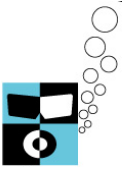




# The Urge to Submerge



The Newsletter of Triton Divers

March 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.**



### WE ARE GOING TO THE DIVE SHOW

We have had stands at the dive shows 3 times in the past and they were all pretty successful. Anyway, we are going again this year, so if you are popping along to the show, come and see us. 1 and 2 April at the EXCEL Centre

### DIVING CAMERA OFFER

As we are an official Fuji Dive Centre we are able to offer the latest range at some amazing prices. These are even better than the prices at the dive show. So without having to go to LIDs the deal on cameras while stocks last is:

**Fuji F10 with 40m housing, strobe and travel case  
£449**

**or Fuji F11 with 40m housing, strobe and travel case  
£499**

### HORSEA ISLAND PRICE INCREASE

Horsea have informed us that entrance fees are going up. If you turn up on the day it is going to be £14! If you would like to book through us it will cost you £11.00 Bit of a saving!

### BRETT FINALLY GETS TRIMIX!

I have to let you all know that I have finally managed to send off Bretts paperwork and he would like me to tell you that he is now a Trimix diver. Well done Brett.

### YELLOW PAGES ADVERT

We have a great response for photos for our ½ page yellow pages ad. Last chance if you want to submit your pics as I need them by 10 April. High resolution only please.

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

We have a new staff member. Ian Brown, who completed his DM training programme with us before going on to his IDC has recently joined the team. Most of Ian's diving has been in East Anglia (that will be Gildenburgh then) and the Red Sea, so we look forward to introducing him to the delights of the Solent.

## WATER WATCH WEEK 12 – 18 JUNE



Last month we were proud to announce that we had become an official sponsor of Project AWARE. This month we have done it again. We have launched Water Watch Week for the area, which is an opportunity for schools and colleges to do something for the environment. We have written to loads of schools in the area and have set up a website [www.waterwatchweek.org](http://www.waterwatchweek.org) which provides a whole load of ideas and bits of information that can be used to educate youngsters about the marine environment. So, if you have kids who might be interested in the plight of the aquatic world, get them to log onto the site and tell their teachers they want to do a project to help.



### OFFICIAL DIVE CENTRE

Just to let you know that we have been asked by Fuji Film to be their official Dive Centre for the area. What does this mean to you? Well firstly, it means that we will always have stock of the latest cameras. Secondly, we will be able to offer the best prices around and you are guaranteed the back up (something you don't get when you buy products from someone who is not an official dealer). And thirdly, our shop staff will be undertaking a training course in the use of the camera, so that we can show you how to use it. More on this later.

### FUJI F10 AND F11



We now have plenty of F10 and F11 cameras in stock. These cameras offer the latest in digital technology. They come complete with housing, strobe and carry case. Pop into the dive centre to take a look.

## COURSE SUCCESS

The season is well underway with lots of training going on. March was again another busy month on the training front so well done to the following who have completed courses:

### Open Water Referral

Helen Fenton, Robert Fearn, Richard Elson, Nicola Chattaway

### Open Water

Toby Plant, Emma Coates, Jason Clarke, Kelly Johnstone, Robert Talbot, Bryn Jones, John Maddison, Hazel Stanworth, David Hawkins, Andy Bell, Michael Clifton, Matthew Dent, Chris Syme, Kris Griffiths, Andrew Harrold. Ross Griffin, Allan White, Jo Whittle

### Advanced Open Water

J Orwin, J Galvin, A Bonner, C Mitchell, A Ashley, L Locke, J McCormack, T Hunnisett

### Rescue Diver

J Orwin, J Galvin, A Bonner, C Mitchell, A Ashley, L Locke, J McCormack, T Hunnisett

### Drysuit

Anna Donegan, John Price, Lewis Crichton, Peter Phillips

### Enriched Air Nitrox

John Maddison, Emma Coates, Bryn Jones, Toby Plant, Jason Clarke, David Hawkins, Peter Phillips, James Douglas

### Emergency First Response

Catriona Sutherland, Adam Parnell

### EFR Instructor

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### Medic First Aid Instructor

Al Pearson, J Unsing, A Gooding

### FAW Instructor

Al Pearson, J Unsing, A Gooding

### TRIMIX

Brett Maton

### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING

As well as being a Fuji Centre, we are also promoting digital photography. To this end we will be running digital photography speciality courses. A number of our instructors will be having training from Fuji on their range of cameras. We are also going to be running some photography workshops free of charge. More details on all of this in due course.

### NORMANDY TRIP SPACES

A couple of people have had to drop out of the Normandy trip 19 – 25 August. If you would like to go on this liveaboard to dive some of the best WWII wrecks around let me know. The cost of the trip is £500, which includes diving, accommodation and air. The boat leaves from Weymouth and there will be at least 2 dives a day.

## TENERIFE REPORT 2006

March saw a few club members take a trip to Tenerife for a long weekend. Arriving by lunchtime the first afternoon was spent sitting by a pool in the sunshine while the UK was hit by freezing temperatures. On the first evening the group did a Chinese Night Diving speciality course and had a 5 course meal for about £10 followed by some complimentary shots of something vile but in very 'interesting' shot glasses.



The following morning we were picked up from the apartment at 8.30 and taken the dive shop to meet the other divers and get kit together. There were 3 dives planned for the day all from Tenerife Scuba's Rib; the Ocean Odyssey. The first was "The Steps" with shoals of Roncardores, red/grey parrotfish, sea slugs, fire worms and the odd stonefish. There was also the standard multitude of black spiny urchins that you'd expect to find in the Canary Islands. We then went back to shore for lunch before heading back out to the second dive; Neptune's Cave where we saw a large globe fish and a Torpedo Ray amongst others. By the end of this dive I think we'd all had far too much sun and seasickness was beginning to kick in. In true Chris fashion he threw up over the side, but I have to hand it to him, he still managed to do the third dive of the day with Craig while Gordon and I sloped off home to have a shower and find some seasickness tablets! On the Saturday we had a choice of dives for the first dive; the Meridian Wreck or a shallower fishy dive close by. Chris and I wanted to do the wreck dive, while Craig and Gordon went with the other divers on the boat to the other dive site. During our descent to the wreck we saw a Sting Ray and an Angel Shark on the sandy bottom before swimming a few metres over to the wreck.



The wreck is supposedly one of the early whale watching boats and is a wooden hulled vessel with steel topside about 40m in length with the rigging and crows nest still intact. There are a few easy swim throughs through the bridge section, and while not covered in marine life, there is enough to keep the dive interesting including a large Grouper and a shoal of Sardine as we ascended through the rigging – all in all a very enjoyable dive.

The last dive of the day was "The Rays". We all piled in off the side of the boat and started to descend. From the look on Craig's face as he finned back to the surface; he was quite shocked to discover that diving isn't possible on a snorkel. This is a great dive on a site where Sting Rays are used to being fed by divers so before the bag of sardines had come out; the rays (and sea bream, weaver fish and zebra bream) were all milling around waiting for food. For someone slightly squeamish of fish, it was still a great dive although I could be heard screaming 6 miles away when one of the rays got a little too up close and personal. There is also a small yacht to explore where there was a octopus and lots of moray eels.



All in all Tenerife provided a very enjoyable break away with lots of sunshine and great diving at a reasonable price. Many thanks to Chris, Sarah, Tony and Helen for a lovely long weekend and we hope to see you all (and fellow divers Bill Watson and friends) again.

## LONDON MARATHON 2006

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



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

Many thanks to everyone who has sponsored me so far for the London Marathon . If you haven't and are feeling guilty about the fact that I am busting a gut to raise money and you think you ought to do something..... then let me help you. I can relieve you of all guilt, all you have to do is pop a crispy note into my hand the next time you are in the dive centre and I will make sure that it goes to the right place.

## COURSES COMING UP

We have some great courses coming up in April:

- EFR 2 April
- Rescue Course 8 – 9 April
- Wreck and Boat specialities 15/16/17 April (Easter weekend)
- Advanced Open Water – 15/16 April

If you want to join any of these courses let me know.

## NEW US DIVERS RANGE

We have a new range of great value US Divers mask fins and snorkels in the dive centre. These are great for those on a tight budget. There are also some "short" fins that are ideal for the travelling diver. Have a look next time you are in.

## DARTMOUTH WEEKEND

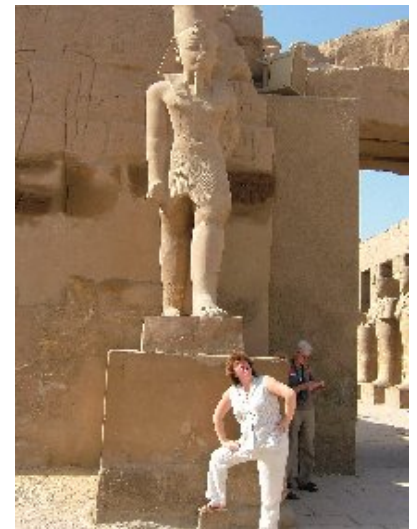
3 – 4 JUNE 2006

We have booked a boat for a weekend in Dartmouth on 3 – 4 June. The cost of the weekend is £110 including B&B accommodation. 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. To find out more about the dive and the wreck you can log onto <http://www.divernet.com/wrecks/maine399.htm>



The Maine is upright and still reasonably intact. At a depth of 35m this wreck offers great diving for AOW and above. It is covered in life and lying on a sandy bottom so visibility is usually superb. The trip to Dartmouth also provides the opportunity to dive on loads of other inshore wrecks. Not only that but the picturesque port of Dartmouth is a great night out. If you would like to join us on this trip call the dive centre.

## MYSTERY WOMAN TURNS UP AGAIN ..... BUT THIS TIME IN EGYPT!



Just when you think it's safe to go outside again, our overseas office inform us that a mystery woman (bearing some resemblance to the woman who perpetrated a vicious attack on the wildlife in Monkey world last month) has been creating camel chaos in the land of the Pharaohs. Any information regarding her whereabouts or identity should be passed onto the Egyptian Embassy. The latest close up has been published below:

