer for service.

### **XIV. Spare parts and service**

If your SeaLife product needs service or if you need replacement parts, please contact your local authorized SeaLife dealer or visit the SeaLife website for instructions at [www.sealife-cameras.com/parts-and-service/](http://www.sealife-cameras.com/parts-and-service/).

### **XV. FCC Statement**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications or changes to this equipment. Such modifications or changes could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## **IC Statement**

### **(RSS-Gen section 7.1.3)**

#### **Canada, Industry Canada (IC) Notices**

This device complies with Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

#### **Canada, avis d'Industry Canada (IC)**

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence.

L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

#### **Radio Frequency (RF) Exposure Information**

The radiated output power of the Wireless Device is below the Industry Canada (IC) radio frequency exposure limits. The Wireless Device should be used in such a manner such that the

potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

This device has been evaluated for and shown compliant with the IC Specific Absorption Rate ("SAR") limits when operated in portable exposure conditions.

#### **Informations concernant l'exposition aux fréquences radio (RF)**

La puissance de sortie émise par l'appareil de sans fil est inférieure à la limite d'exposition aux fréquences radio d'Industry Canada (IC). Utilisez l'appareil de sans fil de façon à minimiser les contacts humains lors du fonctionnement normal.

Ce dispositif a été évalué pour et démontré conforme à la Taux IC d'absorption spécifique ("SAR") des limites lorsqu'il est utilisé dans des conditions d'exposition portatifs.

#### **CE**

The SeaLife SportDiver S SL408 is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU.



## **XVI. Limited Warranty**

Manufacturer warrants to the original purchaser (the “Purchaser”) of this product (the “Product”), provided the Product was at the time of purchase, new and unused and in its original packaging for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase (the “Warranty Period”), that the Product is free from defects in workmanship and materials when used in accordance with Manufacturer’s published specifications. In the event that the Purchaser believes the Product contains a defect, the Purchaser should seek troubleshooting advice from the SeaLife website at [www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com) or the importer of the Product in the country in which the Product was purchased by the Purchaser. The local authorized SeaLife Dealer can also assist with Product servicing and, in the event it is determined that the product requires servicing, can issue to Purchaser a return authorization number. To be entitled to any remedy hereunder, Purchaser must return the Product to Manufacturer within the Warranty Period, at the sender’s risk, accompanied by the following (the “Claim Requirements”): (a) a Manufacturer issued return authorization number, (b) a letter describing in the defect in reasonable detail; (c) a valid address for the Purchaser; and (d) a copy of the original purchase receipt or proof of purchase specifying the purchase date of the Product. For more information about repair service, or to locate a service center in your country, please visit the SeaLife website at [www.sealife-cameras.com](http://www.sealife-cameras.com).

**Important: The foregoing limited warranty applies only to the Product sold by Manufacturer. This limited warranty does not cover, and does not provide any remedy for damage to, any smart phones, other electronic devices, or other products, used in connection with the Product. Purchaser understand and agrees that while Manufacturer has undertaken commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the Product functions in accordance with Manufacturer’s applicable published specifications, some risk of flooding or other failure remains when the Product is used, which risk the Purchaser assumes.**

In the event Purchaser returns the Product to Manufacturer with the Claim Requirements, and Manufacturer is able to replicate the alleged defects or leaks, and determines in its reasonable discretion that the Product contains a defect in workmanship or materials, Manufacturer will, in its absolute and sole discretion, repair or replace this Product and return it to Purchaser free of charge. In the event that Manufacturer is unable to replicate alleged defects or leaks, or determines that the product does not contain a defect in workmanship or materials, Manufacturer will notify Purchaser and upon request by Purchaser Manufacturer will return the Product to Purchaser at Purchaser expense.

Excluded from this warranty are any damages caused by the failure to use the Product in accordance with Manufacturer's published specifications, cosmetic damages, damages caused by abuse, misuse, wear, tear, water damage caused by damaged O-ring or O-ring contact surfaces or debris trapped between the product housing and the O-ring, damages caused by exposure to sunscreens or other chemicals, repair or attempted repair by unauthorized persons, improper storage, non-performance of scheduled maintenance, and battery leakage.

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