

# SCUBANAUT

## Diving Club



# Scubonaut Herald

April 2007

## Committee Dates 2007/08

7 June, 13 July, 23 August, 4 October, 15 November, 20 December, 10 January 2008 pre AGM,  
28 January 2008 AGM

## Quarterly meetings

open to all members - 23 May, 22 August, 21 November - these will take place after pool in the pub, but only if someone submits a topic to be discussed in advance

## May Bank Holidays

If no one else has got any plans in the pipeline I'm thinking of putting together some trips for the Bank holiday weekends at the beginning and end of May.

I have booked 5 pitches at the Red House Farm Camping Site, Bookers Lane Earnley Chichester West Sussex PO20 7JG Touring van pitches may be available

Click <http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/details.asp?revid=3745> for details.

Air is available from Mulberry Divers in Selsey Launching will likely to be from Selsey East or West beaches. If this is unavailable there is plenty of diving available out of Littlehampton.

Shore dives can be done from under the life boat station (Cuttlefish have been spotted this year already). There is good diving to be had on the Mulberry units built for D-Day. Loads of fish to see. Please confirm if you intend to come down and if you intend to dive.

I'm also thinking of Angelsey, or the Plymouth areas, but will most likely depend on accommodation availability.

If anyone would like to help out (especially those going for Dive Leader) then please let me know. Any volunteering to tow would be especially nice!!

Accommodation will probably be camping, to keep the cost down (but we will look out for alternatives if people want them). Diving will probably be by the RHIB, but hard boat diving may be an option.

If anyone is interested (or has any other suggestions) then please let me know. Chris Chew [chewis@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:chewis@tinyworld.co.uk)

## BSAC Courses for May in the East Mids

5 May 2007 Combined Nitrox Diver contact 01332 864894

6 May 2007 Combined Nitrox Diver contact 01332 864894

19 May 2007 Dive Planning and Marshalling contact 01332 864894

## Instructor Foundation Course – May 2007

I know that a few members are interested in attending an Instructor Foundation Course. For those who are not sure what this is please read below.

The course is open to anyone qualified to Sport diver or above and costs £95.

Half the course costs will be refunded to successful candidates subject to club rules.

The next available course date for the East Midlands is 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May.

If you are interested please let me know and I will contact the regional coach and book you in.

The first step in qualifying as a BSAC Diving Instructor, (including the Instructor cross-over programme), is to attend the two-day IFC, where the essential elements of instruction are taught.

The comprehensive student pack provides candidates with course notes and a copy of the BSAC publication '*The Diving Instructor's Manual*' and a CD-ROM of the Instructor Manual. Members who have attained Dive Leader grade can complete the Theory Instructor Exam (TIE) at any stage after attendance on the IFC.

On completion of the IFC members, who are Dive Leaders, can further build their teaching experience by attendance at an Open Water Instructor Course (OWIC). Following OWIC attendance and after further practice and experience at Branch level those who have gained Dive Leader status can apply for the Practical Instructor Exam (PIE).

Qualified Instructors from other organisations please see cross-over programme for details.

Steve Priestley

## Italy trip in September 2007

I am looking at planning a dive weekend to Italy – Portofino.

I am in contact with Miles from the European Diving Centre and he can offer us 3 nights at the 2\* Hotel Europa, bed & breakfast plus a 4 dive package in the local marine park with transfers from Genoa airport.

I am considering a Thursday to Sunday trip and the costs are going to be approximately:

- 120 Euros (£82.00) per person for 3 nights at the hotel including breakfast.
- 140 Euros (£95.00) for a 4 dive package including 15l tanks air or Nitrox weights and transport to dive sites on a 7.5metre zodiac rib.
- 30 Euros (£20.00) per person airport transfer.

I believe Ryanair are flying direct to Genoa from around £75 per person at the moment.

The weekends I am considering are:

- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Please let me know if you are interested or if you have a preference for different dates

I expect the above costs to be worse case and we may get discount depending on numbers and time of year. Once I have enough takers I will get some more accurate costs, in the meantime if you are interested you can visit the dive centres website at <http://www.europeandc.com/>

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## Easter 2007 – St Abbs, Scotland

Easter was a great trip again this year – is someone willing to write up a more detailed account of their experience to explain some of these bullet points below

- How Mick nearly died in the first 20 hours!!
- Zippy – did Mark miss the crease deliberately
- 6 hour journey – was it worth it to see the helicopter
- Missing bike – Adam on shank's pony
- If it smelt that bad who would eat it??
- Today we did go to the Glenmire and we did see a shark eating a mermaid – it was good
- Like a bloody washing machine
- Lovely warm scones fresh from the oven
- Wake up without a hangover but did not improve my memory
- Size 9 boots on my dry suit
- Scary Nick having brekkie, lunch and tea all within 1 hour then 1 hour later finishing with hot scone with jam and cream
- Some very strange stories written during pub sessions – copies available on request!



