

The Seahorse Dive Club Newsletter

July 2005

Dear Club Member,

The Lyme Regis dive weekend of 11th – 13th June went very well with a great turnout of members over the 3 days. Andrew Hancox made his first UK sea dives under the excellent supervision of Tony and Mark (see Andrew's letter further down). This is what our club is all about, ensuring that all members enjoy good, safe diving and those new to diving benefit from the enormous wealth of expertise and knowledge that we have in our club.

Over that weekend two club members lost dive gloves. They may have been inadvertently placed in someone else's kit bag. If you dived over that weekend could you check your kit bags to see if you have them and if so please get in touch with Tony Curtis or Malcolm Cole, thanks.

Concerning the website, if you see any errors or can suggest any improvements, I would be grateful if you could drop me an e-mail. Recently, a problem was highlighted regarding the pop-up trip reports and the inability to scroll them. A simple fix made them much more readable and easy to use, so please let me know if there is something that could be improved.

Please keep your trip reports and photos coming in, I have received several e-mails from club members recently detailing the dives they have made. Lots of good stuff coming in so please keep mailing me.

Dive safely,

Steve

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Latest news

Dave Hall has reserved places to dive with basking sharks for next year. The dates have been confirmed as 9th to 12th June 2006 and the diving will be with Porthkerris Divers. The places on the Catamaran were soon snapped up, but there are places on supporting RIBs available. Hopefully people will be rotated between the RIBs and the Cat so that all can be accommodated. More details can be found on the club website at:

<http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/hotnews.htm>

You can reserve your places by e-mailing Dave at: rockindave2@hotmail.com or on 01793 763801.

Diving UK

Lyme Regis

The diving over the long weekend of 11th – 13th June at Lyme Regis went well with over 20 club members turning up. Miss Pattie was accompanied by the Wild Pig and Whitehorse RIBs on the Saturday and they visited the Ailsa Craig wreck and High Ground site.

Andrew Hancox sent in this letter in appreciation of the support he received from club members:

“I wanted to express my deep felt thanks for everything done to help me that weekend diving. My first UK sea dives and my first sea dives in a dry suit. The people on the boats and Tony (who had to bear with me on three dives and Mark for Two) were fantastic. Totally impressed with the care and support. I know I made 1,000’s of mistakes but everyone focused on the positive. The dives where fantastic and by far exceeded my expectation, the visibility was far better than I expected and the aquatic life better than I saw on my few dives abroad, wonderful. The weekend was amazing and I drove home afterwards gob smacked. My expectations had been greatly exceeded and I look forward to my next dive with eager excitement. The club members are a great credit to the club.”

Some pictures from the day:



The Wild Pig RIB



Malcolm in control



The Whitehorse RIB

Pictures taken from the High Ground dive site:



Crab



Starfish



Sponge

Dive trips abroad

Steve Marchant recently went diving at Cabo De Palos at La Magna in Spain, some of his photographs are on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/galleries.htm>



Courses and Training

If you have any training requirements then contact Mark or Jason.

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.

Environmental

Bite-Back succeeds in persuading Tesco to stop selling swordfish and marlin in its stores: <http://www.bite-back.com/news/index.htm>

Greenpeace succeeds in getting plans for a whaling factory in Ulsan, South Korea to be scrapped: <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/news/south-korea-scraps-whale-factory>

On 10th July 1985 the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior was bombed by the French secret service in Auckland, New Zealand. 20 years on Greenpeace will be marking the anniversary of this event.

Read the report on the BBC website at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4658065.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.gasdiving.co.uk/> - there is lots of useful stuff here if you dig down through the pages.

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.

Remember, this is your club, your Newsletter.

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Please submit any content you want considering for publication by the 21st of the month preceding the publication date.