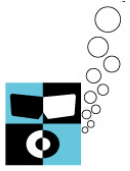




The Urge to Submerge



The Newsletter of Triton Divers

June 2006 Edition

NEXT CLUB MEETING

6 JULY 2006

The next club meeting is on 6 July in the Coast Bar of the Royal Beach Hotel. Menu for the night is going to be Shepherds Pie, veg, salad and a mushroom stroganoff as a tree hugger's option. As usual **please let us know if you will be coming.**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

We are running a digital underwater photography course at the end of July. The dates for the course will be:

Level 1

Theory – Wed evening 26 July 6.00 – 9.00pm

Pool session – Thu evening 27 July 7.00 – 9.00pm

Level 2

Open Water Session – Sunday 30 July at Horsea

This is a special course for Club members only and therefore the cost will be £125, which includes entry fees, manuals and certification. Camera hire for those who need it will be £30 for the course. There are 8 spaces on the course and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

WEBSITE HITS GO THROUGH THE ROOF

June has been our busiest month ever on the website. The number of unique visitors to the site is more than 1300, passing the previous highest number by around 100. The number of "hits" on the site is over 3500 for the month with a couple of days still to go. There is always plenty of stuff on the site and we are constantly updating it so make sure you take a look if you haven't done so for a while.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST CLUB MEMBER FROM CHILE

A few months ago we brought you news about our first club members from New Zealand. This month we would like to say a warm welcome to Felipe who hails from Chile. Felipe is a Chilean Navy officer here in the UK for one year. He has already sampled the delights of diving in the Solent and has already purchased an Evolution Rebreather adding to the list of rebreather divers in the club. Welcome to the club and the UK Felipe and we look forward to diving with you over the forthcoming months.

SEASEARCH OBSERVERS COURSE

What is Seasearch? It is a national project for volunteer sports divers who have an interest in what they are seeing underwater and want to learn more and protect the environment. To support this programme Seasearch run Observers courses. The next one is taking place on 16th July at Hampshire Wildlife Trust in Botley. This is a one-day course aimed at giving divers basic skills in marine identification and recording. At the end of the course, which costs £30, you should be able to complete the Seasearch observation form and take part in Seasearch dives. Minimum qualifications to go on the course are BSAC Sports Diver and PADI AOW. You will need to sign a diving medical form, have 3rd party insurance and will need to have done at least 20 dives in the UK. For more details contact Vicky Swales on 01489 774423 or email vickys@hwt.org.uk. You can also visit their website www.seasearch.org.uk for more details.

WATER WATCH WEEK

Water watch week was a great success with loads of children getting involved in a number of events aimed at promoting awareness and responsibility for the marine environment. One of the most active schools was Wimborn in Southsea. Club member Carolyn Butler was the driving force behind a number of activities and has even started an AWARE club at the school. At the Blue Reef Aquarium 25 schools and hundreds of children took part in a range of activities laid on by Jenna and Nicki. Our thanks to everyone who helped out, especially, Yvonne and Carolyn who managed to generate a huge amount of interest in the marine environment at their schools.



NORMANDY TRIP

The Normandy trip is booked and is going ahead. The spare spaces have now been offered outside of the club; so last chance if you would like to go on this excellent trip, let me know. The cost is £500 and this includes all the diving, lunch, breakfast and accommodation. Dates of the trip are 19 – 26 August. This is a great opportunity to dive the WW2 wrecks off the French coast. And no, it is not a technical diving trip. Suitable for AOW and above.

SUUNTO RECALL D6 AND D9 COMPUTERS



You may have seen on the Blog that Suunto have announced a recall on the D6 and D9 computers. We have been in contact with the club members who have purchased these items as well as several other non club members and we think we have got them all in. However, if you know of anyone who has a D6 or D9 can you please let them know about the problem and get them to bring the units in to us so we can get them up to Suunto and sorted out.

COURSE SUCCESS

Another busy month. Well done to the following who have completed courses with us in June:

Open Water

Royston Hulse, Chris Milner, Jody Milner, James White, Glen Pursey, William Edwards, Emma Partridge, Claire Cavill, Buij Waran, Jon Duff, Alice Silk, Neil Clark, Karl Booth, Matthew Legg, Donald Wade, Gareth Nash, Craig Searle, Robert Simpson, Kay Cooper, Samantha Perry, Elizabeth Davies

Advanced Open Water

Jamie Kileen, Luke Sibley, Royston Hulse, Scott Turner, Grant Best, Stuart Best, Chris Syme, Roshni Joshi

Drysuit Speciality

Duncan DePledge

Nitrox Speciality

John Price, Jamie Kileen, Luke Sibley, Scott Turner, Royston Hulse, Grant Best, Chris Syme

Wreck Speciality

Gavin Parnaby

Inspiration CCR

Neil Holden

DIVES COMING UP

15 July – Mulberry Harbour 12m. Suitable for Open Water divers and above. A great dive for new divers. This is a Diver Experience event if you would like to take part.

29 July – Luis 16m. Nice easy wreck dive for OW and above

5 August – Prince Leopold and Luis. 35m. For AOW and Deep/Wreck speciality, or experienced AOW divers.

12 August – The Polo. Nice easy wreck dive at 28m max. 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.

26 August – Mulberry and Landing Craft. 12m dive, excellent for new divers, and photography.

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The next Instructor Development course is in September (2 – 10) and we are starting to take bookings. If you are a qualified (or about to qualify) DM and a budding instructor why not come and have a chat.

MYSTERY WOMAN TURNS UP IN SPORT DIVER MAGAZINE

Page 62. Well we haven't seen her around for a while and then blow me down she turns up in Sport Diver magazine. It looks like an old image so should anyone have any new photographs (hint hint Steve) can you let us have them. By the way, we need another four for a calendar all of her own!

CHANGES TO TANK INSPECTION LEGISLATION



There has been a recent change in the rules and regulations regarding the inspection of diving tanks. The new rules require the testing station to destroy any tanks that fail the test. A couple of other things have also changed. In addition, if a cylinder requires internal shot blasting procedures in order to remove corrosion or pitting, this will be carried out and likewise, if on examination the valve requires a service, this will also be done. The net result of all this is that when you bring your cylinders in for a test, you will be asked to sign a declaration that states that you agree to these terms and conditions. You will also be required to pay the cylinder test failure charge, which will then be deducted from the final bill when the cylinder passes the test.

STRANGE GRAFITI ON KATIE'S FEET



Katie went out the other night and when she came into work the next morning it appeared that someone had drawn on her feet with a biro. The artistic piece of artwork can be seen on both ankles and in spite of attempts to wash it off seems to be a permanent fixture.

SUMMER BALL

If you are going to the Summer Ball you should have all received meal booking sheets. We need these back so that we can get the meals sorted out. At the same time as you send these in can you please let us have cheques to pay for it if you have not already done so. Members £10 and guests £30.

GOZO TRIP 1 – 8 OCTOBER FINAL PAYMENT

The flights, diving and accommodation have been booked and paid for this trip so we now need the remaining payments in if you are going. The cost of the package is £440 so the remaining payment will be £240. We are now travelling by BA due to the unearthly times of the charter flights and this has put the price up slightly, but it is still great value. There are 3 spaces left on this trip (flights permitting) in shared rooms, and once they have gone the 3 farmhouses we have booked will be full. If you want to go I need to know as soon as possible.

DIVER EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME 16 JULY – LULWORTH COVE



Following on from the very successful diver experience programme at the beginning of June, we have put another one into the programme for July. The next one will be a double event. A boat dive on 15th July to the Mulberrys and a shore dive to Lulworth Cove on Dorset's Jurassic coast. We will be leaving for Lulworth at 7.30 am and driving down in one of the vans.



The plan is to do 2 dives, the first one through the cove and out onto the durdle door reefs, and the second to explore the cove itself. The maximum depth in the cove is about 5 – 6m, with about 10m maximum on Durdle. If you would like to join us on this trip please let me know. Should be no cost apart from car parking. You will need to take 2 tanks as the nearest filling station is Weymouth or Swanage. If the weather is looking good we also plan to take a BBQ.

SPORT DIVE MAGAZINE

Those of you who get Sport Diver magazine will have noticed that we had a nice 2 page spread about Triton and the club in the July issue. I have resisted sticking anything in the magazine on the grounds that everyone on the south coast had joined in on that particular bandwagon at one stage and ... well we like to think that we have a bit more originality than that. However, the Editor, Mark Evans phoned me up with a plea to fill the space. So with a couple of hours notice we rustled up that piece. If you would like to read it I have copied it onto the website, or you can buy a copy of the magazine in the dive centre. Quite a few embarrassing pictures, a few tall tales (well never let the truth get in the way of a good story eh Donk!), and Tony gets a hammering in the write up as well so well worth a read!

BEACH CLEAN UP PLANNED FOR 17TH SEPTEMBER

We have run a number of beach clean ups in the past and we are going to be doing one again this year. The plan is to get as many people as possible to walk the beach picking up as much rubbish as possible. The last time about 50 people got involved and we cleared a huge stretch of beach. This year we have "teamed up" (euphemism for working together we think) with the Blue Reef Aquarium. So they are going to sort out their end of Southsea se front. We have also registered the event with the Marine Conservation Society who traditionally do it on the Sunday so hopefully we will be able to "team up" with the event staged by Southsea council. If you would like to give a few hours of your time to help out, we would love to see you. Let us know so we can send you the details of the event.

SOUTHSEA SHOW – 4/5/6 AUGUST 2006



I know I put it in last month, but another quick reminder – we need volunteers to help out with the Southsea Show. It is guaranteed to be good fun and as always we will be providing plenty of entertainment (of a liquid variety) plus a big end of show party to everyone who helps out. If you can give up a bit of spare time over the weekend, please let us know.

CHARITY CALENDER

We ran out of time last year, but are going to try again this year. The plan is to produce a club calendar for charity. If you saw the film Charity Girls, then this will be the same, but a lot less nudity and wobbly bits. A little bit risqué, various poses, all in the best possible taste, suitably censored with various bits of diving kit (so Mel, you can wear a snorkel). Should be a bit of fun and raise some money. If you are interested in helping out let me know.

INSTRUCTORS MEETING



It was about time for another instructors meeting! Well you know how much we like to socialize! We all went out for a meal at the Noble house followed by the usual pilgrimage to some of the seedier spots in Southsea! To find out more about Tony's Peter Crouch dancing techniques come and have a chat at the next club meeting!

DAN OXYGEN PROVIDER COURSES CLUB MEMBERS SPECIAL



Being able to provide oxygen in a diving emergency is essential. I am going to be running some DAN O2 courses in the evenings at a special price to club members. The aim is to get a better understanding of O2 and advanced O2 provider techniques. The first course will be the DAN O2 provider course on 10 July. This will take 3 hours from 6 – 9.00 pm. The next course, the DAN Advanced O2 will be run the following evening 11 July at the same time. The advanced course covers 100% O2 resuscitation technique including the use of the Bag Mask Ventilator and the Manually Triggered Ventilator. If you want to do the advanced course you must first complete the provider course on the Monday evening (or have previously qualified). I am charging £35 for each course and the minimum prerequisite is a current CPR certificate (primary care). If you would like to book onto either course, please let me know by 5th July. Yes I know short notice, but I need to arrange to get the materials in.