



The Urge to Submerge



Triton Divers Newsletter

February 2007

CLUB MEETING DATES

After the March 1st club meeting the next one will be on Thursday 3rd May. This is because we have the Spring ball on at the end of March. Just a reminder as well, if you can remember to pay £5 towards the costs of any guests that you would like to bring we would also appreciate it.

SERVICING OF REGULATORS AND BCDS

Don't forget as mentioned in last months newsletter we are still offering 10% discount to club members on servicing charges during March.

....ON THE SUBJECT OF EQUIPMENT ...

The equipment workshop was another great success with 7 club members coming along to learn more about what to look for in dive equipment, maintenance and servicing. The history of scuba diving equipment was also covered (well with 29 years of scuba diving David has acquired a fair bit of scuba history!)



We will be running another workshop soon.

CYLINDER VALVE MAINTENANCE

IDEST (Inspectorate for Diving Equipment Servicing and Testing) have recently issued a safety notice regarding cylinder valves. At a symposium with the Department for Transport (who monitor testing regulations) and the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) there was concern that some test centres undertook valve servicing while others did so if it "appeared necessary". IDEST, DIT and UKAS agreed unanimously that all test centres should undertake valve servicing at each inspection/test. Therefore, from now on all cylinders being tested will also need a valve service in accordance with BS EN 14189. This will mean an additional charge of £15 I'm afraid, but what price can you put on safety.

BELIZE

The big trip of the year is filling fast and we have bought the first lot of flights! **So far there are 14 club members going.** We think that this is a fantastic opportunity to spend a fortnight on an island in the Caribbean Sea, diving on the second largest reef in the world, maybe with your own little cottage to relax in.

Please let us know ASAP if you would like to come. I know we keep harping on about this but the last thing we want is for you to decide

you want to go and for flights to have increased in price.



Jungle Treks, Mayan Ruins, and the famous Great Blue Hole. Belize has it all!

DIVE SHOW WEEKEND SALE 10 - 11 MARCH

Why go all the way to London pay huge amounts for parking, even more for a cup of coffee and need a credit card to pay for a sandwich when you can stay in sunny Portsmouth, fight for our 'on site' free parking, and join us for a free glass of wine and snacks. There will of course be some fantastic offers available too - including £100 off some BCDS. Other great sale items will be selected Wetsuits at 40% off and mask, fin, snorkel and boot sets at less than £100, **and** how about a free alternate air source when you buy a regulator - on top of your normal club discount!

HORSEA ISLAND REQUEST

Don't think that our club members are guilty of this one, but we have been asked to remind all members that SMBs are required when diving in the lake. It should not be attached to a platform while you search the length of the lake either!

LATEST COURSE SUCCESSSES

Well done to the following who have completed courses with us recently;

Open Water Referral

Steven Thomas

Open Water

John Wells, James Cowan, Karen Wilson, Michael Barber, Russell Eaton, Graham Callaway, Trevor Morton, Claudia Groom, Jennifer Heafield, Emma Thomson-Murrell, Louise Elliot, Peter Baker, James Doggett, Carl Houseley

Advanced Open Water

Graham Packer, Nigel Clay, Neil Parfett, George Tufnell, Megan Taylor

Dry Suit

Helen Cushion, Gordon Molyneaux, Chris Syme, Noel Se, Jack Hewby, Karen Gray, Neil Hewby, Megan Taylor, Neil Paffett, George Tufnell

Equipment Speciality

Nigel Clay, Steve Redman, Mat Smith

Nitrox

Bujj Waran, Graham Packer, Noel Se

Course Successes continued

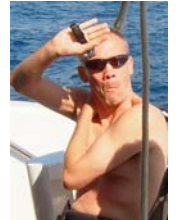
EFR

Rhoda Taylor, Cherry Keenan, Tim Hurrell, Jenny Hollington, Louise Molloy, Tracy Lumsden

EFR Instructor

Rhoda Taylor, Chris Murrell

AND last but not means least....our very own Brad Pitt has passed his **Dive Master Course** (ok he passed in December - its taken till now to remember through the Christmas Hangovers! Congratulations Chris!



SEARCH AND RECOVERY COURSE

There are still a couple of spaces on the Search and Recovery course planned for 7/8 April. This 2 day course is great fun and you really get to learn something.



ANOTHER WIN!

Not content with winning last months caption competition, Pete Hulme has now won a Scubapro LED Torch worth a mere £375. What's the secret Pete?

BOAT DIVES COMING UP

Once again we have "teamed up" with Pete Webb and Buccaneer for a number of boat dives in the Solent this season.

A few dates to be getting on with are:

10 March - Mulberry Harbour and Landing Craft. A great couple of dives to get you back into the swing of things at the beginning of the season. Maximum depth 12m. Boat leaves at 8.30 from Eastney Jetty. If you want to book please let me know.

17 March - Camswan and a drift dive. Maximum depth 20m if you dig around at the bow of the wreck.

RACE ACROSS AMERICA

We have always had a good relationship with Blue Watch Southsea when it comes to the fun aspects of our lives. They help us out by filling the try dive pool at shows. In return we put up the pool for a busy weekend at their open day raising loads of money for the Fire service charities. They even dropped by to join in with the festivities at last years Halloween Party.



£50 deposit to secure a place. I already have a few bookings for this so get in quickly if you want to go.



HYSTERICAL DIVING SOCIETY

There are now three twin hose regulators in working order. There were a few moments of confusion when it came to putting them back together but mainly due to the odd part getting lost on the floor..... More details will be out soon regarding wet trials of the gear in pool.

NEW TOYS

Suunto have now brought out the Cobra2 and Vyper2. These both now feature digital compasses like their big brothers the D6 and the D9 and are now capable of working with two gas mixes. The Cobra2 is an air-integrated replacement for normal gauges while the Vyper2 can be wrist or console mounted.

PORTLAND WEEKEND 17/18 MARCH 07



If you want to go to Weymouth/Portland for the weekend at the end of the month can you let us know by 11 March so we can book the accommodation. We will need deposits at the time of booking. The diving will depend on weather, but there are plenty of boats so something for everyone no matter what your level. Cost is around £15 – 20 a dive and £25 for the night in a hotel.

OCEANIC EQUIPMENT AND WARRANTY

Members who own Oceanic equipment should be aware that the Oceanic equipment lifetime warranty is only valid if the equipment is serviced by an Oceanic authorized dealer. If you have it serviced by someone claiming to be a dealer when they are not, it will invalidate your warranty.

PERSONAL CYLINDERS

As you all know we have a lot of equipment in the dive centre and while we also have a reasonable amount of storage space it can get quite tight at times. We do not mind if you leave, at your own risk, cylinders or equipment overnight if you are diving the

next day. However, some cylinders have been hanging around for several months now. Can we ask that if you think you might want to have a bonding session with your dive gear that you pop along and take it for a change of scenery for a while. Many thanks

ANOTHER AWARD FOR TRITON

At the recent Oceanic awards ceremony we were once again rewarded for achieving significant sales during 2006. Thanks to all club members for their support throughout the last year. Without you we would not have been given this award.

MORE NEW TOYS



A new range of bags are now in the shop. The range from Northern Diver are coming in at some great prices, are an even better quality than the previous range and still have the 10 year warranty

FUJI FINEPIX F30 PACKAGE SPECIAL OFFER WHILE STOCKS LAST

The price of the Fuji Finepix F30 package is on special offer. It is now £320 for the camera, housing, carry case, and 512MB memory card. This camera was £528 so this is a huge saving for one of the best underwater cameras on the market. This special offer is for orders only. If you want one let us know quickly

PADI TWIN SET DIVER SPECIALITY COURSE – NOW AVAILABLE



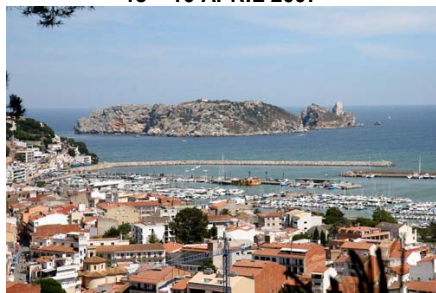
A few months ago we were approached by two of our Canadian club members Dani and Greg Moore (Greg is one of the team at Blue Watch) who told us about their team who are taking part in the Race Across America.

The event that has been in existence since 1982 when four men decided it would be a good idea to race against each other from one side of America to the other. Since that first race it has steadily grown into what many cyclists regard as the "ultimate" cycle challenge. The fire fighters at Blue Watch Southsea will be competing in this arduous event, covering over 3,000 miles in less than 10 days in the hope that they can raise a significant sum of money to enable Naomi House children's hospice to carry on the excellent work they currently undertake. We are supporting this event, however, if you would like to personally donate please drop into the shop and we will pass on any donations. You can find out more on their website on <http://www.fire-raam-2007.org.uk>

SPRING BALL

The spring ball at the Queens Hotel is on the 24th March. Five people have had to drop out at the last minute so there are places available. The cost of the function is £10 for club members and £30 for guests of club members. For this you get a live band, some great food, free wine, a disco and bar extension till 1 pm. If you would like one of the last places let us know!

LONG WEEKEND TO SPAIN 13 – 16 APRIL 2007



There are **already 14** people going to Spain. The trip departs on 13 April and will return on 16 April. The price is £259 per person based on double occupancy and £274 based on single occupancy. The non-diver price is £214 based on double

WEEKEND IN DARTMOUTH 30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2007

Last year we had a lovely weekend on the "touch me tour" diving in Dartmouth and so we have booked to go again over the weekend 30th June/ 1st July. We will be diving from the latest catamaran Samuel Irvin, which is fast spacious and has a lift at the back. The diving off Dartmouth is superb with some great visibility and some superb wrecks. One of the best dives is the wreck of the Maine and was an excellent dive last year. We will be staying in B&B on the Friday and Saturday night and doing two dives per day on the Saturday and Sunday. The cost of accommodation and diving for the weekend is going to be **£140** based on twin share B&B accommodation. I need a