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Free Flow

Editors Bit...



There's my Buddy after oar's again. When ever you need s good oar you can rely on Dave to come up trumps. Not only that he very generously donated said captured oar to the club for everyone to take advantage of.

A gentle reminder to get your sponsors for the 24hr snorkel. Some of last years snorkels below can vouch for the good time had be all.



Don't forget to nominate your Volney award candidates. I can think of several good ones from the last Pembroke trip. The same applies for this award as per the page 3 luvlie, the more nominations there are the less likely is going to be YOU.

I forget who won it last year but nominations should be given to them. Anonymity is guaranteed for get your nominations in as they occur.

Pete

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Free Flow
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A certain amount of sadistic pleasure is fulfilled being the editor and selecting the monthly candidates. I could also suggest that Mary is laughing at Elaine's misfortune, but to be fair to Elaine, no, she is not being sick in the bucket but is looking/counting crabs caught with the aid of bacon.

If you would like to become Miss or Mr Aug or know someone who should be, then please email me with the photo and a brief description of why the person should be a page 3 lovely. pete.barnard@power.alstom.com

Chairman's Report

Firstly I must apologise for missing last months Freeflow; I somehow got my dates mixed up. I will remember in future that when The Ed says 'next weekend' he really means 'this weekend'.

The dive season is well underway with the boats being used more that ever. I hope this is giving the inexperienced boat handlers a chance to develop their skills, that is if they can get some of the speed freaks to relinquish the helm.

Remember also to keep your eyes peeled for 'Plonker of the Year.' This award is voted for on submission of nominations to last year's winner whose name escapes me. Has anyone blundered by forgetting a vital piece of equipment such as their stab jacket when on a dive trip or their tent when going camping? Take extra care if you don't want to be nominated.

A formal notification will be made soon, but it is worth noting that the AGM is only a couple of months away and it might be a good time to start lobbying people for positions on the committee. All positions are up for re-election, although, this is usually unnecessary as some are allowed to carry on for another year. Obviously one position up for grabs is, as everyone knows by now, the Treasurers job although one member, Sue Calver, has already been nominated.

After giving it a lot of thought I have decided not to stand for election as Chairman this time. The position is not particularly time consuming but I do feel that I have too many commitments elsewhere to give it my full attention. Thanks to Nigel for his help and support and to others that have tried to persuade me to put my name forward again. A form will be available that must have both the nominators and nominees signature on it.

Bob.

Diving Officer's Report

Well this dive season is well under way and although a few of the trips were not filled this year the ones towards the back end have. This doesn't mean to say that more trips can't be organised but if people want to organise more there is still time. We have had some good weather last year at the back end, so if you are willing to endure a bit of cold it is still possible

Whilst on the subject of trips the completed dive log sheets have been a bit slow, to non existence coming through and also plans of the trip are not necessarily being submitted to me prior to departure. I do require this information and a copy of the information pack submitted to the people on the trip in most cases is sufficient. I am not going to mention culprits here but I will be talking to them on an individual basis.

For those of you still progressing through training, badger instructors who I otherwise witness diving together down at the cove, Wednesday Nights are still possible for training but it won't be long before the nights have drawn in sufficiently to mean that the nights dive are proper night dives and training will be impractical.

There is still places on the Boat Handling/Diver Cox Weekend so if you fancy it then drop me a mail or call me to discuss what is involved, If I don't fill the place soon I will start throwing it open to other clubs.

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Anyway I best get some work done and think about going away at the weekend to dive, sinus's permitting

Safe Diving

Neil B

Baltimore Diving



Baltimore Harbour

West Cork, and Baltimore in particular, offers every conceivable form of diving with good visibility to 35 metres at best but with an average of 12 metres and less of course after stormy weather conditions. The coastline lies squarely in the path of the Gulf Stream thereby offering unpolluted waters with an underwater flora and fauna that are luxuriant and colourful - a diver's paradise with spectacular drop-offs and an abundant marine life. During your boat ride you might see dolphins, porpoises, migrating basking sharks, whales, sunfish and leatherback turtles. The resident seal populations on many of the offshore islands and rocks have become used to divers and may even play "hide & seek" with you or mimic students on beginner level courses and distract them during their open water skills. Fantastic scenic dives can be enjoyed near the Fastnet Lighthouse, Spain Reef, Kedge Gulley, The Arches, Blananarragaun, Cape Clear, Crab Rock, The Stags, Gascanane Sound, Sherkin Island, The Calf Islands, 78-Rock and Whale Rock.

There is good wreck diving too, with the "Kowloon Bridge" supercarrier of 300 metres for instance at a depth of 6 to 36 metres, the "U260" a German U-boat with hatches open at 36-44 metres and "Nestorian" 120 metres long at 15 to 25 metres. Others in that depth range are the Alondra, Asian, Dido, Hourtien, Illyrian and Mystique. Deeper wrecks are the Crescent City, Mignonette, Minihaha, Malmanger, Miami, Hazelside & Ludgate (due to the depth of some of these special restrictions apply)

Drift diving fanatics would love the "Gascanane Sound" between Cape Clear and Sherkin. There are numerous islands in Roaringwater Bay providing good sheltered sites whatever the weather. Mizen Head and Galley Head are about 45 minutes away which provide exceptional sites when the weather and tides permit. These sites are for well qualified divers only.



Aquaventures is run by Jerry & Rianne Smith from a purpose built dive centre adjacent to the Stone House B&B, Baltimore. The Centre has equipment to rent, 2 Hard-boats for 10 to 12 divers each, an 8.5 metre Rigid Hull Inflatable (RIB) diesel stern-drive for 4 to 12 divers (single tank), a 20 cfm compressor with air bank,

nitrox and trimix mixing panel as well as a well stocked shop. Facilities include classroom, showers and changing rooms, lounge area, video and book library on diving topics, free coffee & tea and plenty of off-street parking in close proximity to Baltimore's harbour.

This trip followed on from the Pembroke trip catching the ferry from Pembroke to Cork. Mon and Tues was spent diving with Ann-Marie and her friend Sarah, Ann-Marie being my eldest daughter currently working on a Marine Research Station on Sherkin Island. We had 3 scenic dives on the Alondra and Kedge Reef with the high point being two massive lobsters feeding in a crevice. Due to the “No Take” restrictions the sea creatures do not see humans as a threat so they ignored us so I was able to touch one of the feelers without reaction by the lobster.

Indira, my better half, and I then spent two days in Cork. A visit to Cobh, pronounced Cove, is well worth a visit, it has a wonderful Cathedral and exhibition centre. For those who don't know Cobh was the last stop before America for most of the Trans Atlantic liners, including the Titanic and were the Lusitania survivors were brought, and were most of the Irish emigration took place after the potato famine.

Clarke Duncan can across for diving on Fri and Sat so had 4 cracking dives two scenic and two on the most famous local wrecks, the Kowloon Bridge and the sub U260, dive details below. For me the most memorable parts of these dives were the size of the fish on the Kowloon Bridge; the huge quantities of anemone and Nudibranches; dogfish and divers (not us) doing a 40m dive includin15 minutes of deco on a single 12l cylinder.



My lasting memory is heading back into port sun low on the horizon skipping across mirror calm seas whilst sitting on the tube of the rib eyes closed thinking “Isn't the world a wonderful place”



U260



Location:

Lat./Long.: 51° 29' N 009° 06'

Description: 4 miles south of Glandore

Construction:

Type: VIIC Submarine

Built: Bremen by Vegesacker in March 1942

Hull : Steel twin screwed U boat

Dimensions:

Tonnage: 1070 tons

Size: 67.1 m x 6.2 m x 9.6 m

History:

Sunk: 12.03.1945

Bound: Patrolling South Irish Coast

Cause: Mined (reportedly?) 20 miles off Fastnet Rock but read the SubSea Article.

Depth:

Top: 36 metres

Seabed: 42 metres

Disposition:

Lying: 50° - 60° list to port

Condition: Intact with some bow damage

Seabed: Sand below most of the wreck but running into rock at stern

Restrictions:

None but be aware that there is still live ammunition on this wreck

Distance:

Notes:

Kowloon Bridge

Location:

Lat./Long.: 51° 28' N 009° 14' W

Description: 1/4 mile SW of Stag Rocks

Construction:

Type: Bulk Carrier (ore/bulk/oil)

Built: Belfast by Swan Hunter in 1973

Hull : Steel

Dimensions:

Tonnage: 169,080 ton

Size: 900 ft x ft

History:

Sunk: 24.11.1986

Cause: Ran aground in SW gale

Depth:

Top: 6 metres

Seabed: 36 metres

Disposition:

Lying: Upright

Condition: Bow intact with main body of wreck open

Seabed: Rock

Restrictions: None

Notes:

The British flag, Honk Kong registered ore/bulk/oil motor vessel Kowloon Bridge, which was built in 1973 as a sister ship to the ill-fated Derbyshire which disappeared off the coast of Japan in September, 1980, herself also became a total loss in November, 1986 when she was wrecked off the southern coast of Ireland.

The Kowloon Bridge was on a voyage from St. Lawrence River port of seven Islands, Quebec, from where she started on 7/11/86 bound for the River Clyde terminal of Hunterston, loaded with a cargo of 160,000 tons of iron ore consigned to British Steel Corporation. However, en route she had to seek shelter in Bantry Bay to effect repairs to deck cracks sustained during heavy Atlantic weather. Then, after having lost her standard anchor in a heavy swell on 22/11/86, she sailed out of Bantry bay but then lost her steerage and began to drift in continuing heavy seas. Due to the dangerous nature of the situation, the 28 man crew decided to abandon ship, being winched to safety by helicopters in mountainous seas. The helpless vessel was then driven aground in gale-force winds on Stag Rock, near Baltimore, Co. Cork. Her 1200 tons of bunker fuel began to leak, causing a serious pollution problem to nearby coves and beaches. Despite the joint efforts of two of the world's top salvage companies, Smit & Wijismuller, the wrecked Kowloon Bridge could not be refloated and, when she broke her back on the rocks, all salvage attempts were abandoned. She was left to the elements to pound to pieces. The hull and machinery insurance was £8.4m, while the value of the lost ore was £2.7m.



Brixham Trip and Festivities



Barbie Girl and Peachy (alias Fran and Pete) invite you all to the festivities surrounding our joint 50th

Date:- 17th Sept. 2005-07-03

Venue:- Upton Manor Farm, St Mary's Rd, Brixham, TQ5 9QH,
Tel 01803 882384, Owner – Jenny Hosking.

Accommodation:- Canvas (please bring your own). There are some hook-ups if needed. Camper vans also welcome. (The field has been booked for Fri and Sat so all you need to do is turn up). Dogs must be kept on lead, “exercised” off site and any mess cleaned up. If you need alternative accommodation there are lots of B&B's so please let me know and I can assist.

Itinerary:- most will arrive Fri. night

Sat. morning/afternoon diving (to be advised). Non-divers can play at being tourists.

Sat 18.00 BBQ's light. 19.00 Ceilidh band starts up. 23.00 wind down.

Sunday – day of rest, i.e. no diving is planned, perhaps some shallow shore dives.

Hospitality:- A Marquee will be erected, might be useful in case of unfavourable weather. BBQ favourites:- sausages, burgers, chicken, etc as well as salads, bread, etc will be provided. If you wish anything special please feel free to bring. Same applies to drink, wine, beer, cider, soft drinks will be provided but please feel free to bring some additions.

If you have canvas chairs then please bring them, it saves sitting on the grass.

If you wish to attend it would be helpful if you can let me know via

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Don't forget LSAC members wishing to dive need to sign up, forms are with Ian.

(Note:- I know its scary but photos at the top were both taken in the last 12 months, thank God for 2nd childhoods)

DATE	INTRO/OCEAN DIVER	SPORTS DIVER	DIVE LEADER	SKILL DEVELOPMENT	INTEREST EVENINGS	POOL TRAINING	MARSHAL	TRIP/WEEKENDS/SOCIALS	DATE	
04-Jan-05	NO CLUB - HAPPY NEW YEAR									
11-Jan-05	OT4 Catch up - Pete Barnard						M.O'Driscoll		11-Jan-05	
18-Jan-05	OT7 Catch up - Neil Tomlin				Dive Trip Planning		F.Duinker	ND. Stoney Wed 19/1	18-Jan-05	
25-Jan-05	EXAM - Neil Tomlin				Dive Trip Planning		J.Brewis	/Plymouth Brief Roger H	25-Jan-05	
01-Feb-05	Drysuit Intro - Roger Holmes				Dive Trip Planning		N.Spickett	ND. Stoney Wed. 2/2	01-Feb-05	
08-Feb-05				Dive Planning & Marshalling	Equipment maintenance-Pete Barnard		S.Westwood	2nd,3rd Feb Nitrox theory	08-Feb-05	
15-Feb-05				Dive Planning & Marshalling	Alex Bullard-Diving south China Seas		P.Woodcock	ND. Stoney Wed 15/2	15-Feb-05	
22-Feb-05		ST1- Jon Brewis		Dive Planning & Marshalling	Frans talk on New Zealand	SS1	S.Grimes		22-Feb-05	
01-Mar-05		ST2 - Neil Brown		Dive Planning & Marshalling	O2 - Refresher	SS1	P.Barnard	ND. Stoney Wed 3/3,	01-Mar-05	
08-Mar-05		st2 Pratical		Dive Planning & Marshalling	Boat Instruction NS	SS1	I.Jennings		08-Mar-05	
15-Mar-05					Open Forum		N.Brown	ND. Stoney Wed 16/3	15-Mar-05	
22-Mar-05		ST3 - Pete Barnard					B.Mulholland	Loch Fynne Brief NB	22-Mar-05	
29-Mar-05	NO CLUB - EASTER									
05-Apr-05		ST4 - Roger Holmes			Sponsored Snorkell Pete W	TRY DIVE	N.Tomlin	ND. Stoney Wed 6/4	05-Apr-05	
12-Apr-05		ST5 - Gary Rose			Chartwork NS	TRY DIVE	R.Sherratt		12-Apr-05	
19-Apr-05	OT1 / INTRO - Neil Tomlin	ST6 - Phil Turney			New Zealand Talk Fran	Intro Course	S.Ward	ND. Stoney Wed 19/5	19-Apr-05	
26-Apr-05	OT2 - Jon Brewis	Catch up week			Tides NS	OCEAN DIVER	A.Bullard		26-Apr-05	
03-May-05	No Club May Day Bank Holiday							ND Stoney 4/5		03-May-05
10-May-05	OT3 - Neil Brown	REVISION - Neil Brown		AT2 - Advanced Diving - Neil Tomlin		OCEAN DIVER	L.Barnard		10-May-05	
17-May-05	OT4 - Richard Green	Exam - Neil Brown		AT2 - Advanced Diving : Twinset configuration - Roger Holmes		OCEAN DIVER Twin Set	P.Turney	ND. Stoney Wed 18/5 DL Weekend	17-May-05	
24-May-05	OT5-Roger Holmes			AT2 - Advanced Diving : Rebreather awareness - Fran Duinker		OCEAN DIVER Rebreather	M.O'Driscoll	West bay dive brief MD Plym Bref N	24-May-05	
31-May-05	NO CLUB - WHITSUN BANK HOLIDAY							ND. Stoney Wed 1/6		31-May-05
07-Jun-05	OT6 - Gary Rose			AT2 - Advanced Diving : Rebreather awareness - Fran Duinker		OCEAN DIVER Rebreather	F.Duinker		07-Jun-05	
14-Jun-05	OT7 - Phil Turney					OCEAN DIVER	J.Brewis	ND. Stoney Wed 15/6 Farns Brief F	14-Jun-05	
21-Jun-05	Catch up week			O2 CPR Neil T		OCEAN DIVER	N.Spickett		21-Jun-05	
28-Jun-05				O2 Diving Incidents Pete W	Talk from mikes on servicing	OCEAN DIVER	S.Westwood		28-Jun-05	
05-Jul-05	REVISION - Neil Tomlin			O2 Casualty Assesment Neil B		OCEAN DIVER	P.Woodcock	ND. Stoney Wed 6/7 St Abbs Brief	05-Jul-05	
12-Jul-05	EXAM - Neil Tomlin OT1/Intro NB			O2 admin practice Equip Jon B		OCEAN DIVER	S.Grimes	St Abbs Brief J Brewis	12-Jul-05	
19-Jul-05	OT2 Neil Brown			O2 Use of admin equip All		OCEAN DIVER	P.Barnard	ND. Stoney Wed 20/7	19-Jul-05	
26-Jul-05	OT3 Nigel Spickett			O2 Positive Pressure vent/Assesment Fran D/All		OCEAN DIVER	I.Jennings		26-Jul-05	
02-Aug-05				O2 Positive Pressure vent/Assesment Fran D/All		OCEAN DIVER			02-Aug-05	
09-Aug-05	OT4 Jon Brewis					OCEAN DIVER	N.Brown	Cornwal/Plymouth Brief MF	09-Aug-05	
16-Aug-05	OT5 Richard Green					OCEAN DIVER	B.Mulholland	ND. Stoney Wed 17/8.	16-Aug-05	
23-Aug-05	OT6 Neil T					OCEAN DIVER	N.Tomlin	Plymouth Brief NB	23-Aug-05	
30-Aug-05	NO CLUB - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY							ND.Stoney Wed 1/9		30-Aug-05
06-Sep-05	OT7 Neil B	ST1- Pete Woodcock				SS1	R.Sherratt		06-Sep-05	
13-Sep-05	Catch up week/Revision					SS1	S.Ward	ND. Stoney Wed 13/9 Brixham Brief	13-Sep-05	
20-Sep-05	Exam	ST2 - Ian Jennings			Marine Biology Anne Marie	TRY DIVE	A.Bullard		20-Sep-05	
27-Sep-05	AGM					TRY DIVE	L.Barnard		27-Sep-05	
04-Oct-05	OT1 / INTRO - Neil Tomlin	ST3 - Bob Mulholland		Life Saver Award	North Ireland Fran	Intro Course	P.Turney	ND. Stoney Wed 04/10	04-Oct-05	
11-Oct-05	OT2 - Ian Jennings	ST4 - Nigel Spickett		Life Saver Award		OCEAN DIVER	M.O'Driscoll		11-Oct-05	
18-Oct-05	OT3 - Bob Mulholland	ST5 - Fran Duinker		Life Saver Award		OCEAN DIVER	F.Duinker	ND. Stoney Wed 19/10	18-Oct-05	
25-Oct-05	OT4 - Nigel Spickett	ST6 - Alex Bullard		Life Saver Award		OCEAN DIVER	J.Brewis		25-Oct-05	
01-Nov-05	OT5-Fran Duinker	Catch up week		Life Saver Award		OCEAN DIVER	N.Spickett	ND. Stoney Wed 2/11	01-Nov-05	
08-Nov-05	OT6 - Alex Bullard	REVISION - Neil Tomlin		Life Saver Award		OCEAN DIVER	S.Westwood		08-Nov-05	
15-Nov-05	OT7 - Neil Tomlin	EXAM - Neil Tomlin				OCEAN DIVER	P.Woodcock	ND. Stoney Wed 16/10	15-Nov-05	
22-Nov-05	Catch up week					OCEAN DIVER	S.Grimes		22-Nov-05	
29-Nov-05	REVISION - Neil Tomlin					OCEAN DIVER	P.Barnard		29-Nov-05	
06-Dec-05	EXAM - Neil Tomlin						I.Jennings	ND. Stoney Wed 06/11	06-Dec-05	
13-Dec-05	Quiz and Social Night							Quiz and Social Night	13-Dec-05	
20-Dec-05	Christmas No Meeting							Christmas No Meeting	20-Dec-05	
27-Dec-05	New Year No Meeting							New Year - No Meeting	27-Dec-05	
	INTRO/OCEAN DIVER	SPORTS DIVER	DIVE LEADER	SKILL DEVELOPMENT	INTEREST EVENINGS	POOL TRAINING		TRIP/WEEKENDS/SOCIALS	DATE	

Trip Calendar 2005 & 2006

Click on the name of the Organiser to Email them

Dates	Destination	Type of diving	Organiser	No of Space	Minium Level	Comments
29th 30th Jan	Plymouth	2 x Ribs	Roger Holmes	Full	Sports	Boat Handling Weekend!
6 th March	Red Sea	Hard Boat	Roger Holmes	Full	Sports	Fully Booked
25th 31st March	Loch Fyne	2 x Ribs	Neil Brown	Unlimited	None	
May week day	Weymouth	Hard Boat	Roger Holmes	?	DL & above	
14th 15th may	Plymouth	2 x Ribs	Nigel Spickett	10	Sports	
21st 22nd May	West Bay	Skinny Dip	Neil B & Neil T	Unlimited	Sports	Dive leader training weekend
28 th – 30 th May	West Bay	2 x Ribs	Martyn O'Driscoll	10	Ocean	
18 th 19 th June	Farnes	3 boats Joint RRSAC trip	Fran Duinker	15	Ocean	
1st 4th July	Farnes	2 x ribs	Jon Brewis	10	Ocean	
16th 17th July	Dover	2x rribs Joint RRSAC trip	Fran Duinker	?	Exp Sports	
23 rd July – 1 st Aug	Pembroke	Lucky Dip	Martyn O'Driscoll	10	Ocean	
13th 14th August	Whitby	2 x Ribs	Pete Woodcock	10	Exp Sports	
10 th – 17 th Aug	Cornwall	Lucky Dip	Mike Flatt	6	Ocean	
18 th / 19 th 20 th Aug	Plymouth	Luck Dip	Mike Flatt	6 or 10	Sports	
27 th – 29 th Aug	Plymouth	2 boats	Claire & Neil	10	Ocean	
3 rd 4 th Sept	Stoney	24hr Sponsoured Snorkel	Pete Woodcock	Unlimited	All	
2nd September	Weymouth	hardboat	Neil Tomlin	?	DL & above	
10th,11th Sept	Isle of White	2 x Ribs	Nigel Spickett	10	Sports	
17 th 18 th Sept	Brixham	2 boats	Fran D & Pete B	Unlimited	All	
30th Sept 1st Oct	Kirkby Lonsdale	River Diving/Walking	Bob Mullholand	Unlimited	All	More of a social weekend
12th 13th Nov	Plymouth	Boat Handling/diver Cox	Neil Brown	?		
2006						
1st 7th July	St Kilda	Hard Boat	Nigel Spickett	12	DL & above	To be DL by time of going
12 th – 19 th Aug 2006	Scapa	liveaboard	Mary Pearson	Full	Expe Sports	Fully Booked