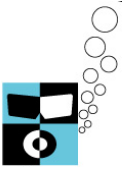




# The Urge to Submerge



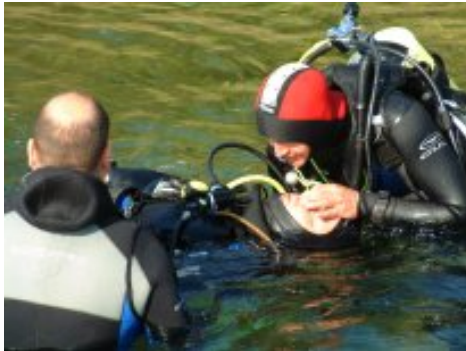
The Newsletter of Triton Divers

February 2006 Edition

## NEXT CLUB MEETING 6 APRIL 2006

It was a great evening on 2 March when around 60 of you turned up for the monthly club meeting. Just to remind you the next monthly meeting will be on 6 April 2006. As usual it will be in the Coast Bar, Royal Beach Hotel. **Please let us know if you will be coming.**

## RESCUE WORKSHOP 9 APRIL 2006



The 19<sup>th</sup> Feb saw another twelve students qualify as rescue divers on our first rescue course of the year. However, as we mentioned in the last newsletter that many rescue divers never practice their skills again after the course, unless they go on to Divemaster. We believe that being able to conduct a rescue is an essential skill for any diver, which is why we are introducing this workshop for club members. The purpose of the workshop on 9 April is to allow qualified rescue divers to practice and be updated with new procedures and techniques, and give Advanced Open Water divers an insight into how to conduct a rescue and what is involved. It will be a fun and interesting day and the only cost to club members will be the entry fee into Horsea Island. Those who want to update their first aid skills on the 8<sup>th</sup> can also do so (more details below). If you would like to attend this training workshop please let us know. There is no limit to numbers, but we need to book you in to Horsea.

## CHILLI FOR THE CHILLY

It was a pretty cold Open Water course in early February and what better way to keep warm than with a hot bowl of chilli. Instructors Steve Metherell and George Murray decided on this course of action and it went down a treat. Thanks to chef Sarah as well. Spare a thought though for students from some other dive schools who were also in the lake at the same time. They bravely plunged into the 3 degree water in 5mm wetsuits!



## Philippines Trip to Replace South Africa 1 – 14 July



We have had to change the South Africa trip. The reason for this is that the SA Rand has dropped in value quite a lot and this has resulted in a hike up in the price of flights and the package in SA is now a lot more expensive. All of those who had their names down for SA have been informed and are now going to the Philippines instead. The good news is that the trip is a lot less expensive and there is still some superb diving to be had. The dates are still the same and details of the trip have been attached to this newsletter. At the moment there seem to be plenty of flights and hotel accommodation may well be the limiting factor so if you want to go get your names down and your deposits in.

## WELCOME TO OUR KIWI CLUB MEMBERS



We have always had an international flavour to the club – hard not to with so many members. However, we would like to welcome our first club members who hail from that land of fantasy movies, sheep and rather large rugby players. Lavina and Sarah (shown in the picture above with Donk and Brett) completed their AOW and drysuit courses with us in February and have since joined the club. A very warm welcome and we look forward to meeting them

## FIRST AID SPECIAL FIRST AID AT WORK TRAINING

We are running First Aid at Work provider and Instructor courses over the week 27 – 31 March. The course will qualify students to teach HSE FAW programmes. Students must have primary and secondary care training prior to attending this programme. If you are interested please contact David in the Dive Centre for more details and prices.

## COURSE SUCCESS

All in all the end of Jan and February have been **extremely** busy on the training side, especially on the rescue courses and first aid training. Many congratulations to the following who have completed training courses:

### Open Water Referral

Clive Gammage, Jo Gammage, Sam Shepley, Paul Farrell, Brian Beagan Connor Langdown, Gavin Parnaby

### Open Water

Paul Kee, Chris Thirkell, Phil Brierly, Dean Broughton, Lee Huntly, Katie Anderson, Luke Sibley, Andrew Rudd

### Advanced Open Water

Martin Hennelly, Bryony Marchant, Amy Longworth, Katia Palmisano, Adem Arabachi, Dave Ronchette, Alistair Smith, Rob Leyland, Ryan Ketteringham, Lavina Suttie, Sarah Davies

### Rescue Diver

Geraldine Felix, Joe Klakus, Lee Abbott, Lee Tilbury, Tommy Lowndes, Thomas Farmer, Paul Greenwood, Chhris Saunders, John Sparham, James Hodson, Dominic Spicer, Jon Lalabalauu

### Drysuit

Bryony Marchant, Amy Longworth, Katia Palmisano, Adem Arabachi, Dave Ronchette, Alistair Smith, Ryan Ketteringham, Lavina Suttie, Sarah Davies

### Enriched Air Nitrox

George Murray, Andrew Pithie

### Emergency First Response

Geraldine Felix, Joe Klakus, Terry Stoker, Susan Whiting, Lee Abbott, Lee Tilbury, Tommy Lowndes, Thomas Farmer, Paul Greenwood, Chhris Saunders, John Sparham, James Hodson, Dominic Spicer, Jon Lalabalauu

### Equipment Speciality

Ruth Sims, Mark Edwards, Graham Purvis, Julian Pike, Richard Ponting, Neil Davidson

### Divemaster

Mick Jarwood, Tony Hunnisett, Steve Lord

### EFR CFC Instructor

Glen Cook, Steve Metherell, Annie Walters

### DAN O2 and Advanced O2 Instructor

Glen Cook, Steve Metherell, Annie Walters

## CLUB POOL SESSIONS

Don't forget, as a club member you can borrow dive gear for the pool session on Wednesday free of charge. Please note however, that we will need you to collect the gear before 6.30 (as we have homes to go to) and deliver it back the following day.

## Normandy Trip Full

The Normandy trip for August is now full. If you have put your name down and have yet to let us have a deposit can you please do so by the end of February.

## TRITON RECEIVES TWO AWARDS FROM OCEANIC



We have been an Oceanic dealer for the last 6 years or so and they have always provided some high quality equipment (and one or two howlers in our view like the Omersub range). Lifetime warranty and free spare parts for servicing have made it an attractive brand so not surprisingly we have sold quite a bit. For the last 5 years our support of the product has been recognized at the annual awards ceremony during the Oceanic Seminar in Devon and we have always won silver dealer awards. However, 2005 was such a cracking year that at this years seminar we received a gold award, as well as a special award for selling more regulator and BCD packages than any other dive store in the country. We would like to thank all of the club members who have supported us, and helping us to achieve this success.

### VOCATIONAL CENTRE STATUS

There are only 11 PADI vocational centres in the World, never mind the UK and we are now officially one of them. That means that anyone undertaking an IDC programme with us, can also qualify for a VRQ (A bit like the old NVQs) Level 3 qualification.

### BOAT DIVES – EASTER HOLIDAYS

A lot of you are looking for some boat dives over Easter holiday. We have booked Pete Streets boat Trojan over the weekend, a huge boat with plenty of space and the fastest hard boat in the Solent. The dives we have picked should get you back into the swing of things as the season gets underway:

15 April - Luis and Camswan

16 April - Luis and P12

17 April - Luis and Boxer

These wreck dives are suitable for AOW and above. If you want to go call the dive centre.

### PRE SEASON GEAR CHECK

We want you to be safe so we are offering a pre season gear check for club members. Bring your regs and BCD in and we will put it on the test rig and check it out for you. It only takes 5 minutes and will give you the peace of mind that your equipment is working satisfactorily before you start jumping into the Solent.

### ANOTHER £110 FOR CHARITY

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle at the 2 March club meeting which raised another £110 for our charities

## YELLOW PAGES ADD

We are looking for a picture for a half page yellow pages add for this year. It needs to be colour and depict something with a diving, water based theme. If you think you have the right photo let me know.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Pat North on becoming a grandmother for the first time last month.

## DAILY MAIL IDEAL HOME SHOW

\*\*\*\* **FREE TICKETS** \*\*\*\*

We are an exhibitor at the outdoor show in Birmingham on 17 – 19 March and as a result we have been allocated complimentary tickets to the Daily Mail Ideal Home Show at Earls Court 9 Mar – 2 Apr. Any club member who would like to go can have a couple of tickets worth £15 each. Only 2 per club member please.

## STRANGE FOOTWEAR WORN IN SHOCKING ACT OF CRUELTY AT MONKEY WORLD!



The authorities are looking for a mystery woman who managed to scare the inhabitants at Monkey world by flashing some outrageous footwear. Monkeys moaned, gorillas groaned and chimps cringed as the boots were paraded through the park. A Monkey World spoken told us.. "it was a totally callous act! Scaring harmless animals in this way by wearing such atrocious wellies goes beyond cruelty. They should be locked up". If you know who was wearing these boots please call Monkey World.

## LONDON MARATHON 2006

I'm training to get from this.....



...to this! All you have to do is sponsor me!

You may remember from the last newsletter that I am doing the London Marathon. Many of you have already pledged some money to see me kill myself over 26 miles, but to make life easier you can now do it "on line". There are 3 sites where you can pledge sponsorship each supporting one of our three charities. If you want the money to go to all three you have to pledge 3 times. So, would could be simpler. Log onto the following websites if you would like to sponsor my efforts:

For Rowans Hospice

[www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-ROWANS](http://www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-ROWANS)

For Rainbow Centre

[www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-RAINBOW](http://www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-RAINBOW)

For Project Aware

[www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-AWARE](http://www.JUSTGIVING.COM/TRITON-AWARE)

## VALENTINES BALL A REAL HUM DINGER



Well given the size of my hangover the following morning it was one hell of a night! For the first time we were in the Royal Beach hotel. The change had been due to the fact that the room was able to hold more people. However, once 140 places were set out on the 14 tables there did not appear to be any more room. The evening started with drinks in the main bar before moving into the dining room where the jazz band was playing – a little bit of class if you ask me and I don't care if you don't like it jazz Dr Evil! Dinner was substantial and the puddings were even bigger. Completely stuffed, the dancing started firstly with the jazz band and then the disco. It went on well into the night and the stragglers were still up at 4.00 in the morning. It was yet another fantastic function. The raffle raised another £470 for our local charities and a huge thanks to everyone who donated prizes especially Suunto who gave us a diving computer. Thanks also to everyone who bought raffle tickets. I have posted some hugely embarrassing photos on the website gallery but if anyone can do better just let me know. Believe it or not we are already taking bookings for the summer ball. See below:

**SUMMER BALL 2006**

**5 AUGUST**

**THE QUEENS HOTEL**



We are going back to the Queens for the summer ball, mainly because of the garden and the ability to go outside when it is hot. This limits the numbers to 130 for a sit down meal or 120 for the buffet. Tickets are going to remain at the same price of £10 for members and £30 for guests. We have already started taking bookings and incredibly there are already over 30 seats taken. So PLEASE if you want to go, let us know as early as possible.

### NEW SCUBAPRO PRODUCTS IN

Scubapro have just launched a new range of products. The designs are contemporary and the performance is all you would expect from this quality brand. The latest BCD is a replacement for the popular Glide 500 and is called the Tsport.



Selling at a RRP of £239 this is a fantastic BCD for the money. It is durable, comfortable and has many features that would normally only be associated with much more expensive jackets. The other new product is the Mk 11 Regulator. Totally new, this compact high performance reg has 4 MP ports, 2 HP ports and comes in at £185 when couple with a R395 second stage. As an introductory offer, we currently have these items on sale for club members at a **20% discount** until the end of March.

### FIRST AID TRAINING A CHANGE TO THE GUIDELINES AND FREE TRAINING UPDATE 8 APRIL 2006



The UK Resuscitation Council have recently changed the resuscitation protocol and we are now in a position to offer first aid training in accordance with the new guidelines. These new guidelines have been introduced into our rescue package. However, that still leaves a large number of first aid trained club members who do not know about the new system. So, we are going to be providing an update for all in-date first aiders who want it. The training will take 3 hours and will cover CPR, and choking for adults children and infants. There will be 2 sessions on the 8 April (morning and afternoon) and there are 8 spaces on each programme. This training is **FREE** to club members.

### PRODUCT RANGE INCREASES



Whereas many dive centres are reducing the product range, our success is allowing us to increase ours, giving you more choice. The latest introduction of the Scubapro Mk 11 regulator for examples means we are currently able to offer 12 different types of regulators to choose from. It is all too easy to assume you are getting the best deal on the internet, however, you might be surprised. We continue to provide a quality service as well as some excellent value for money so pop in before you go online.

### OCEANIC DRY SNORKEL

Remember the old snorkels with ping pong balls in the top? They went out of fashion because they were "dangerous". Well fashion changes and "dry" snorkels are making a return to the market but they look a bit different. The latest from Oceanic, the ULTRADRY uses a different concept. Designed to be exactly what its name suggests, the ULTRADRY snorkel incorporates Oceanic's patented Dry Snorkel Technology into an ultra-low profile product that is ergonomically designed for comfort and function. This technology creates a seal to virtually eliminate water entering the snorkel barrel, while achieving superior air flow performance on the surface. Well the Techno babble sounds good! And they do actually work. The best bit ... only £19.95



### CAPRI 2 CAPRI UPDATE

We mentioned this in the last newsletter. The Capri 2 Capri rally is slowly starting to gather momentum. The plan is for as many Capri cars as possible to drive to Capri (that's in Italy Donk) and try to raise money for charity. Brett has managed to get his 2.8i from under the pile of rubble ....



and I have picked up a 24 year old 1600 from Kent a few weeks ago. Ruth is looking for a pink Capri and another girl to be her co-driver. We are designing a website at the moment and info is currently being published on [capri2capri.org](http://capri2capri.org). Interested in getting involved? Give us a call.

### COURSES COMING UP DRYSUIT AND NITROX WEEKEND

18 – 19 MARCH

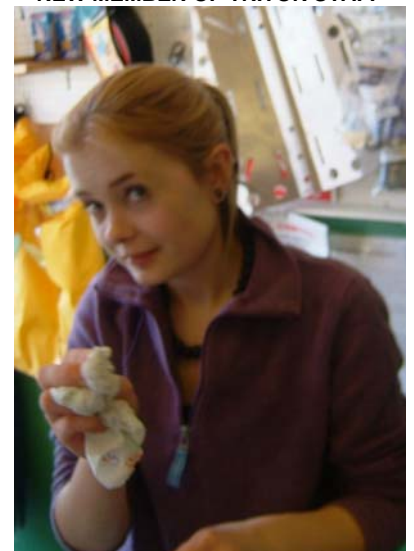
We are running a drysuit and nitrox combined course over the weekend of 18 and 19 March. You can save a lot of money if you would like to go on this course as we are doing the package for **£175** for club members who book in the first week in March. Contact the dive centre for more details.

### EQUIPMENT WORKSHOP



We ran the first equipment workshop of the year in February and it was a huge success. As well as covering the normal PADI course guidelines there was also the opportunity to see **and use** some old regulators and twin hose sets. Club members also saw how regulators were serviced and how to test and adjust first and second stages. The general consensus was that it was great fun and extremely useful. We will be running another course in May so watch out for dates. And don't forget, the training is **FREE** to club members.

### NEW MEMBER OF TRITON STAFF



Those of you who have been into the dive centre recently will have noticed a new member of staff. Katie has recently joined us and is currently undergoing diving training so you might see her on one or two courses over the next few months. She has a lot of talent in the area of graphics and photography and will be an asset to the company. Rumour has it that she even picked up a duster the other weekend and did some cleaning as this photograph proves. Welcome to Triton Katie