



Ocean Diver Dive Club

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Is it too early to wish everyone a very happy Christmas? I don't think so, since the party season is now well underway!

The Club Christmas curry night was a night of much laughter and silliness which, unusually enough, was nothing to do with me... Thanks to everyone who came for making the night such an enjoyable one. Really good to see some of the non diving partners coming out to play as well... Or was that just to check up on us? And a very happy birthday to Jackie too! Great to see Roger out and about again too, now we just

have to get that kit dusted off and get you diving again!

Not much diving to report on this month, although I did manage a sneaky dive at Divers Cove (finally) with Spencer last week and i know that some of you got down to Chepstow as well.

Sadly the rugby has interfered with my diving this year but hopefully i can still sneak out for the occasional Saturday if anyone fancies a winter dive?

I am intending to get to Divers Cove on Friday morning for a quick dive too, before the kids break up!

- This Month
- December Diving
- Upcoming events
- Coming next 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!!!
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Pembrokeshire, May 2-4 2015 Another long bank holiday weekend trip. Some of the best diving in the UK.
ONLY £260!!!
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Plymouth June 13-14 2015
The wonderful Plymouth for an early summer dive weekend.
ONLY £160!!!
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Where do you want to go?
Please contact Paul with ideas for future trips/ exotic destinations. Keep the ideas reasonable and please bear in mind that we don't all have unlimited diving budgets!
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We are now taking bookings for the 2015 dive trips. Sadly the club had to take the hard decision to cancel the Red Sea trip next summer. We were at risk of losing the club's deposit money due to not enough people paying their deposits on time. Please, if you do commit to coming on a trip, make sure you can pay the deposit when it is due otherwise the rest of



the people on the trip suffer. Right rant over, on to happier things! We have three great trips lined up over weekends, next year and the deposits are due now if you are coming on them. We only ask a £50 deposit, just so that we know for sure how many are committed to coming.

I am certainly going to Pembroke as I love it there, and will probably

also end up doing the Weymouth and Plymouth trips, assuming i can get out of Rugby those weekends!

Please email me if you are interested and get the deposits to Matt ASAP. Remember we operate a first come first served rule!

I can't guarantee the weather, however the diving is always great fun and the company is always awesome!





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I am afraid I let the side down with the Scuba Santas dive for the RNLI this year as I had a meeting that i could not get out of, so i did not make it. However i am definitely getting my santa suit ready for next year! Apparantly it was as huge a success as it always is though, with lots of people braving the chilly waters of Chepstow to raise money for a great institution.

January

Moving on to next month now. There is no pool

session on the first Saturday of the year because we are going to be down at Diver's Cove having the first proper dive on 2015! Well I will at least, hopefully some of you will be joining me too!

I know Spencer is expecting a new drysuit in his christmas presents so he will be there ... If it comes! I am sure that Paul and Rob will be there too assuming Rob does not break anymore ribs... And if it is as icy and snowy as the Daily Express would have us believe it will be, then we can do an ice dive too!

The club meeting will be on the 6th though, as usual at the Whyteleaf Tavern.



Meeting up either in the bar for a quick drink or out the back in the hall from 8.00pm with the meeting starting at 8.30pm. If you want to bring your deposit money for trips with you then, or pay by cheque rather than online, i am sure that Matt will be more than happy to take your money. Assuming you have any left after christmas!

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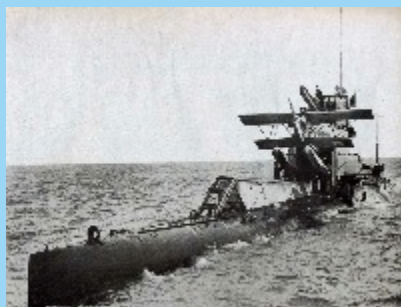


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Club Trips 2015



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 SMB!

Cost: **ONLY £150 Each**



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

This is our only longer UK club trip this year, sneakily 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 £260 Each**



Plymouth, Wrecks 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 dive 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**



Red Sea tour 2015, Northern wreck and reefs, 1-8 August

Taking the Ocean Diver club members to the north of the Red Sea to some of the best wreck diving the world has to offer. This itinerary includes the Thistlegate among many other sites, and is suitable to divers with advanced open water certification. A fantastic trip!
Cost to club members: **Only £1000 Each!!**

Cancelled



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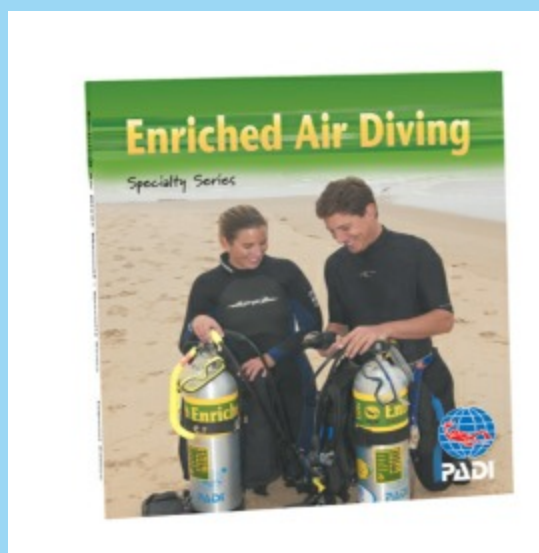
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The Dive School

Courses coming up.....

Paul is doing his Enriched air course in January in preparation for his Red Sea trip so if anyone else would like to do theirs with him i am sure he would be glad of the company. Also if anyone wants to refresh their memory on formulae and calculations so that they understand why their dive computer is telling them what it is telling them, then do please come along.



There is no charge for the refresher, although crisps and biscuits are always appreciated to help feed the mind!

We will also be starting the year with Deep and Wreck Specialty courses in preparation for the summer of UK wreck diving and for Rob and Paul who are both going to the Red Sea to dive that wreck that i still have not dived....

I would normally make a comment here about Rob doing his rescue course too, but i have decided i am not going to mention it again now since everytime i do he gets injured! Instead i shall say that i know that Kerri, Paul and Chris are all very keen to do *their* Rescue Diver courses so hopefully we will be running that in late Feb/ early March. Keep your eyes open for dates as we would love to have some willing helpers for that. The more people to assist on rescues the better. And i am sure that Shaun, Jackie and Sari will all agree with me on that point!



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The next pool session

We are back in the pool on Saturday February 7th from 15.00 to 16.30

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 6th January 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 post festive catch up!



Dont forget the New Year dive!

But if you cant make it we really hope to see you at the next club meeting or in the pool.

Happy Diving and a very early happy Christmas to you all!