



# *The Dive Club Newsletter*

November 2006

Autumn edition

*Extra Club night  
at The Royal Oak,  
Shinfield.*

*Wed 13<sup>th</sup>  
December @  
7:30pm*

*Be there and  
support your dive  
club*

*Need to go diving  
then come along  
to one of the  
many events*

## News update

Brrrr, what happened to the heat? But isn't it beautiful - an explosion of reds and oranges in the trees standing out against the clearest of blue skies. Well OK I know we'd probably prefer be somewhere distinctly more tropical rather than scraping ice off the windscreen.

So as another successful year slips by, Christmas will soon be upon us and frantic planning for 2007 gets in full swing. It's a time for reflection. We hope you have enjoyed the diving and events we've organised during 2006 and we'll endeavour to do the same next year. There are a number of dives booked as you will see in the Diary page. We have our regular social Club Nights too, but we'd like your opinion. Please take a moment to consider and let Simon know your thoughts as soon as possible.

## Club Nights

Until we've polled your views we'll continue to meet at **The Royal Oak**, on the first Wednesday each month. Having said that, watch out in December

### ● 6<sup>th</sup> December *Christmas Special* ❧

The Christmas meal will be held at the **Greyhound** in Tidmarsh (south of Pangbourne). It's the only pub in Tidmarsh and is beside the main road from Pangbourne to Theale (A340). But for those of you who have better visual powers here's what it looks like.



### ● 13<sup>th</sup> December – **EXTRA Meeting**

As the Greyhound has limited capacity, we'll be back at **The Royal Oak** the following week to celebrate with those of you who couldn't get in.

Easy to find, head down the A327 toward Arborfield with the Black Boy on your right, at the roundabout go right, the Bell & Bottle and Royal Oak are next to each other approx 200 yards on the left hand side, opposite the village green, with a large car park at the rear. We have the restaurant space reserved at the back where you can enjoy the pub's fine fayre and chat with your fellow club members. Not only that but while you place your order you can watch the tropical fish by the bar. Dates for 2007 are:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ● 10 <sup>th</sup> January | ● 4 <sup>th</sup> July      |
| ● 7 <sup>th</sup> February | ● 1 <sup>st</sup> August    |
| ● 7 <sup>th</sup> March    | ● 5 <sup>th</sup> September |
| ● 4 <sup>th</sup> April    | ● 3 <sup>rd</sup> October   |
| ● 2 <sup>nd</sup> May      | ● 7 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| ● 6 <sup>th</sup> June     | ● 5 <sup>th</sup> December  |

# The Dive Club Monthly Venue

**Royal Oak**



**vs**

**Black Boy**



It has become apparent that some people do not like the Royal Oak for a variety of reasons. We are suffering from a fall in monthly numbers and would like to get to the bottom of the problem if there is one.

**A potted history:** The original club venue `The Black Boy` wanted to charge for the use of their function room/restaurant despite the fact that we filled it with drinking and eating divers, spouses and friends.

We had to vacate quickly and so the Royal Oak was convenient and just around the corner, it was also importantly `FREE`.

By coincidence "Divestyle's" club were looking for a new venue and have booked the first Monday of each month at the `Black Boy` and are paying for the privilege.

So I would like to establish the following:

1. Are you happy with the Royal Oak? Yes/No
2. Would you like to return to The Black Boy? Yes/No
3. If so are you prepared to fund this through a rise in subscriptions? Yes/No

If you have a comment or observations are you prepared to e-mail them? It is important that we get a complete cross-section of responses so we can assess the implications.

Your views and comments will be held in strict confidence, or if I can get The Daily Mirror to pay me large sums I will sell them.

Call me 01189 331792 or e-mail me [simon.holmes@btconnect.com](mailto:simon.holmes@btconnect.com)  
Looking forward to hearing from you all and giving feedback ASAP.

Cheers  
Simon

# Dive Diary 2007

A number of dive trips have been set up for 2007 as detailed below. We are also looking for club members to organise 1 day stuff out of Portland, Swanage etc etc. If anyone is interested could they please contact Katie.

Please note: a £25 deposit is required for each event unless otherwise stated the balance of monies due for any event needs to be paid 1 month before the event. In the event of a cancellation it is the responsibility of the person who book the diving to find a replacement, If they cannot then they are responsible for the full cost of the event.

## **27th January – Blue Planet**

Shark Awareness Course. All levels. Cost £195

## **24th & 25th - March Stoney Cove.**

All levels. Cost - entrance fees & accommodation only

## **28th & 29th April Swanage**

Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **5th to 7th May - Pembroke**

All levels. Cost £120 for the diving.

## **12th & 13th May - Weymouth**

Out on the Tango Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **26th & 27<sup>th</sup> - May Looe,**

Cornwall 2 tank days for all levels. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **7th & 8th June (Thursday & Friday) - Plymouth**

Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives.

## **9th & 10th June - Porthkerris**

2 tank days for all levels. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **1st July - Littlehampton**

2 tank day. Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **14th & 15th July - Lundy Island**

2 tank days. Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives

## **4th - 11th August - Scilly Isles**

Liveaboard. £492 per person. £150 deposit required. All levels

## **28th August/1Sep - Oban, Scotland**

3 days diving @ £155 per person for diving & accommodation. £55 deposit required. All levels.

## **8th & 9th September - Swanage**

Experienced divers only. Cost £40 per day for 2 dives.

## **22nd September - NDC, Chepstow**

All levels. Cost - entrance fees only.

*If you have an article or story which you want to tell, why not send your article to the Editor of The Dive Club Newsletter*

*Articles are always needed, long or short!!*

## RED SEA HYATT – July 2006

### Northern Wrecks

What makes a great Dive trip? The diving obviously, but equally so are the people around you, because being on a boat 24/7 it doesn't take much to spoil the trip. I'd like to assure you however, that from the outset that this trip was **Awesome**, and I couldn't have asked for better diving or company. (Obviously the diving comes first).

From an early start booking in at Gatwick, the atmosphere was brilliant, with a lot of happy shiny faces all looking forward to some great diving. The smiles were still there when we were compressed into the seats for the flight. Assistance was provided at the other end for the walking wounded and until circulation was returned to the lower regions.

After a seamless transition to the boat, it was a quick introduction and shakeout, ready for the diving after a nights rest and recovery. The diving started at the Temple to allow everyone to settle in and do weight checks, which gave everyone a relaxing start to the diving. Stig and I decided to practice some navigation so we joined the rest of the diving party back at the boat, and no, we didn't get lost, we just came up at the wrong boat.



Those of you reading this who are hoping for a list of the coral and life spotted on the dives will be disappointed. Not being pink and fluffy all I can tell you is yes there are loads of fish, and yes there is some nice coral to look at.

The Dunraven at Beacon rock was a beautiful dive with easy swim-throughs, and by finishing off the dive with a three minute stop on the reef left loads to look at, and because of that, the three minute stop extended to 15. The day was finished off with a dive on the Alternatives, we dived the last one, which was a prelude to the night dive. All I can say about the night dive is that we saw a huge green turtle and that alone was worth the dive.

The second day got us diving The Marcus, Ginnis D and the Carnatic. The Marcus was an enjoyable dive although the water was a bit choppy, and Arthur felt the worst of it on the return trip. Ginnis D just got crowded and you couldn't turn without having a fin in the face. The Carnatic more than made up for it however. Most of the dive party must have drifted with the slight current because when we went down we spotted.....sand and after a short fin...more sand...however with some perseverance the wreck seemed to materialise out of the haze. With the Carnatic resting on its side it looked like a rib cage of a skeleton which provided safe swim-throughs, even for Chez with her PINK day-glow fins, please..... Here I spotted my first common octopus which I thought was a rock until it moved. To finish the second day there was a night dive which must have a special mention as it was more of a floodlit dive with 100's of divers. I'm sure visibility was brilliant!

The third day saw us warm up on the Rose Muller, ready for the Thistlegorm, with a morning dip down to 30-40+ meters and then back up again. A

beautiful dive with glass fish everywhere but, sadly, a very limited 'no deco' dive. The Thistlegorm is such a famous wreck that we actually did three dives on it. Due to the strong current we stayed close to the wreck but with so much to see and swimming through the holds ensured nothing was missed. (I also got to see my first Scorpion fish).



As a break, and to leave the crowds (or as some put it cluster fuck of divers), we dived the Kingston which had a beautiful covering of coral and then it was a drift which gave plenty to view. I only mention this dive because watching Stig send up his SMB and then his look of utter confusion, (look left, look right, look down and then look up, now where has that

gone?) when he couldn't see it had me in stitches.....I still don't think you've got the beers in for that one? The last dive, and back on the Thistlegorm, was the night dive and this was a challenging dive as the current picked up and it took some hard finning to get back to the shot. The last dive on this famous wreck was a morning dive. With little current it gave everyone a chance to see the locomotive which is located away from the wreck.

To finish of the day we headed back to the Dunraven to allow some divers to finish off their wreck speciality. I'll say now a lot of work was put in by Simon and Katie with help from Robin as there so many doing specialities. However they were fun and they were organised so that the guys could still enjoy and appreciate the dives.

We then headed on to Yolanda shark reef to see if we could spot any sharks. This started with a mass entrance into the blue and then swimming around hoping to spot any sharks. Sadly not on this dive although the shoal of Barracuda was incredible to watch as they sliced through the water.

The fifth day saw us back at Yolanda and Shark reef which, on the third attempt, did allow us to see a Silk shark and seeing a Napoleon Wrasse chasing a Moray eel was interesting. It was then on to Jackson reef off Turan Island for a little dip, I call it a dip because minutes after jumping into 'the blue' we spotted our quarry, 11 hammerheads, incredible. To see 20 divers launch themselves at the



hammerheads for a photo opportunity is a sight to see. After exhausting our air following the Scallop hammerheads it was time to surface. Mike, after dropping a weight pouch, rethought his plan and with assistance, and spare weight, was able to surface safely. It just shows that in any situation there can be a happy ending if you are prepared.

I would recommend anyone that is serious about diving to at least complete their Rescue diver course as it makes you a safer diver, for yourself and others around you.

Now how do you top a day off after seeing 11 hammer heads?.....well after



watching some tourist beach their vessel and then some assistance towing them off, after some horse play on the Zodiacs, why not a BBQ on Turan Island. A great night with the best performance from Chez, (the belly dancing classes definitely paid off) and the most pathetic was by Robin and Chez as they ran off in the night? ...you tell me.

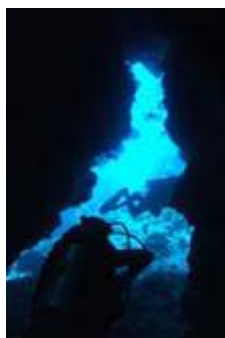
The diving finished off with Woodhouse reef and Jackson reef leaving time to start drying kit before packing ready for the departure from the boat. Chemo, the dive guide, did a brilliant job ensuring that most dives saw us diving alone. We seen everything we came to see and with footage from GG and pictures galore there are plenty of souvenirs. The boat itself looked worn for a year in service but the crew were great and ever on hand when required.

The LAST NIGHT saw all 20 of us descend on the steak house. The Crab and shrimp dance was hilarious although the look on Robins face on being revealed I found slightly disconcerting. Having charged up the batteries it was on to the Camel bar which saw drinking games introduced by Robin. Robin and even Simon made it look easy which was why I think Ron failed abysmally. At midnight to see the whole dive party still going is a testament to the trip all were felt welcome and with 5 not form the club it just shows what a great mix of people there was. After some hard boogieing and fighting of the leeches it was kicking out time....4am I think and then on to the poolside with worried looks from the hotel staff.

Congratulations to all Robin getting to 150 dives and Donald 100. Congratulations to all you new speciality divers and big thank you to Simon and Katie for making it all possible. I'll finish off by saying a special thank you to everyone for making it a great trip.

[Many thanks to Tony Cagilaba for his words and Stig Keating for the pics](#)

And this wasn't our only trip to Egyptian waters as you will see later, and I'm sure it won't be the last. Here is a small selection of the underwater world.



# OCEAN GLADIATOR

## Reviewed by Nick Hill

This a new book from Mark Ellyatt, and the fact it is subtitled "Battles Beneath the Ocean" should give most would be readers some idea as to where it is going.

As some of you may know from his writings in Diver magazine, Mark is a technical diver based in Jersey, and this book is a gathering of recollections from his diving career.

From early beginnings of seasickness on dive boats, through experimental dives with dive planning software, to his deepest dive at an incredible depth of some 313 Metres, to diving the as yet undiscovered wreck of the HMS Victoria, all are told with sublime realism and Mark does not pull any punches.

It's a book where cases of the bends are dealt with by a pint of beer and a tub of Pringles, and is not a book for the feint hearted. Mark is at times very blunt and does not waste any chances to make his feelings known. Dive destinations, dive centres and fellow divers all come in for a bit of that special Ellyatt criticism.

At times he comes across as very arrogant, almost with an attitude of invincibility which can be slightly off putting. If you can ignore this though, it is a hugely entertaining read and will bring a smile to anyone who reads it, especially the glossary of terms and slang at the back of the book.

With a health warning that it may contain sarcasm, this is Mark's amusing look at the world of diving in general. I'll leave you to find out what they are.

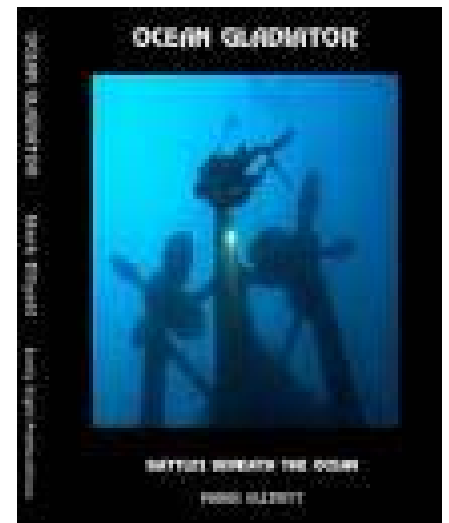
The book can be ordered from most bookshops at £12.99, and there is also a website at:

Nick

You too could be in print, just email over your articles and or photos for future editions of this newsletter.

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## Kit Cat Tips on a catalogue of kit

## Regs

### Kit List:-

Mask ✓

Fins ✓

BCD ✓

Weight Systems ✓

Exposure Suits

● Drysuits ✓

● Wetsuits

Regulators ✓

So far we've looked at equipment to ensure your comfort and ability to move around freely underwater. However there is one very key thing you'll need to be in this environment at all - AIR! This is provided in a handy container to



strap on your back but it's compressed so you'll have a problem without something to reduce the pressure to something breathable. This is where a set of regulators come in. The first stage (the bit you attach to the valve) reduces the high pressure from the cylinder to an intermediate one, then the second stage (the bit you put in your mouth) brings it down to the ambient and safe to breathe pressure.

I'm not going to go into great detail on how they work as they are complex and delicate pieces of equipment and for this article I am only going to cover the standard open circuit system. If you would like to learn more about equipment or closed circuit (rebreather) systems then I recommend you take a specialty course.

So a set of regulators will include a number of hoses emanating from the first stage. A standard and acceptable minimum will include one high pressure hose to the gauge plus three intermediate hoses; 1) for the primary second stage 2) for the alternate second stage or octopus usually longer than on the first 3) for the low pressure inflator on your BCD. If you are going to use a drysuit you should ensure your first stage has sufficient ports to attach another low pressure hose for this.

**First stage options:** How does the valve sense change in pressure and how can you connect it to the cylinder? Depending on the ambient pressure (which changes according to your depth) the first stage will change the rate of air flow. There are two basic types of sensor (piston and diaphragm) which although have fundamental differences these don't have a major bearing on what the diver feels when they breathe, more on ease of manufacture and maintenance. A piston has fewer moving parts making it lower cost but you'll need to send it back to the manufacturer for adjustment as it requires completely stripping down. A diaphragm design can prevent water entering the mechanism reducing the likelihood of corrosion and can be more easily adjusted in the field (by a qualified technician with the right tools).



International A-Clamp



DIN 300

The most obvious difference is the connector. A yoke or international A-clamp has (believe it or not) an A shaped clamp which fits over the cylinder valve and mates onto the o-ring on the cylinder valve. With a DIN connector the first stage has a threaded section with its own o-ring which screws directly into a hollow valve. It is a matter of personal choice - I have found the majority of places I've been to abroad cater for the A-clamp but the DIN remains a very popular choice in the UK. Some people feel they provide a more secure fixing and like to be in control of their own o-ring. Whichever you choose you can generally adapt cylinder valve to suit the other.

**Second Stage Options:** Where the first stage is only concerned with adjusting the air flow from the cylinder, the second stage is more complex as it has to cope with both inhaling and exhaling through the same mouthpiece.



Again it uses a diaphragm or piston to open a valve. Breathing in reduces the air pressure inside and allows the water pressure outside to open the valve letting the air flow from the cylinder. When you exhale the relative pressures are reversed, the air valve closes, whilst your breath is expelled through the one way exhaust valve. All done without letting the water reach your mouth. A well balanced and well-maintained scuba regulator does its job so well that breathing should feel natural and effortless in spite of the mechanism.

A second stage also has a purge button which forces the intake valve to open. When the purge button is pressed air will flow continuously into the chamber and escape either through the mouthpiece or the exhaust valve. Always remember to protect your airway with your tongue on the roof of your mouth when you purge.

Most common second stage will have a right and a wrong way up (remember the smiley face). With if you have them upside down you may find them harder to breath and increase the chance that water will go into your mouth. There are some designs which can be used either way up which can be comforting as an alternate.

The alternate second stage will very often be the identical piece of kit as the primary but be highly visibly marked, either the regulator itself bright yellow for example and/or the connecting hose coloured or wrapped with a coloured sheath.



There are several things to look for when choosing:

- Ergonomic design – should be comfortable to hold and in your mouth. The material of the mouth piece itself can vary in rigidity. You want it soft enough to be comfortable but robust enough that you won't bite through on the first outing. You can even get orthodontic ones which you can form to your own bite,
- Weight – you don't want to feel it's going to fall out all the time that you have to clamp hard to keep it in.
- Hoses should be soft and flexible, plus a swivel joint to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will give you more ease of movement.

The bottom line on all of this is that your regulators are easy to breath from under the conditions you dive – warm or cold water. Some feel looser or tighter, some will deliver air more forcefully others will have more resistance. If you can, try as many different ones as you can, make a note of brands as models you hire and ask other divers. I have two sets, (mares and scuba pro) I am very happy with both although the mares have a tendency to free-flow in cooler water.

You can certainly get good advice from your friendly local dive store but everyone breaths differently and the best one is the one that feels right for you. If you look after them well and get them serviced regularly (at least one a year) they will last you a lifetime.

# BRING AND BURN

## Summer Barbecue at Pete and Jenny's

Many humble divers bought their sacrificial offerings in the form of sausages, burgers, bits stabbed with kebab sticks and the less humble bought steaks! There was also fine fayre bought for the salad and sweet table. Many thanks to all.

The heavenly bodies were kind and the evening was dry and warm. It was a good example of team work within the club with every one mucking in. Makes a change from mucking about I suppose!

The entertainment came in the form of a film show of diving at various venues far and wide. A few were tempted (not a lot of persuasion needed I might add) to sign up for Cocos Island. It was a hard decision to make. 3 metre vis searching for blennies, crabs and wrasse (a very enjoyable pastime) or 30 metre vis with hammerheads, white tips and manta rays. Something to dream of in the future. We all need a goal.



There was a croquet set available but was left in its bag. Can't think why?

The highlight of the evening was the presentation to Robin for achieving his Dive Master. Well done you!!

I think we could say the event was a success. Some left sedately on four wheels and some wobbled precariously on two.

Sadly some did not make it to the end and took comfort in the lounge!



## **NEEDED – Ideas and Articles**

## **Your Club, your content**

## **Planned Features next time:**

- Trip Reports
- KitKat
- Hand-signals

# **SWANAGE to PORTLAND**

Should be good, it's a glorious summer, the sun is shining and the Morris men are in fine fettle. Unfortunately so is the easterly wind. Which would have been fine were it not that Swanage faces east. Consequently our hardboat was unable to leave the bay and our weekend was potentially scuppered.

Not to be deterred we headed down there anyway as we'd chosen the weekend of the Swanage folk festival. The sea front usually populated by strollers and divers was instead closed off to traffic and now overrun by melodious merriment and the odd jingling bell.



Suffice to say the divers set in for an afternoon in the pub (or a crafty kip back at the lodge) while trusty Ron rings round to find us something to do tomorrow. Hooray, Fathom & Blues in Portland can accommodate all of us on a rib for two dives. Bolstered with the news we nip over the road for a meal in the Italian restaurant. Well oiled but still well behaved it should be noted that our antipodean friends don't get rowdy just the volume goes up (& uP & UP).

Restored in the morning with a hearty breakfast from the Oxford, our convoy head over to Portland where a vessel awaits.

First dive a drift along the breakwater wall. Viz around 6-8m and a reasonable current allow us to explore the bouldery terrain. Lots of stuff to see, both fish and crustaceans, but the best for me has to be the cuttlefish. Hovering over the rocks pulsating colours in a rhythm all of its own.

Back to shore with the tide going out we wade the last few metres. Off gas with a melting cheesy toasty we decide on a second dive to the Countess of Erne with the option of the Queenie thrown in. The tide is even further out now so we push the rib until the skipper lets us on board. Short run over to the harbour perimeter and plan a 50 minute bumble round the little wrecks.



Adrian & I are first to descend. I apologise now for my fantastic new split fins. Great as they are for propelling me, one circuit round the boat resting on a fine silt & the viz was down to zero. (NB: I have now found a reference to this wreck "lies in the very silty bottom of Portland Harbour. It sank in 1900, and is now very broken up. The visibility is renowned for being terrible and the wreck barely visible. If you are not put in the water directly on top of it you will only find it by chance!" So good for our skipper we found it all!)

OK, not a lot here anymore so attempt to follow the line to the other vessel but quite frankly there's diddly squat to see (can't all be my fin work). Not to be put off we change tack and head back for the harbour wall hoping for more life over there. A few inhabitants keep us amused for a while but not the best.

But it's still a beautiful day and hey, we did get to blow some bubbles!

## 19 Go mad in Berenice

It was "SPESHAL!!!!!!!!!" Great resort, brilliant company, top tutors and dive buddies and superb diving (even if the more experienced divers on the trip thought it was pants). Although it was noted that in the deep south of Egypt there is a distinct lack of Italian bikini fish and a proliferation (well one!) of German pink whales. The nineteen intrepid divers travelled to their destination at Berenice to dive on spectacular coral reefs & do strange Wallace & Gromit lookalikes underwater both in the sea and swimming pool confirming the Germans suspicions of the mad English. The energy of the enthusiastic students radiated through out the group to make the week a really enjoyable experience. Nice and hot. Great company and some good diving, looking forward to the next one!!



# The Club Rules

Club rules for 2007 has now been finalized as follows:

1. Membership fee for 2007 is £25 payable in January and will be subject to review in November each year. Members will be notified of any increase in fees a month before the due payment date.
2. For members joining between 1<sup>st</sup> September and December in any club year, their membership will expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the following year.
3. The club committee will be made up of:
  - a) Chairperson - Simon Holmes/Dave Griffiths
  - b) Secretary - Katie Parkhouse/Judy Heiser
  - c) Social Secretary - Vacant
  - d) Event coordinators - Hils Schonfield
  - e) Newsletter - Amanda Spencer
4. Non-members attending club events will be charged a nominal £10 fee per event.
5. Members benefits include:
  - a) 50% discount on equipment hire
  - b) organised dive and social activities
  - c) newsletter

The rules are subject to review on a regular basis. Any changes will be notified to members in writing.

## Equipment Hire

One of the benefits of being a member of the club is the reduced hire rates for dive equipment. I have shown below the current rates but please note as from **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006** due to economic reality these will be subject to an **increase**. You will be notified separately by email of this change. If you hire a cylinder please return it **FULL** – if not you will be charged £2.50 for the fill. A copy of the complete equipment hire form, including terms and conditions, is also supplied separately. Please contact Simon /Katie for availability.

ITEM	£ PER DAY CLUB MEMBER	£ PER DAY NON CLUB
BCD	6.00	12.00
REG SET	6.00	12.00
SEMI DRY SUIT	6.00	12.00
DRY SUIT	10.00	20.00
10/12/15 LTR CYLINDER	4.00	8.00
02 CLEAN 12LTR CYLINDER	5.00	10.00
COMPASS	3.00	6.00
COMPUTERS	6.00	12.00
MASK AND SNORKEL		
SEA FINS	3.00	6.00
BOOTS	3.00	6.00
WEIGHT BELT & WEIGHTS	3.00	6.00
SMB & REEL	3.00	6.00
TORCH	5.00	10.00

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# The Dive School

## Courses 2007



DATES OF OUR FORTHCOMING **PADI** COURSES:

### PADI Open Water Referral - 5 weeks @ Pool Tuesday evenings

**Five-week referral courses (Tuesday Evening)**  
**Classroom @ 6.30pm Pool @ 8.30pm**

16<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February  
20<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> March  
27<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May  
5<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
10<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> August  
14<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> October  
23<sup>rd</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> November  
27<sup>th</sup> November – 18 December

### Try dives - Pool Saturday evening @ 6.30pm

14 <sup>th</sup> January	5 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> September
11 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> October
11 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> November
1 <sup>st</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> December

### PADI Open Water Referral - Intensive weekends

**Saturday Classroom – 12.15 until 6 pm Pool – 6.30 pm until 9.45 pm**  
**Sunday Classroom – 2 pm until 6 pm Pool – 6.30 pm until 9.45 pm**

27/28 January	21/22 July
24/25 February	25/26 August
24/25 March	22/23 September
21/22 April	27/28 October
26/27 May	24/25 November
23/24 June	

**Other courses including Open Water Qualifying Weekends, Advanced Open Water and Rescue diver weekends – dates to be confirmed**

There are over 20 PADI Specialty courses. It's not practical for us to run some of them but please contact Simon or Katie on 0118 933 1792 or [info@thediveschool.co.uk](mailto:info@thediveschool.co.uk) for further details.

## Contact Information

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