

# Bouyant Lift

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## Introduction

This is a resurrection of Buoyant Lift. I hope this improves the communication between the members of the Branch.

There are a number of features, from news of up coming dive trips to a Crossword. If you have any ideas on how to improve the newsletter, please let a member of the committee know. ♦

## Training

J Martin

As is inevitable with training there has been several people all at different stages of their training. My first priority was to aim to get everyone in the system trained and diving. With thanks particularly to Ian, Gareth and Doug for those on the old sport diver schedule, the end is now in sight.

Several people at now nearing the end of their

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## Dive trip feedback -Portland

G Leyshon

A mix of instructors, trainees & Sports Divers kicked off this seasons diving with a trip to Portland. Portland & Weymouth have been traditional venues for early season dives & training weekends. The large numbers of sheltered dive sites & the wide mixture of sites available has ensured over the years that no matter what the weather diving is generally always possible.



On this occasion the weekend was blessed with warm sunshine throughout. Accommodation was at the Aqua Sport Hotel, part of the Breakwater Diving Centre. The accommodation is clean, functional & reasonably priced. We were lucky enough to be able to book the last weekend that incorporated the winter offer. This included accommodation, full breakfast, two dives a day & air for the weekend at a very good price.

The trip was intended to build experience in coastal boat diving; the diving included two very popular dives;

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training to qualify as Club Divers and are heading towards the new sports diver with lectures restarting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

I am intending to organise dive leader training and skill development courses if any one is interested. I will be putting up a sheet requesting names of those interested in skill development courses. Keep an eye on the notice board or give me a ring.

In fact if you want any particular training let me know. I will only be organizing training to match the interest in the Branch.

Following a request from instructors we will be holding regular instructor meetings. The dates of which are on the training schedule (copy enclosed). If any one is interested in becoming an instructor then it may be worth you attending these meetings.

Matt will be running an AV and CC practical session on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Although this is part of the Club Diver syllabus. Matt will be gearing it so it is suitable for everyone to revise his or her AV and CC skills.

If you would like some open water training at the weekend give the duty Dive Marshall a ring to see what s/he can arrange during his/her duty month.

We are currently purchasing new training equipment, e.g. pool and open water training cards and photocopying new view foils. Grateful thanks goes to Bezz Willaims for all his help. Please bear with me until these have come through.

Finally if you want training and its not happening let me know. However I do need instructors to keep volunteering and donating their time and effort. ♦

### Lecture Notices

To help you get the right lecture room a request was made for notices to go up on the doors. These have now been put together and should appear on lecture room doors. This will probably be quite useful as the Rec' Centre are in the process of redoing our regular room (committee room) so for the time being lectures will be held in the meeting rooms. ♦

## The Role of the Monthly Dive Marshall

G J Leyshon

Within the Branch we have a duty roster for the Monthly Dive Marshall. Many of the newer members will perhaps be wondering what functions the Monthly Dive Marshall preforms. I will outline them here, both to inform the newer members & to remind the older members.

The duties of the Monthly Dive Marshall are to organise diving for the branch membership & to assist in the training of new Dive Marshalls by guiding their assistant during their month of duty. The dive planning has historically been related to training dives, generally either at Stoney Cove or at Guildenberg. All of which is to be co-ordinated with the Diving Officer & Training Officer.

Over the last two years the effectiveness of the Monthly Dive Marshalling rota has been poor, on some occasions non-existent. I very much wish to reverse this trend.

I would like to see each Monthly Dive Marshall organising one day of diving during their duty month, at either Guildenberg or Stoney Cove. Preferably on a Saturday or Sunday, thereby opening it to as many as possible. This will nicely complement the Tuesday evening sessions that have restarted for the summer.

The challenge for each Dive Marshall is to avoid clashing with a branch trip during the summer months. Get a party of divers to a venue at the same time for a day of diving, if training is to be included to attempt to have sufficient Instructors & Trainees. Both I as the Diving Officer & Jane as the Training Officer look forward to assisting each Dive Marshall in turn with co-ordinating each trip with the training schedule.

Organising this type of activity provides excellent training & experience towards planning your own coastal dive trips.

Those of you wishing to dive during the month or carry out training should contact the Monthly Dive Marshall to encourage them to organise some diving!

Lastly, please remember that the Diving Officer should be notified PRIOR to any diving activity & that the Training Officer (or Diving Officer) should be contacted PRIOR to any training dives being carried out. ♦

## TUESDAY NIGHT TRAINING

I hope everyone is now aware that the Tuesday evening dives at Guildenburgh have now started for the summer. Please note that the organizing Instructor varies from week to week. If the organizer is not aware of any interest he will cancel the instructors for that week. It is therefore important that you inform the Instructor organizing the evening prior to Monday evening if you intend to attend for training. Organizer details are posted on the club noticeboard, alternatively contact either the Diving Officer or the Training Officer. ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DIVING EVENT

#### OBAN WEEK

11-18 JUNE

Liveboard. Contact Ian Benney.

### DIVING EVENT

#### MARY DOUNE

3 – 10 JULY

Liveboard, FULL.

### TREASURE HUNT

#### NELSONS HEAD

4 JULY 13:30

Social Event, Contact J Rasbach.

### DIVING EVENT

#### PORTLAND

10 – 11 JULY

Weekend Diving, Contact J Skerry & I Benney

### DIVING EVENT

#### PLYMOUTH

30 – 2 JULY AUGUST

Weekend, Contact G Leyshon

The Countess of Erne. This wreck is inside the Harbour, complete & sitting upright in 13m, the deck only being 6 metres from the surface. We dived this during the Saturday afternoon after a scenic warm-up in the morning.

HMS Hood. This is a 'Battleship' & was scuttled by the Navy across the Southern entrance of the Harbour in November 1914 to stop submarines entering the Harbour & attacking the Fleet at anchor. An impressive dive on a huge wreck. This was dived by the group on the Sunday morning. The depth was around 18m.

All of the diving was from a day boat, 'Top Gun', skippered by 'Budgie', the boss of the Breakwater Diving Centre. This was excellent training for all. The difference over the weekend was extremely noticeable from the chaos on the Saturday morning, to the smooth slick performance on the Sunday afternoon.

The traditional visit to the Weymouth Tandoori on the Saturday evening provided the opportunity to discuss the days diving & the plans for the Sunday.

My thanks to all the Instructors who took part & made the weekend so successful. There is an intention to run another trip during July, although this is now dependent on there being sufficient Instructors. ♦

## CLOSED

The Recreation Centre is closed on the 13<sup>th</sup> June due to the Euro elections. Therefore there will **not** be any lectures or pool session

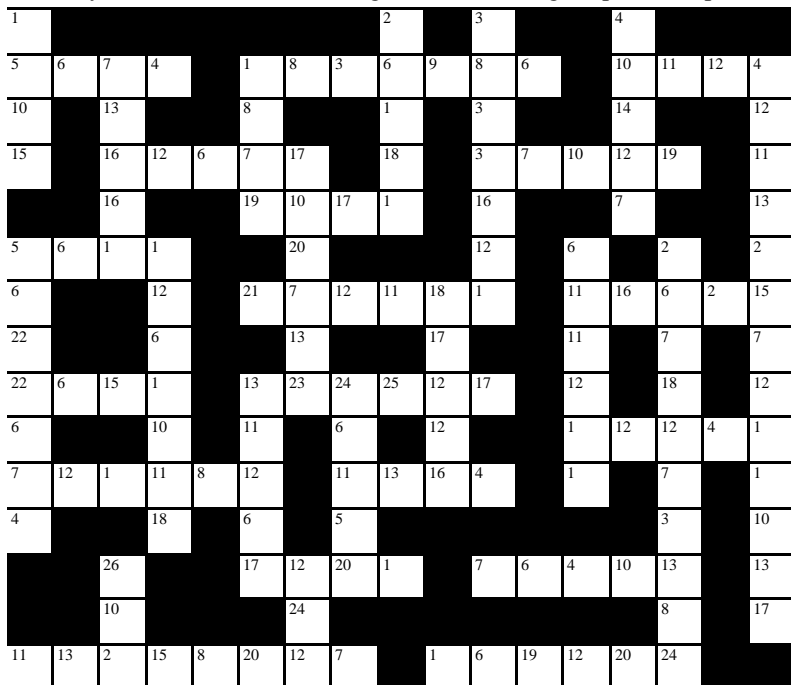
However there is the pub as usual.

## Trip Booking Procedure

- 1/ Add your name to the list – if one is available on the noticeboard
- 2/ Advise the organiser, check that the dive is suitable for your qualification.
- 3/ Pay the Deposit to the Treasurer – If you have not paid the deposit you may lose your place!
- 4/ Ensure any further payments are made on time & that the balance is paid at least one week before the trip starts.

## CODE WORD

A crossword with a difference - each square has a number in it, each number represents a letter. Use your skill to work out all the words. Two letters have been provided to give you a start. You may find it helps to cross off each letter on the side as you use it, as well as filling in the de-coding strip and the puzzle.



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## Plymouth Weekend

**30 July (option),  
31 July, 1 August,  
2 August (option).**

All those interested in the Plymouth weekend please pay your Deposits now. Could you also confirm if you want the long weekend option, or the standard weekend option.

The diving is intended to be a mix of wreck & scenic, all the diving is to be adventurous. The scenic dives are to be wall dives, so you can pick your depth!

Anyone interested please let me know. The price is £80 Weekend, or £155 Long Weekend.

Dayboat, Halfboard. Pack Lunches are available at £3.50 (The pack lunch is recommended)

G Leyshon

## Dive Trips Cancelled

I am sorry to announce that I have been forced to cancel one dive trip already this year.

I will be forced to cancel more if there is not an improvement in interest in those remaining in the calendar.

When we cancel trips it costs the Branch money!

Due to comments from the Branch membership last year we change the trip structure to fewer week & long weekend liveaboard trips. Replacing these with 1 day trips as requested. We have less interest in these trips than in the type offered last year. In an effort to avoid this we have enclosed a questionnaire please fill it in & return it to Jackie Rasbach.

**G Leyshon**  
**Diving Officer**

