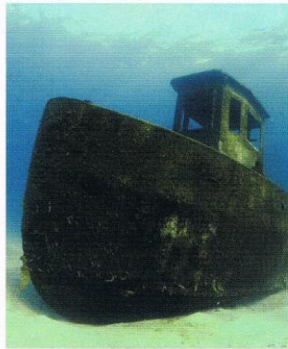


Wreck sunk for Life

Over the years, the BBC has brought us some record-breaking television that has opened the eyes of naturalists and divers alike. Remember The Blue Planet's amazing footage – who can forget the images of the whale as it picked up the remainder of the bait ball? If you enjoyed this then you will be enthralled by their new series in the autumn.



Some 150 years after Darwin wrote The Origin of Species, the BBC is launching a new ten-part series called Life. Filmed entirely in HD, Life will take viewers through various habitats, looking at the complex diversity of life. Some of the filming was underwater, and David Jones, PADI Course Director and owner of Triton Scuba in Portsmouth, was

commissioned to supervise an unusual task; to find, clean and deliberately sink a wreck and film it – a first for the BBC. The wreck (a 50-tonne tug boat) was sunk in the Bahamas and provided an unusual backdrop for the filming of the development of marine life. Life will be accompanied by a Children's BBC series that follows the making of this series.



BBC series Life follows the development of marine growth on a sunken wreck



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BALL-GOERS RAISE FUNDS FOR BITEBACK

A ball to raise funds for the marine conservation charity Bite-Back and Marie Curie Cancer Care will hold on 25 September.

The Black Tie Charity Ball is in its third year, and includes a three-course meal, charity auction and an underwater photography competition with a

top prize of a liveaboard holiday with Worldwide Dive and Sail.

Tickets cost £75, including dinner and wine, plus entry into a raffle for the chance to win an O'Three drysuit. The ball is held at The Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond-upon-Thames.

To book tickets, visit: www.bitebackatcancer.org

Two divers die in the North Sea

Two experienced divers died after a dive in the North Sea six miles off the east coast of Filey in North Yorkshire on Monday 3 August ended in tragedy. Stephen John Bailey, 49, from Filey, and Malcolm Exley, 52, from Scarborough – both members of Filey Sub Aqua Club – were with two other men diving off the boat On a Promise in an area popular for wreck hunting but prone to strong currents and varying depths.

It is believed they made a rapid ascent from depth and experienced signs of DCS on surfacing. They were flown to a specialised unit within the Hull and East Riding Hospital near Cottingham before being transferred to Hull Royal Infirmary, where they were pronounced dead. An inquest into the deaths has been opened and adjourned. North Yorkshire Police is continuing to investigate the tragedy, but a spokesman for the force said: "There are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances."

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