

The Seahorse Dive Club Newsletter

August 2005

Dear Club Member,

A cautionary note to open this month's newsletter concerning insurance whilst diving abroad. A recent case came to light in Marsa Alam, Egypt where a diver's insurance was allegedly invalidated and his insurance company is refusing to meet his £40,000 medical bill. How often do we dive below 30 metres whilst abroad and think nothing of it? Read the article here: <http://www.divernet.com/news/stories/130805bill.shtml> and make sure you are fully covered for your planned diving on your next trip.

There have been several dive trips made during July both in the the UK and abroad. New reports and photographs are now on the website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divingUK.htm> and <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/travel.htm>. So please keep your trip reports and photographs coming in, without these I cannot write these newsletters or the website pages.

If there is anyone who hasn't got a Diver's Gold card then can they please get in touch with me? There may be some new members that I haven't had a chance to issue cards to, my e-mail address is below.

Dive safely,

Steve

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Latest news

Please give a warm welcome to recent new club members Greg and Angela Farmery, Thomas Prejs and Gareth Lock. We look forward to you diving with us, don't forget the long week-end at Lyme Regis next month.

Claire Osmond, a former Seahorse Dive club member from some years back got married recently. Claire is a dive instructor currently living in Gozo and she keeps in regular contact with club members. On behalf of the club and all who remember Claire I would like to wish her and her husband all the very best for the future in their new lives together.

Diving UK

Paul Gee, Steve Marchant and Paul Morse dived out of Weymouth over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July. A report is on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divinguk.htm>

Several club members dived the wrecks of the James Egan Layne and the Scylla in Whitsand bay. The report is on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divingUK.htm>

Don't forget that Mark will be taking his RIB out most week-ends at Lyme Regis. Give Mark a call to find out what's happening and the dates. Mark can be reached on: 01793 731843

The next long week-end diving trip is planned for 16th to 19th September. If you haven't got your name down then now is the time to do so, give Mark Horton a call.

Dive trips abroad

Red Sea

Steve Cain dived the wrecks and Reefs of the northern Red Sea. A report is on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/travel.htm>



The jetty at Sharm el Sheikh



The Typhoon liveaboard



Ras Katy

Courses and Training

If you have any training requirements then give Jason or Mark a call on the numbers below. Rescue divers and above, are your Medic First Aid / EFR courses still in date? Dry suit courses can be run for those new to diving in dry suits in UK waters.

Jason can be contacted on: 01793 347998 or elephantmann@hotmail.com

Mark can be reached on: 01793 731843

Whitehorse Divers is at: <http://www.againstthewind.org.uk/whitehorse/index.htm>

Social

Non-diving social activities will recommence later in the year after the end of the diving season. If you have any ideas for social activities then drop Lesley an e-mail at: lesley@lskeats.fsnet.co.uk now is the time to start planning for the end of the year.

Environmental

Despite recent controversy over two beluga whales being held in cramped captivity the Dolphinella in Sharm el Sheikh continues to promote its "Swim with Dolphins" programme. These dolphins are being kept in cramped conditions, away from their natural habitat purely for financial gain. Read the original article: <http://www.divernet.com/news/stories/140205beluga.shtml>
How you can do something about it: <http://www.petitionthem.com/default.asp?sect=detail&pet=1677>

Disneyland have finally agreed to remove sharks fin soup from the menu at the new Hong-Kong Disneyland restaurants.

Read the BBC's news article here: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/4622097.stm>

Links

Some useful Links and contact numbers:

Seahorse Dive Club: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/>

White Horse Divers: <http://www.againstthewind.org.uk/whitehorse/index.htm> Tel: 01793 731843

Website of the month: <http://www.coralcay.org/index.php>

Contributions are always welcome, if you have something you want including in the next newsletter then please send it to: stevecain_diving@tiscali.co.uk OR malcolm.cole@btinternet.com

Please send pictures as JPEGs or TIFFs and any text as .txt or .doc.

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