

Triton Scuba's Divathon 2004



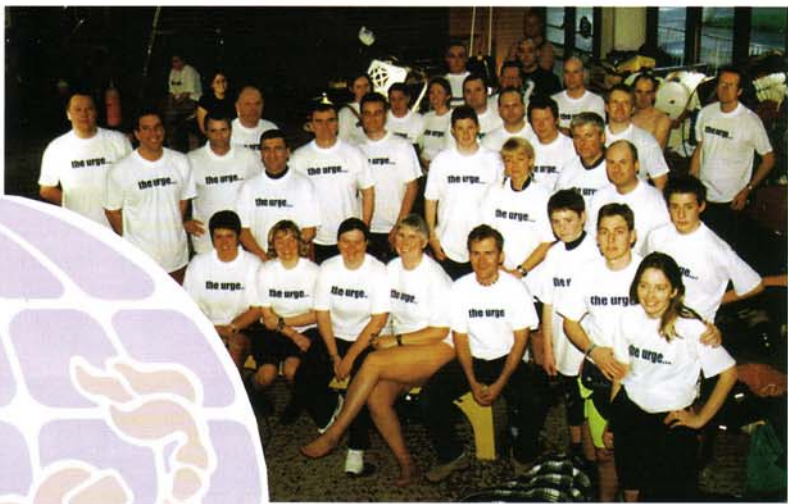
Triton Divers is the club affiliated to the Triton Scuba Dive Centre and it has over 170 members. In February, divers from the club took the plunge to raise thousands of pounds for charity with an underwater marathon, or 'divathon' as it has been called.

A total of 28 divers took part in the fundraising relay scuba dive – which took two hours and ten minutes to complete – to raise the money, and 26 club members all swam a mile underwater in buddy pairs. The final two divers (aged 13 and 15) swam the final .2 mile to make the total distance swum by members 26.2 miles. The fastest time, swum by Neil Davidson

and Wyndham Lucas, was 37 minutes.

Over 100 club members were there on the day to either swim, help or simply show their support. There were also a number of helpers from local South Downs College, who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help out and so a big thank you goes to them all.

At the end of the event, there were a lot of weary legs, but it was excellent to see so many people getting behind such a worthwhile event. Money is still coming in, but should total just under £4,000 for the Rowans Hospice and the Rainbow Centre, two local Portsmouth charities.



DIVE INTO EARTH DAY 2004



'Dive Into Earth Day' is an international Earth Day celebration of coral reef and marine conservation activities, and people across the planet are gearing up for the fifth annual Dive Into Earth Day event that will take place during the week of Earth Day, 22 April.

Project AWARE and the Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) co-ordinates 'Dive In' each year to ensure that the 72 per cent of the planet covered by water is not forgotten during the annual Earth Day celebrations.

PADI dive centres/resorts, scuba divers, snorkellers and water enthusiasts are invited to organise and participate in a wide range of activities to help protect underwater ecosystems. Each year, celebrities such as William Shatner, Leonardo DiCaprio, Tanya Streeter and Peter Benchley join in the celebrations.

WHAT: Beach and underwater cleanups, marine festivals, fundraising events, reef surveys, aquarium exhibits and other marine conservation activities organised locally by community members and businesses.

WHERE: In more than 80 countries and territories around the world (go to <http://www.coral.org/divein> and post your activity or find activities in your region).

WHEN: During the week of Earth Day – 22 April 2004.

HOW: Contact your local PADI dive centre/resort or visit www.coral.org/divein to find a Dive In activity near you.

The Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) co-ordinates Dive Into Earth Day in partnership with Project AWARE and with the support of West Marine, Air Pacific, Earth Day Network and the International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN). Join the celebration and put your love for the water into action. Dive Into Earth Day is your chance to dive in and make a difference. For more information, go to www.coral.org/divein and www.projectaware.org