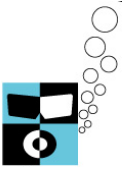




The Urge to Submerge



The Newsletter of Triton Divers

July 2006 Edition

NEXT CLUB MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER 2006

Due to the Summer Ball, there is no regular club meeting in August, so the next one will be on Thursday 7 September in the Coast Bar of the Royal Beach. Please let us know if you are going to be there so that we can order food.

SCUBAPRO PRESENTATION



Matt Armstrong from Scubapro has very kindly offered to come to our next club meeting on 7 September and give a presentation about Scubapro dive gear. He will have a full range of gear on display and will explain the ins and outs of everything Scubapro from wetsuits to computers. You will also get the opportunity to have a bit of a touchy feely session and of course, ask Matt any questions you might have. This will not detract from the usual social shenanigans of the night, but should be interesting for any club members looking to buy their own gear, or for those with a general interest in diving equipment.

NEW FUJI DIGITAL CAMERAS IN STOCK



As the only Fuji Dive Centre in the area, we are first to get in the latest cameras. Now in stock, we have the new award winning F30, which compliments the already popular F11 range. The F30 is smaller and more powerful, with amazing natural light setting and underwater mode features that enable you to take pictures even when it is almost dark, without a flash. The battery is good for over 500 pictures and the camera even has an internal memory as well as an XD memory card. As a Fuji Centre, we are offering this package at £429.99 including the camera, housing, carry case and XD memory card. For a demo, why not pop into the dive centre.

GOZO TRIP NOW FULL

There are **no more spaces** available on the Gozo trip. We have taken over 3 farmhouses for the trip and while I can still get flights, the accommodation is chocker. So, if you still have some holiday left, why not take a look at the Dahab trip on page 2

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Got a few excess pounds you want to get rid of? Let Ian Hendy help you at Lougars Gym (next to the dive centre) Call 02392 877874. Discounts for club members

NEW EFR INSTRUCTORS



Many congratulations to new EFR Instructors Jo Scrimshaw and John Marchant. Jo comes from Dorking and we hope may be doing a bit of work for us up in that area in the near future. John is a familiar face around the dive centre and he will be running courses here soon.

CAMERA FOR SNORKELLING AND OUTDOOR USE



Also, brand new onto the market is an underwater housing for the Fuji Finepix A400. This camera is one of the most popular in the country and the underwater housing has a depth rating of 3m and is designed for snorkellers and the outdoor environment in general. This camera and housing is **ONLY** available in Fuji Dive Centres at the moment and only costs £155 including camera and case. So if you are looking for a 4 mega pixel camera you can take anywhere but do not want to spend a fortune, why not try one of these.

THE NEXT SMB WORKSHOP 13 AUGUST 2006

We are running our 3rd SMB workshop of the year on 13 August for club members. This is an ideal opportunity for newly qualified divers to learn the in's and out's of using reels and surface Marker Buoys, under the guidance of an instructor in a familiar and safe environment. Don't forget, that SMBs are required for all boat dives in the UK so it is a good idea to find out how to use them before you hop off the back of the boat. The course will be run at Horsea Island and the only cost for club members is your entry fee and equipment hire. A variety of SMBs and reels are available to try on the day, so you also get the opportunity to try before you have to buy. Everyone who has done this course in the past has thoroughly enjoyed it and found it extremely useful. If you would like to go, please let me know as soon as possible.

JULY COURSE SUCCESS

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

Scuba Diver

Kay Warner, Connor Langdown

Open Water

Colin Jones, Julie Dickson, Andy Sayers, Bethany Aspinall, Rhys Hoile, George Pyke, Matt Rugman, James Ayling, Iain Whittemell, John Powell, Amelia King, Helen Cushion, Ashley Clarke

Rescue Diver

Chris Murrell, Peter Hulme, Jason Clarke, Matt Richardson

EFR

Melanie Seary, Chris Murrell, Ian Rose, Jason Clarke, Jo Scrimshaw, John Marchant, Matt Richardson

EFR Instructor

Jo Scrimshaw, John Marchant

MFA

Verily Silavwe, Melissa Fearon, Charity Mhlanga, Raychel Pratt, Carol Henwood, Janice Pordage, Carol Smart, Anne Penfold, Michelle Franklin, Tammie Hill, Davina Jones, Paul Playford, Bruno Greppi, Stacey Clements, Sandra White, Peter Smith, Mark Townson, Natasha Lewis, Ryan Simms, Alan Wright, Dein Lawson, Shade Buraimeh

DIVES COMING UP

5 August – Prince Leopold and Luis. 35m. For AOW and Deep/Wreck speciality, or experienced AOW divers. Prince Leopold is about 27m to the deck but drops to 35m at the bow..

12 August – The Polo. Nice easy wreck dive at 28m max. Plenty to see including huge boilers. Good viz on shingle sea bed. Nice safe wreck for AOW divers.

13 August – The Asborg. Lovely wreck off St Catherines at 28m (AOW divers). Open, good viz and loads of life including plenty of conger Eels

26 August – Mulberry and Landing Craft. 12m dive, excellent for new divers, and photography. Loads of marine life on the mulberry.

27 August – Swanage. A great shore diving site for new divers and a fantastic base for some of the most popular boat dives in the south. See page 2 for more details.

SHE'S BACK



DIVE EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME BANK HOLIDAY 27 AUGUST - SWANAGE



Right, for the next experience programme we are going to be going to Swanage. This will be on Sunday 27 August. There are several options but we plan to run dives under the pier for newly qualified divers and book a boat dive for the more advanced divers. There is a charge payable (a couple of quid) for diving under the pier which goes towards a fund to keep it in good order. Boat dives will need to be booked in advance and we will probably do either the Kyarra, Carantan or the Aeolian Sky. Cost is around £24 for the boat. Slack water is about 2.00 pm on the Kyarra.

This should be a good day out with opportunities to dive for all levels of divers in the club. However, it is a busy time of year, so for boats in particular I will need to know if you are going and will ask you for £20 in advance for the boat dive. **Staying Overnight in Swanage** The other option for those that want to, is to camp in Swanage on either the Saturday night or Sunday night (or both), have a few beers and something to eat, maybe a BBQ on the Sunday after diving. The tide times for slack water on the Sunday evening are about 7.00 pm which would make for a very nice evening dive for those who are interested. Again, if you would like to do this let me know so that I can book up the camp site.

To find out more about Swanage you can go to loads of websites but <http://www.bsactravelclub.co.uk/where/uk/sww/swanage.htm> has quite a lot of good information. Let me know if you are interested in going, as soon as possible please

SUMMER BALL – RAFFLE

Once again we will be holding a raffle at the summer ball to raise money for our favourite charities. Prizes this year will be excellent, with diving equipment, holiday packages, cases (yes cases) of champagne and a whole host of other things. So make sure you bring a few crispy notes with you if you want a chance of winning. All money goes to our usual charities

NEWLY QUALIFIED DIVEMASTER



Many congratulations to our newest Divemaster, Jules Pike. Jules has had a meteoric rise through the ranks so to speak having started his diving training with us in January 2005 and going on to complete all of his courses with us here at Triton. Well done Jules - only the instructors package to go now!!!!

DIVER EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME REPORT FROM SEATOWN



25 Club members had an early morning start on 16 July for a trip down to Seatown, the other side of Bridport. The plan had been to go to Lulworth, but with so many people going we decided to move the location. Not only that, but we fancied a bit of a BBQ and you can't do that at Lulworth. The car park at Seatown is right on the beach so only a short walk with all your gear. Diving is not too bad. A steep shingle slope gets to about 4m very quickly, then carries on to about 6m. At this point there is a narrow band of reef going all the way along the beach. The rocks are covered in spider crabs and there are plenty of wrasse and other fish to see. Beyond the reef there is sand and not much else. However, there are no currents and it was the ideal opportunity to try a different site and practice entry and exit skills when there is a slight surf. The BBQ was excellent (especially the spare ribs if I say so myself) and everyone got a couple of dives in. All in all an excellent day out.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



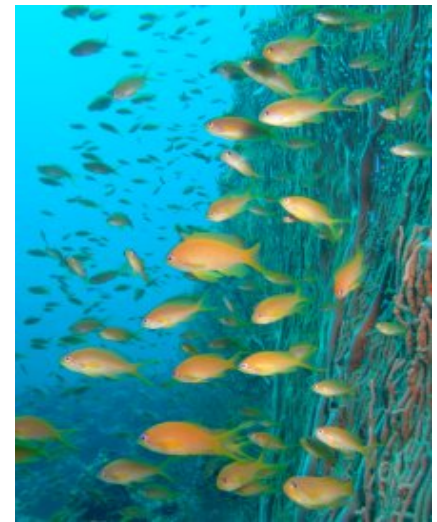
From comments I have received regarding the digital photography course, it is apparent that many of you are not actually too bothered about a qualification in underwater photography, you just want to know how to use them more effectively and many of you would rather practice on your own than pay money for training. Fair enough, after all it is not as if you need a certification to be able to go out and buy your own camera. So, for those of you with your own cameras I am going to be running a one-off digital workshop, for club members only, on Thursday 10 August at 5.30 pm. The workshop will cost £20 to cover my time and some printing we have to get done and will include a pool session where we will put some of the theory into practice. If you would like to take part, please let me know.

GAS BLENDING COURSE 26 AUGUST



I am going to be running a DSAT gas blending course on 26 August. This course is ideal for all DMs and instructors who want to know how to mix nitrox and trimix. All staff and DMs who use the compressor and mixing panel are required to have the training, however the course is also suitable for anyone who wants to improve their diving knowledge and skills. The course takes one day and covers various blending techniques, use of blending software (included in the package) and the principles behind O2 cleaning. The cost of the course for club members is going to be £69 (normal price is £95). To go on the course you must be nitrox qualified and be 18 years of age.

PLANS FOR DAHAB TRIP NOVEMBER 2006



We are going back to Dahab in November. Dates for the trip are going to be 19 – 26 November. We will be staying in either the Coral Beach hotel or the Jasmina (depends on which one you want) and the price is going to be around £475 including flights, accommodation, transfers and a 5 day diving package. Once again we have "teamed up" with Poseidon divers to supply the diving and equipment. For those of you who have not been to Dahab before it is a really excellent trip. We go about twice a year and they are always great trips. The diving is shore based mainly, but wonderful drop offs and reefs are just off the beach so no long boat rides to go diving. This makes it all very relaxing – no stress, take your time and enjoy yourselves. If you would like to go on the Dahab trip, we are starting to take bookings now and require a deposit of £200. I will also need to know whether you want to be in the Jasmina or the Coral Beach.

CONGRATULATIONS

And last but by no means least, many congratulations to club members Damien and Heidi on the birth of their new baby. We hope to see you soon.