



The Urge to Submerge



Triton Divers Newsletter



December 2007

CLUB MEETING DATES

The next meeting is going to be on 10 January in the Invincible suite of the Royal Beach Hotel. This is in place of our regular first Thursday of the month meeting. Please remember this is the Michael Pitts function and is **ticket only**. [If you want come you need to let us know.](#) The event starts at 7.00 pm.

Many congratulations to all our students who passed courses with us in December.

Advanced Open Water

Deborah Rose, Tiphonie May, Mitchell Jones, Kelvin Lam, Emma Thomson-Murrell

Deep

Ruth Sims

Nitrox

Owen Flowers

EFR

Robert O'Neill, Michael Webb

EFR Instructor

Ruth Sims, Hannah Tuckwell, Kevin Rimmington, George Murray

CHRISTMAS BALL – 8 DECEMBER

Lets face it, there are plenty of people out there who try to copy what we do as a club, but none of them really quite manage it.



Not surprising then that the Christmas Ball was a real cracker (sorry about the pun!). Over 130 club members and guests turned up to what was a really classy function and partied the night away. The food at the



Royal Beach was excellent so many thanks to Chris and his Team for everything they did to make the night. There was plenty of dancing well into the early hours and the party continued in the main bar and at

Deb's house after the main event had closed. The last of the trouble makers left at around 4.00 am. Cant think for a minute who that was. Anyway, the reports coming back are that everyone enjoyed them selves and cant wait until the next Ball which will be in the Spring.

NEW SCUBAPRO EQUIPMENT THE G250V



Scubapro have recently re-launched the G250 balanced adjustable 2nd stage. It is better then ever, redesigned as a Vintage version (with a bit of a retro look to it) and with tons of technical improvements. The G250V is the answer to:

- Die-hard G250 owners who have enjoyed it for years. (I have just refurbished 2 old ones)
- Technical divers who appreciate the unbeatable performance and size of the G250, but want evolution.
- Cold water divers needing better anti-freeze resistance.
- Any diver ready to try a classic redesigned for the modern world.

The G250V has been launched with the new Mk18 first stage but will be equally at home "teaming up" with any of the Scubapro blanaced first stages, particularly the Mk17 and the Mk25. To find out more why not pop nto the dive centre.

REHEARSALS FOR BBC FILM SHOOT

So, one day I get a call from the beeb to say they need to finish off the shoot of the Humbolt squid in the Sea of Cortez and need my help. After a nano second of hesitation I naturally volunteer – well it is the Sea of Cortez. The final shoot for the programme will probably be the first you see when it gets on TV. The scene is about a diver descending into the depths with a flare, hitting a ledge and throwing the flare over the edge. As he does so, the squid come out of the blackness. All sounded great to me, passport ready, dive gear packed, Sea of Cortez here I come!

Except that they decided to do it all in Stony Cove! Anyway the actual shoot has



now been delayed until January, but in order to make it go smoothly and ensure that the cameramen do not spend too much time messing about, we took a "team" up to Stony for a quick rehearsal. The day was great fun and an opportunity for some of the guys to dive Stony (what do you mean you have never done it before!!) and we managed to produce a report for the shoot outlining details, and locations as well as a method of operating that will hopefully make it go smoothly on the day.



Taking flares underwater produced some excellent "effects" and with the HD Camera technology we will be using on the day it will be even better. We will let you know how the shoot goes in next months news letter

DIARY DATES

12 January – Know your Regulator

Still places on this event which is an opportunity to learn more about regulators, how they work, why they go wrong and what you can do about it. We will be covering a range of different regs so why not bring yours along. £50 for the day including lunch. Give us a call if you want to join in.

15 Mach – Spring Ball

Yes even though we have just had the Christmas Ball, a lot of you have already got your names down for the Spring Ball. If you want to go let us know early to avoid disappointment. Cost is going to be £15 for members and 35 for non club members

INTERNET SURVEY

Many thanks to those of you who took a few minutes out to fill in the online questionnaires I sent out. It was much appreciated. If you didn't complete it then it's still not too late and it will help us with site design in the future.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR US AS DIVE CENTRE OF THE YEAR ON 2H WWW.DIVERNET.COM
YOU COULD WIN A HOLIDAY WORTH £5000**

SHE'S BACK!

After an absence over the last few months she has turned up again. Spotted recently at the Christmas Ball



EFR INSTRUCTORS COURSE



Many congratulations to our four new EFR Instructors. The candidates gave up their weekend just before Christmas to undertake the training **and** missed out on some of the festivities going on in the dive centre.

TRITON FACEBOOK GROUP

We now have a club members group on Facebook. Although they still have their uses forums are a bit outdated now and the world has been gripped by Facebook mania. So we have started a Facebook Group. It has been going for a while now with just a few "trial members" but it worked so we are now opening it up to everyone in the club. The Facebook Group provides another means of communicating with club members and allows you to do a lot more than you could on the forums, like post your own videos, pictures and events and talk to other club members. Basically keep in touch! Although we are keeping the club forum going for a while at least, we hope that the Facebook Group will be an added bonus. It is an invitation group, so if you want to join it you have to ask. Type Triton Scuba in the search box and you will find us. If you are not already on Facebook you will need to log in and create your own facebook page before you can do anything. Just go to www.facebook.com

CLUB POOL NIGHTS

The pool is available for club members on Tuesday night. It is your pool, it is not just available to club members when we have spare capacity or when we are not using it. **It is there for club members so please use it.** However, you must let us know if you are intending to go, as it can only take so many!

DONATION TO RAINBOW CENTRE



We have supported the Rainbow Centre in Fareham for some time now, and one of the things we always try to do is provide the funding for their Christmas party. This year we did it again, with a massive donation of £1000 (thanks to all your efforts of fund raising at the Christmas Ball and other events). And for the second year running, Donk and Tina stood in for Santa and Chief Elf to hand out presents, while Rhiannon gave out sweets. Many thanks to the three of them for giving up their time, and also to you, our club members, for helping us to raise the money.

LAST DIVE OF THE YEAR



A good number of club members went down to Vobster for the last dive of the year. The weather was dry but a bit chilly but vis was an impressive 15m. A good day which blew away the cobwebs from Christmas.

THE BBC NATURAL HISTORY UNIT 50th ANNIVERSARY



Just thought I would share this one I was lucky enough to get an invite to the NHU Christmas and 50th Anniversary bash in Bristol this month. Was hoping that Kate Humble might be there but alas no. Photo is me being a media tart again – this time with film cameramen Mike Pitts and Ian Thomas.

MORE SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

As well as all the charity work we do there are loads of other little projects that we get involved in to support the local community. You may remember that we have helped Enham, Bay House School, Portsmouth Boys School and Positive Futures amongst other worthy causes.



The latest project was with Harbour School who asked us to run some taster sessions for them. We were happy to oblige and it went down so well that we hope to do more sessions next year.

MOOSE MILK WEEKEND



It was lovely to see so many of you over the last weekend before Christmas. We estimate around 80 people popped in and helped us get through a substantial amount of the "Milk of Moose". We hope that it got you in the festive mood.

UWATEC Launches PDIS (Profile-Dependent-Intermediate-Stops)



UWATEC, the industry leader in dive computers, introduces PDIS, a unique algorithm option for technical divers as well as recreational and advanced divers. Due to the physiological concept behind it, PDIS boasts total versatility and adaptability to all types of dives. The software is on the Galileo range. For more information go to the equipment section of the website www.tritonscuba.co.uk/news-and-specials.html

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

Making Blue Movies – A report from the evening presentation with Mike Pitts
Stoney Cove Shoot – a full report and pictures
Plus all the usual banter

And Finally ...

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2007. WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING EVEN MORE FUN WITH YOU IN 2008.

better training ... better equipment ... better value ... more fun!