

The Seahorse Dive Club Newsletter

March 2005

Dear Club Member,

The club's AGM has been set for Saturday 19th March at the Lime Kiln. We hope that as many club members as possible can attend. This is your opportunity to have your say.

All renewing members will need to complete a 2005 membership Application form and a 2005 Liability release form. These forms can be downloaded from the website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/join.htm> but I will have some copies with me on the night. Please note that any old 2004 forms cannot be used.

The existing club committee resigned at the end of February and are standing for re-election. Any club member is invited to stand for any of the positions, if you are interested then please attend the AGM. Details of all positions and the club's Constitution are available on the club website.

If you haven't yet got your club ID card or need your photograph taken I will have my camera at the meeting. Alternatively, send me a digital picture or bring a passport sized photo of yourself.

Prompt renewals would be appreciated.

A 'Links' web page has been added to the web-site, giving information on useful diving related web-sites. This page also gives links to club member's personal web-sites. If you would like your web-site linked to then please send me the URL.

Don't forget the London International Dive Show will be held this coming week-end at the Excel centre in the Docklands: <http://www.diveshows.co.uk/index.asp>

Dive safely,

Steve Cain

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Diving UK

Mark Horton has successfully negotiated a discount for club members to Vobster Quay's annual Quay Membership. The normal membership costs £20 per year, we can get this for £15 but we need a minimum of 20 divers. There has been a good response so far but we are still short of the required 20 names. If you are interested then please give Mark a call on 01793 731843.

Quay Membership gives admission for £9.50 per visit instead of £14.00. So you can see that if you make 4 or more trips there per year you are saving money. The Vobster website is at: <http://www.vobsterquay.co.uk/>

The long week-end for the 11th, 12th and 13th June is filling up fast. If you are interested, or have already shown interest, then please give Mark Horton a call to confirm your place. It is important that Mark gets these confirmations as soon as possible.

Please keep up to date with UK diving arrangements by visiting the club's UK Diving webpage: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divinguk.htm>

Dive trips abroad

After a number of diving incidents recently in the Red Sea tighter regulations have been introduced by the Red Sea Association for divers and dive operations there. The initial draft of the regulations caused concern in that divers would be required to present medical certificates before they would be permitted to dive. The rules were re-examined and some of the controversial requirements were relaxed.

Details can be found at: <http://www.divernet.com/news/stories/240205redsea.shtml>

The trip to Tenerife in April has remained with 5 names; anyone else wishing to join may still do so. Contact Steve Cain: stevecain_diving@tiscali.co.uk

The Tenerife Scuba web-site can be found at: <http://www.tenerifescuba.com/>

Courses and Training

Discussion is underway to investigate the possibility of running a Boat handling week-end. After Dave Hall's incident last year it was realised that we have a limited number of club members who are familiar with coxing a RIB or using a radio in an emergency.

The next EFR course will be held on 9th April. The course will be run by Jason and a number of people have already signed up, contact Jason if you need to update your skills. Rescue Divers and above need to renew their skills every 2 years; are you up to date?

A number of club members are interested in an Enriched Air course. Jason is planning one but needs more names to make up the numbers. The 2005 diving season will soon be starting and now would be a good time to get Nitrox qualified. Nitrox offers significant possible benefits such as longer no stop times and shorter surface intervals. Jason's details are below if you are interested.

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

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

Mark can be reached on: 01793 731843

Social

Dave Hall has arranged Ten Pin bowling at RAF Fairford, a provisional date of 25th March has been decided. There will not be any charge to members as the club has agreed to pay for this event. If you are interested then please contact Dave on 01793 763801 or e-mail rockindave2@hotmail.com

For sale

Club clothing is now available. We can now offer a range of Polo shirts, Fleece, and Caps with the club logo tactfully embroidered on them.

Contact Malcolm Cole malcolm.cole@btinternet.com for prices and to order. They really are very good quality. We expect to see more items from a new supplier soon; with the same quality of course.

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.deepimage.co.uk/>

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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