



OCEAN DIVER

WHAT WE LEARN WITH PLEASURE WE NEVER FORGET

January 2018

Club Meetings

February: Alex
Griffin
March: Zombie
Apocalypse

Upcoming Courses

Open Water
Drysuit Specialty
Advanced Open
Water
Deep Specialty
EFR (First Aid) with
AED
Divemaster

Club Specials

Enriched Air
(Nitrox) Specialty
(online): £100
Dive theory
(online): £60
Coral Reef
Specialty: £40
PADI O2: £50 +
manual
DM £199
Master Scuba
Diver: once you've
completed Rescue
and 5 specialties
you can apply for
Master Scuba
Diving rating.

The diving season has officially begun (not that it ended for many of us!!!). We've had weekly pool sessions and events and a great training weekend in Wraysbury. Sunday was also a club day and ten of us braved the cooler waters to enjoy the super viz and get our fins wet ready for our first sea dive in February. We also had a trip to the London Diving Chamber. After twice being thwarted by it being in use for an emergency, four of the club were pressurised to 50m. A highly recommended experience, we will be returning again later in the year.

In February we are welcoming Alex Griffin to talk all things tec, sidemount and pro. Alex is a PADI Course Director, so he trains instructors (including yours truly) as well. He'll be explaining about diving with more than one cylinder! If you've any questions about Instructor courses then he'll be available to answer them too. The evening will be of interest to all divers as, even if you've never a wish to tec dive it's still nice to know a bit more about what some of our club get up to when they're heading a bit deeper for a bit longer on some of our dives.

We have lots of diving ahead and a few spaces as we've booked additional accommodation for some of our trips. If you're interested in the Zombie Apocalypse day then the theory will be at our club night in March. It's a great day that incorporates a range of skills so worth looking into for new and experienced divers alike. Wropt in mystery, the day promises to develop a range of skills and it will be great fun!

We also have our [big trip](#) in the diary for 2019. We have eight spaces for a trip of a lifetime to the Philippines. With preserved wrecks, superb marine life and stunning surface scenery this promises to be a wonderful two weeks. There is the option to spend the entire trip in Coron if you're a complete wrecky.

Membership runs April to April. £40 per year (£30 for juniors) payable into the club account 60-24-77 19361092 referenced with "membership" or the trip if you're paying for trips. The school (training) account is 30-96-26 22201760. Benefits of membership include first dibs at all trips, discounted trips and on training, free access to the pool sessions, discounts at Amphibian Sports and on servicing.



Events: See our [Facebook](#) events page or our [calendar](#) for more details

Pool sessions: 3rd February and 3rd March. If you are coming for a general splash and need equipment please message to check availability. Cylinder with air is £10; equipment rental (regs and/or BCD) £10 and pool £10. Half price kit hire and free pool entry for members. **These sessions are now full; no kit is available to hire.**

6th February Club Evening: Alex Griffin, PADI Course Director

17th and 18th February Chepstow Weekend. We are completing the final dive of the PADI Open Water course, the Advanced Open Water Course, Dry Suit Specialty, Night Dive Specialty and Deep Specialty. Some club members are also going along for some fun dives!

24th February Club Dive in Selsey. This trip is now full but please let us know if you're interested as spaces sometimes come up. **Payment now due in full.**

6th March 7pm Safeguarding Children. If you work with children this introductory course is essential in raising awareness in safeguarding children. It is a certified and accredited course. £30 (£15 to club members). Please note: this is session 1 of 2.

10th March Zombie Apocalypse. £99 for members. Prior booking required. Theory will be covered in the club evening on the 6th March.

Weymouth 16th – 18th March £195. This trip is full but let us know if you'd like to go on the reserve list in case someone is unable to go. **Balance is now due.**

25th March Emergency First Responder with AED £99 (£59 for members + manual); Refresher £79 (members £20)

Eastbourne 14th April. Proposed day dive. 1 wreck, 1 drift. £50 per person **5 spaces**

PORTHKERRIS 31st May – 3rd June 2018 £240 (members £225). Non diving partners welcome £110. A great location for UK Diving. Price includes accommodation in log cabins, unlimited shore diving and car parking as well as two days boat diving. **1 female share available, 2 male shares (2 additional spaces being held subject to deposit).** Boat only £120. **£100 deposit due.**

ISLE OF MAN 13th - 17th July 2018 1 boat space available.

LANZAROTE 11th – 15th October 2018. 1 male share available Email dive@oceandiver.co.uk for more information.

THE PHILIPPINES Southern Leyte and Coron. 16th to 31st March 2019 A wonderful opportunity to dive one of the must see locations in the UK. There will be dives across a range of depths and abilities, making the trip suitable for both open water and technical divers (twin set hire is available for a limited number of people). See the [info sheet](#) available on the website or email us for more details. ***8 spaces available***

We have a host of friendly instructors and dive masters who can buddy up with members on a dive if you're new to dive sites or would like to gain a bit of experience. Email us for more details.

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