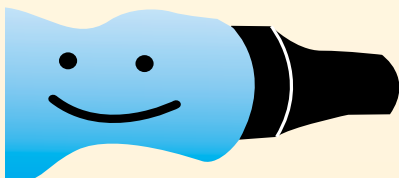
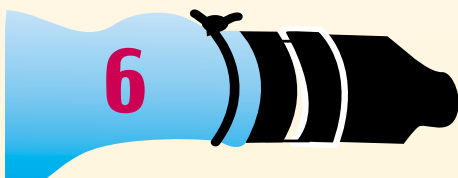
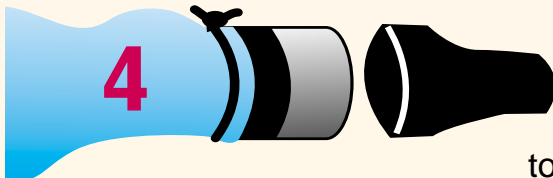
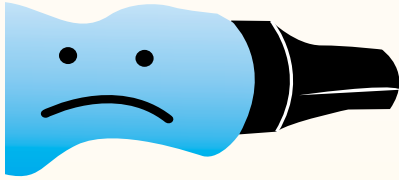


Drysuit seal replacement

It happens to every drusuit: the unexpected rip of a seal. You can tape them back together with duct tape on both sides at the paddle site. Here's how you install a new one.



1. You need a tube, bottle etc. that fits snugly into the opening where the seal attaches to the fabric. You can enlarge a bottle with cardboard and duct tape to get a good fit. There's some buckets circulating around the club for the neck (same installation procedure).

2. Cut off the ripped seal, leaving the part of the suit where the factory seal is glued and sewn to the fabric. Your new seal gets glued right over the old factory seal edge.

3. Slide your tube into the factory edge and put elastics or bungee around the suit to keep it in place. Slide some wax paper under the cut off edge to keep glue from sticking to the tube or... you can wax your tube/duct tape with auto wax.

4. Clean the suit edge and new seal edge (side with stripes is the inside) with alcohol and give it a light sanding to roughen the surface. Don't have your tube sticking out too far because the small end of the seal should not be stretched over it - it could cause the new seal to walk or slide itself out of position. (it's happened)

5. Slide the seal on, over the factory rubber area. You can put elastic bands around the new seal to keep it from sliding (optional)

6. Roll back the new seal so the 3/4" edge that was over the old suit is now facing up.

Apply Aquaseal to both faces (new seal and old suit rubber) and roll the new seal right in place over rubber part of the old seal. You can use a throw-away plastic knife to apply the glue. Pat down all around and wait overnight to use.

Use tight latex gloves - Aquaseal is sticky stuff. Sometimes the procedure goes like clockwork other times things slide around out of control. Take your time and it will work.