



The Urge to Submerge



The Newsletter of Triton Divers

September 2006 Edition

NEXT CLUB MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2006

The next club meeting is on Thursday 5 October in the Coast bar of the Royal Beach hotel. There will not be a November meeting due to the fact we have the Halloween party at the end of October, so why not try and make the effort to come down. If you are coming please let us know so we can book food. Starts at 7.30 ish.

FAREWELL TO IAN



Those of you who have a look at the blog every now and again will have noticed that we said goodbye to Ian Brown at the beginning of the month. Ian has been with us about 6 months and has made a huge impact with his jovial style and somewhat larger than life character. He is moving to Hereford where he has been offered a job working in the "farmersootikal" research industry (or something like that). He has promised to be back on a regular basis, if for nothing more than to continue to poke fun at Katie remorselessly. He has also booked onto the Dahab trip so those of you going on that trip will see him then. You will be glad to know that we gave him a very good send off, which inexplicably involved large quantities of alcoholic beverages Surely not! We wish him all the best in his new job and thank him for all he has done for the company and the club.

THE LAST CLUB MEETING

September's Club meeting was very busy with over 80 club members and guest turning up. Must have been the prospect of a presentation by Matt Armstrong of Scubapro. Matt kindly gave up his time to introduce us to some of the equipment in the Scubapro range. Many of you were particularly impressed with the range of torches which were all excellent value. Don't forget that there is still an additional discount on the torches and we will be running that until the end of October. Many thanks as well to everyone who bought raffle tickets which raised £110 for charity.

DIVES COMING UP

7 October – Horsea Island for some experience dives. Instructor will be on site to assist.
21/22 October – Portland boat diving
5 November - Vobster Quay – Instructor will be on site
19 November – Horsea Island experience programme. Instructor on site

BEACH CLEAN 2006



It was a bit of a disappointing turnout at the beach clean on 17 September. About 25 turned up and gave up their time to help the marine environment by picking up litter from the beach. The event made the local papers and the BBC so it also helped raise public awareness of the plight of the marine environment. Many thanks to Katie, for all her efforts in trying to get the event off the ground, and for producing the beach clean blog (access from the Triton Blog). And of course a big thank you to the club members who came along on the day to help make a difference. Next year we will be having another event similar to this one and we hope we can count on your support.

PORTLAND WEEKEND 21/22 OCTOBER

Visibility is now pretty bad (infact its shocking) out in the Solent and according to the skipper of Trojan Pete Street, it is pretty much here to stay for the rest of the year! So unless we get some reports of an improvement, we will be looking to go slightly further afield for the next few months. We have planned a trip to Portland on 21 and 22 October to dive with Fathom and Blues on their RIBs. You can dive one or both days and there are dives for all qualification levels. Price starts at £15 a dive – just tell me if you want deep or shallow. If you want accommodation, it is £20 a night. If you are interested in coming along please let me know as soon as possible as the boats fill up quite quickly.

LOOKING FOR A WETSUIT?



Just to let you know we now have a full range of the super stretchy suits from Oceanic, known as the Strex. These one-piece 7/5mm suits are ideal for the Med, the Red Sea and the UK in summer. They are on offer to club members at £195.

SEPTEMBER COURSE SUCCESSSES

Well done to the following who have completed courses with us in September.

Scuba Review

Rebecca Knowles

Scuba Diver

Andrew Shackel

Open Water

Bernard Staniland, Kevin Piotrowicz, Anthony Pyle, Nick Pyle, Laura Easter, Michael Hawkins, Michael Reid, Claire Fountain

Advanced Open Water

Rebecca Knowles, Christopher Ayres, Penelope Lear, Robert Thrush, William Edwards, Helen Cushion, Liam Phair, Megan Cockell, Steve Harder

Rescue Diver

Tim Elcott, Chris Taylor

Nitrox

Tim Elcott, Chris Taylor, Andy Pithie, Neal Willis, Helen Willis, Mark Edwards

EFR

Tim Elcott, Chris Taylor, Luisa Sanchez, Debbie Hall, Victoria Weaving, Charlotte Grieves

MFA

Merlyn Husbands, David East, Karen Hamilton, Liz Kellow, Alan Fritz, Karen Jones

DAN O2

Tim Elcott, Chris Taylor

DAN Advanced O2

Tim Elcott, Chris Taylor

Instructor Development Course and Instructors Exam

Neil Holden, Alex Wilmott, Ian Rose, Paul Kimbley

CHARITY APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF LEGAZPI CITY, PHILIPPINES



Noel Se has been a member of the club for a long time. Hailing from the Philippines, he currently works in the Coronary Care Unit in the QA Hospital. In August this year, Mt Mayon in Legazpi City erupted, leaving thousands homeless and without a future. The volcano was always thought to be a "mild one" however, lava continues to flow down the sides. Noel is trying to raise money in support of the relief effort and has written to the club to ask for support. So, we thought that at the next club night, all money raised would be donated to this particular cause. What do you reckon? So remember to dig deep and lets see if we can help Noel in his efforts. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by contacting the dive centre.

NEW RANGE OF DRYSUITS IN STOCK

We have just had a whole new range of drysuits delivered and they are going at a knock down price while stocks last.



The Typhoon TRX (shown above) - £469. This is a heavy duty suit built to last TCS Neoprene - £416. A great suit 3mm compressed neoprene The Pro Sport - £395. A well made excellent first Drysuit (same as the ones in the school) Not only are these a very good price, but they also come with a free undersuit, which normally retails at £100. Why not pop in and have a look at the range. Remember, offer is only on while stocks last.

THE DIVE SHOW WEEKEND SALE

Over the weekend 14 and 15 October, we will once again be having our dive show weekend sale. There will be plenty of huge discounts on a range of items and loads of items going at cost or even less. So why bother wasting time and money going all the way to Birmingham when you can pop into the dive centre and pick up an even better bargain. Not only that but these weekends always turn into a pretty big social event so there is always a bit of food and drink on offer. So why not come down and see what you can find!

EQUIPMENT NEWS NEW COMPUTER TO RIVAL THE VYTEC



Oceanic have launched their new VT3 computer. The VT3 achieves a good balance between features and usability, allowing you to focus on what's important – the dive. With Oceanic's wireless transmitter, the diver can also monitor gas pressure from up to three independent cylinders – ideal for both technical diving applications and recreational diving. You can even keep a check on your buddies gas supply through your own wrist unit. The Oceanic VT3 can be switched during the dive between up to three different Nitrox mixes containing 21-100% oxygen.

DAHAB TRIP 19 – 26 NOVEMBER



There are now 21 club members going on the trip and the airline is just starting to put the price of the flights up. So if you want to go let me know as soon as possible. Price is now £450, which includes flights, B+B and 5 days diving. It promises to be an excellent club trip.

HELPING OUT THE FIRE BRIGADE



For a few years now we have always had a helping hand from the Fire Service when we set up the try dive pool at the Southsea Show. They come along with an engine and fill the pool in 30 minutes. Without them it would take the best part of 24 hours. So when they asked if we could help out at their open day we were only too happy to oblige. Around 40 kids took the plunge and all the money raised went to the Fire Service charities. Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day in support of this worthwhile cause.

THE GREAT SOUTH RUN 22 OCTOBER 2006



The BUPA Great South Run is nearly on us and 7 club members are running in support of the Lifeboats. They have all been training hard (apparently) and are still trying to raise money in support of the RNLI. If you are not going to Portland and you are at a loose end on that Sunday, why not come out and cheer us all on. Some of us could do with the help!!! Those of you who are running, can you please pop into the dive centre to pick up the said t-shirts! You're gonna love 'em.

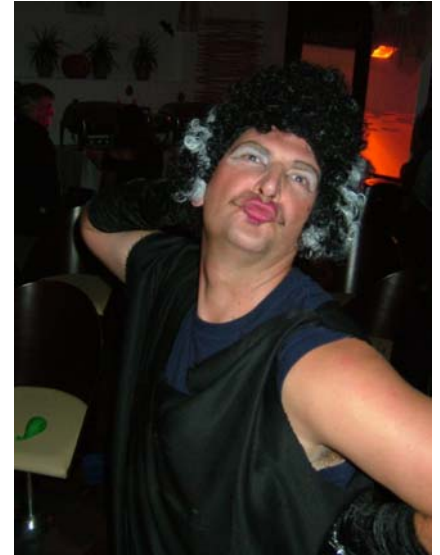
SECOND HAND DRYSUIT SALE

Still a few drysuits left in the dive centre. All going for £200, all in good condition and most only used for one season. First come first served.

BOUNCING EMAIL ADDRESSES

I send out quite a few emails to club members during the course of the month, and loads get thrown back at me. So if you have not received any email messages from me for some time, can you give the centre a call so we can sort it out.

HALLOWEEN



A very worrying photo!!!! Ed.

Halloween is booking up quickly. If you would like a ticket (and the possible opportunity to see Donk dressed up as Morticia again) please let me know as soon as possible. Maximum numbers at the function is 100. Tickets are £10, which covers the food and the disco.

DECORATING FOR HALLOWEEN

Tina has once again volunteered to sort out the decorating of the Coast Bar for Halloween – but she can't do all on her own. Any other club members who can spare a few hours on the Saturday before the party, can you let me know and I will pass your details on to Tina

NEW INSTRUCTORS



Many congratulations to Paul Kimbley, Ian Rose, Neil Holden and Alex Wilmott who all passed their PADI Instructors exam this month. The 2 day exam followed on from a 9 day Instructor Development Course where they were indoctrinated into the ways of being a pink and fluffy PADI Instructor. We will hopefully see all 4 working in the Dive Centre at some time in the near future.

COURSES COMING UP

The Solent is pretty much blown out as we said earlier, so why not use the time to get another qualification under your belt. The following courses might be of interest to you:

18 October – EFR Instructor Why not teach others first aid. The course takes one day and at the end you will be qualified to teach the EFR range of programmes. Refresher training available for those who need it on 17th October.

21 – 22 October – Drysuit course. The cold weather is soon going to be upon us, so why not get ready by qualifying as a Drysuit diver.

4/11/12 November – EFR and Rescue. Still space so if you want to learn how to rescue other divers and manage incidents, why not book onto the course.