



# Ocean Diver Dive Club

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Well it is nearly Spring and so all you fair weather divers will be dusting off your kit soon, getting it up to James to be serviced for this summer and then wanting to come and test it all in the pool. Don't forget the pool session is FREE for club members and only £5.00 for non members. Do come and refresh your memory and brush up on your skills before going off on any trips. Check your buoyancy and make sure your weighting has not changed over the winter lay off.

I always suggest a pool dive to check all your kit and your

equipment configuration now you have all those shiny, new Christmas presents to use on dives! Then head to Diver's Cove for a check out dive and to brush off any open water cobwebs and sort out any buoyancy issues you may have in a dry suit/semi dry suit. Just generally get back to being comfortable in the water before heading to the coast for your first sea trip of the year. Statistically more divers have problems on the first dives of the year than any other, so please don't add to those figures. Dive Safe in Spring!

- This Month
- March Diving
- Upcoming events
- Coming THIS year... trips!
- School stuff
- And finally....



## Deposits Are Due Now Please!



Weymouth April, 2015  
To start the 2015 diving season off in the best way. Scallops anyone?  
Only £150!!!  
[paul@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:paul@oceandiver.co.uk)



Pembrokeshire, May 2-4 2015 Another long bank holiday weekend trip. Some of the best diving in the UK.  
ONLY £760!!  
[paul@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:paul@oceandiver.co.uk)



Plymouth, June 13-14 2015  
The wonderful Plymouth for an early summer dive weekend.  
ONLY £160!!  
[paul@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:paul@oceandiver.co.uk)



Nemo, Feb 28th  
Stratis is organising our annual Nemo trip this year. It is only just over a month away so get your money in ASAP. Only £55 and first come first served!  
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Two Spaces Left!

Five Spaces Left!

It was Great!



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We had a really well attended meeting this month, so thanks to everyone who came, it is good to see you all after the long cold winter! Typically though, we were in the pub rather than in the function room due to the pub having a massive sort out, so my apologies to anyone who could not hear or see the presentation!

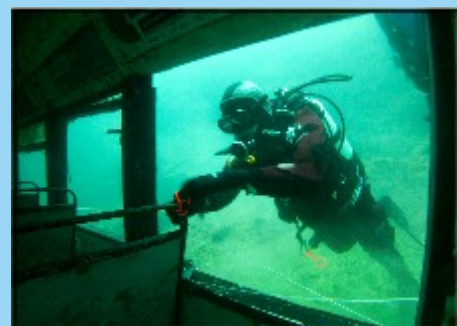
For those of you who could not make it (or hear me),



you missed hearing about Rob and Paul's adventures at Chepstow and Diver's Cove on their Wreck(ed) Diver specialty course, you missed hearing about Sicknote on the ski slopes and you missed hearing about the club trip to Nemo. All of which were just the highlights of a rather busy month of diving for the club.

All joking aside it has been a busy February for the

Club and we have been very lucky with both the weather and with the visibility at the dive sites we have been too. On the wreck course we had stunning views to the surface of Chepstow from 18m depth and in Diver's Cove we could see the bottom of the lake and the wrecks from the surface. At least we could until Paul and Sicknote started to map the wrecks!





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Last weekend some of the club headed off to Nemo in Belgium for a tropical deep dive in one of the world's deepest swimming pools. This has become an annual trip for the club and is a great winter warmer. Crystal clear water and the 33°C temperatures of the pool make it a great place to get your skills back into readiness for the summer of diving. The food is also pretty good too, with an amazing Thai meal included in the price of the two dives.



A really big thank you has to go to our two divemasters. Firstly to Stratis, for organising the whole trip and sorting out all the money and secondly to Kevin who organised getting ten divers to Belgium in time for the first dive, and back in time for the train home. Not an easy trick where some of our club are concerned! A request has been made that we go again later on this year, around October time. We already have a few names for the trip but

if you do wish to go then please let Stratis know as he is, kindly, organising it all again. (At least he will be when I ask him!)

For all you warm water divers, this is a great way to get away with your friends in the club and have some club fun without having to wait for next year's Red Sea trip.

Please let Stratis know you are interested at:  
[Stratis@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:Stratis@oceandiver.co.uk)



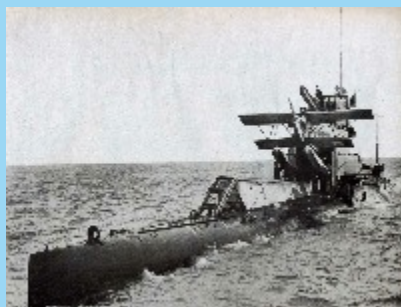


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### Club Trips 2015



#### Weymouth, wrecks, reefs and scallops, April 11/12

To start the year off the Ocean Diver way; with some wrecks, some reefs and drift diving and of course some scallop hunting. Diving with Skindeeper and a trip suitable for all levels of diver, as long as they have a drysuit and SMD.

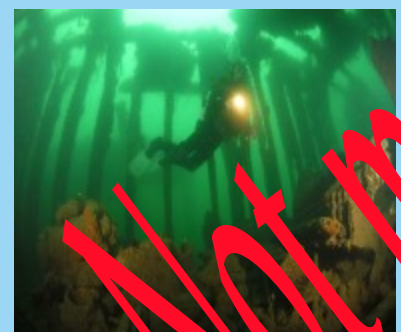
Cost: **ONLY £150 Each**



#### Pembrokeshire, Wrecks and reefs, May 2/3/4

This is our only longer UK club trip this year, sneaking taking place over the bank holiday to save you taking too many days off! Back diving with Brian again and a trip suitable to advanced divers and above.

Cost to club members: **ONLY £250 Each**



#### Plymouth, Wreck and more wrecks, June 13/14

Back down to see Steve in Plymouth for some fantastic wreck dives on the Scylla, James Egan Layne and many many more! Plymouth is one of those places that you can go diving no matter what the weather throws at us. Suitable for all divers advanced open water trained and above.

Cost to club members: **ONLY £160 Each**



#### Nemo trip 2015, February 28th

Taking Ocean Diver club members back to Nemo for the 6th year running. Our annual winter warmer trip. Tropical waters to dive in, awesome Thai food, and usually a skiing trip home as well. All with your friends from the club, what more you you want?!

Cost to club members: **Only £55 (not including travel costs!)**

**Not many spaces remaining!**



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### Courses coming up.....

As I may have mentioned at the club meeting, we are doing the Rescue course at Diver's Cove over the weekend of March 7/8. Chris, Kerri, Paul and of course Rob are all going to be learning how to save lives in the unlikely event of a diving incident.



I am still recruiting for victims, rescue assistants, bodies, innocent bystanders, willing helpers and random diver types if anyone fancies a fun weekend sunning themselves at the lake. And maybe to learn a thing or two as well. We have a even got a few hardy souls coming to help out in wetsuits, now that is serious dedication! Thank you to everyone who is coming to help out, it makes it far more fun learning if there are lots of people around to help.

We are also running a Deep Specialty Chepstow weekender on April 18/19 **Only £225**

Please do come along for the day if you fancy a dive, even if you have not done the course it will give you a nice introduction into what you should learn when you do take the course. And if you have already done the course a refresher never hurts and you might even learn something new. I almost always learn something new from the students or the divemasters when i teach a course!



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## Ocean Diver Dive School

'What We Learn With Pleasure, We Never Forget'



### Congratulations

To both Robert McSorley and Paul Pryke on successfully completing the PADI Wreck Specialty course and officially becoming Wreckers!



They both worked really hard over the long weekend with mapping and basic wreck appreciation at Diver's Cove on Saturday, followed on Sunday, at Chepstow, by the simulation wreck penetration dive and then an actual wreck penetration dive. Lots of fun was had by all, despite it being just a tiny bit chilly and despite Rob's insistence that he can untie any knot no matter how tightly tied (by himself) in thin wreck line with thick 5mm gloves on. Luckily for him Matt came to his assistance and cut the line before Rob got too narked and tried playing with the cute little fishy wishy's again!

A great weekend and thanks once again to all the staff!



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### The next pool session

We are back in the pool on Saturday April 4th from 15.00 to 16.45  
Back at Caterham School!!  
Don't forget it is free for members and only £5.00 for non members, so why not come down and have a splash and a catch up with the rest of the club.



### The next club meeting

The next club meeting is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Whyteleafe Tavern. Meet in the bar for a drink from 8.00pm then in the meeting room (bring your drinks with you!) for 8.30pm

Hope to see you there for a catch up!



### Hope to see you diving this month!

But if you cant make it we really hope to see you at the next club meeting or in the pool, or the pub after, for drinks and a chat!

Happy Diving, from all of the committee!