

# The Seahorse Dive Club Newsletter

## October 2005

Dear Club Member,

Firstly, apologies for not producing a newsletter for September. This was due to me not having sufficient material to write about. If you have something you would like including, trip report, photographs etc. then please send them to me. Without your input I cannot write anything. Thanks to those who have already submitted articles.

The annual Christmas dives and dinner at Stoney Cove have been announced. Mark Horton will be organising the dinner arrangements and if you will be going along he will need to know your menu preferences. If you missed my recent e-mail then details can be found on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/hotnews.htm>

If you are organising a dive trip then send me the details and I will advertise it on the club website. There is a specific area now for such trips and a link to contact me on the UK diving page. Similarly, if you want the club to arrange a dive trip to visit a specific wreck or location then drop me a mail. There is a huge amount of experience within the club that we can tap in to and plan successful trips. I am sure that there are very few dives or places that someone hasn't already dived or visited.

Don't forget that the Dive 2005 show will be held at Birmingham's NEC on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. Tickets can still be purchased at the reduced rate of £7.50, saving £3 on the door prices. You have until 24<sup>th</sup> October. Go to <http://www.diveshows.co.uk/>

Dive safely,

Steve

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## Latest news

Over the past few months we have had a large influx of new members to the club and a steady trickle of old members renewing their memberships. We would like to give a warm welcome to Angela and Greg Farmery, Simon Manchip, Godfrey Hodges, Neil and Robert Hall, Louise Cronkrite, Neil Hughes, Ross Smith, Alex Green, Gareth Lock, Steve Smith, Stuart Lee and Teresa de Gruyter. May your diving always obey Andy's law: The number of ascents must be exactly equal to the number of descents.

Looking towards next year the club's AGM has been set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, so make a note in your diaries.

## Diving UK

The hardboat schedule for next year has now been finalised. The dates are:

- RIB diving on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and Hardboat on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- RIB diving on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Hardboat on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

A reminder that Dave Hall has arranged a trip to Cornwall next year to coincide with the Basking shark season and it is hoped that there will be many sightings of the sharks, although this cannot be guaranteed. Diving has been arranged with Porthkerris Divers on their Catamaran and the 12 spaces were snapped up very quickly. We now have several names on the reserve list and we plan to book one of Porthkerris Divers' RIBs, depending on numbers, to accommodate any extra divers. Dave needs to have an idea of the number of divers going so that a decision can be made on the booking of the RIB. As this is a 4 day event it is planned to rotate the spaces on the Catamaran so that all get an opportunity to go on it. If you haven't yet got your name down then get in touch with Dave, he can be contacted on 01793 763801 or e-mail: [rockindave2@hotmail.com](mailto:rockindave2@hotmail.com)

Gareth Lock has provided a write-up of his experiences of the diving weekend from August. Read his report here: [http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divingUK.htm#Trip\\_reports](http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/divingUK.htm#Trip_reports)

The road leading down to the Cobb at Lyme Regis is currently undergoing repairs and access for vehicles towing the RIBs is not possible at present. So for the foreseeable future Mark will be taking his RIB to West Bay on the Dorset coast for sea diving.

Dave and Ian's RIB (The Wild Pig) is nearing completion of repairs after the vandalism witnessed earlier this year. It is expected that the RIB will be seaworthy again very soon. We will keep you informed of developments.

## Dive trips abroad

John Parmiter recently returned from a dive trip to Sharm el Sheikh. John witnessed the bombings that occurred there in July, but thankfully he was not hurt in any way. John has provided a write up of his trip and this and his photographs can be seen on the club website at: <http://www.seahorsediveclub.co.uk/travel.htm>



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## Courses and Training

Jason will be running an EFR course at the end of October or early November. Contact him if you want attend this course.

Jason can be contacted on: 01793 347998 or [elephantmann@hotmail.com](mailto:elephantmann@hotmail.com)

Mark can be reached on: 01793 731843

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

## Social

A skittles night is being planned for next March; this will include a buffet which will be paid for out of club funds. Further details will be posted here when available.

If you have any ideas for social activities then drop Lesley an e-mail at: [lesley@lskeats.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:lesley@lskeats.fsnet.co.uk) now is the time to start planning for the end of the year.

## Environmental & Conservation

The Egyptian government recently banned shark fishing in the Egyptian Red Sea, the article can be read at: <http://www.egypttoday.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=5918>

There is evidence that sightings of whales and dolphins off the coasts of Western Europe are on the increase. Read the Divernet article at: <http://www.divernet.com/news/stories/191005dolphin.shtml>

## 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.oceanvisions.co.uk/index.htm>

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](mailto:stevecain_diving@tiscali.co.uk) Or [malcolm.cole@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolm.cole@btinternet.com)

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