



# Ocean Diver

'What we learn with pleasure, we never forget'

## Newsletter March 2017

### Get Ready to Dive!

#### Upcoming Dives

26<sup>th</sup> March Selsey

**April** We will schedule in either NDAC or Nemes

**May** Rescue

#### Club Meeting

##### April

Scenarios

*Exploring different diving scenarios with their possible causes and solutions.*

##### **May**

First Aid

A non certified refresher on dive related first aid

#### Upcoming

##### Courses

Specialities and Advanced Open Water are available on all club dives and at any other time by request.

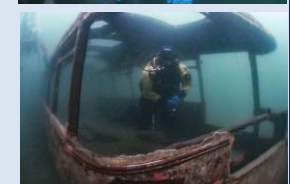
A great talk from Sam on Lanzarote with lots of ideas for a trip next year. It was good to hear the possibilities for divers of all experiences and interests so we'll be heading there in 2018.

We've had another busy month with full pool sessions and a great weekend in Stoney Cove. Our club is self appointed as Search and Recovery specialists after yet another superb retrieval! Colin's photography skills can be seen here. In February we also donated the collections from Club Meetings to the RNLI so thank you for contributing towards the £78 to support them in their work.

Although some of us have dived through the winter there are a few with some kit to dust off. We're kicking off our Get Ready to Dive season with sessions on scenarios and first aid. Club dives are each month and you can book in for training or for coaching. Pool sessions are available to test kit and we'll run the Rescue Refresher in May. We're heading to Wraysbury for some drysuit practice and we will have a few sessions locally for divers to get back into the water post winter. If you have a specific request then let us know.

We are heading to Selsey on the 26<sup>th</sup> March for a boat and shore dive. If you're diving and fancy a few extra buddies then pass on the details and we'll share with the club. Looking ahead we have 6 spaces left on #RedSea2018, a fantastic liveaboard experience. We are yet to confirm so contact us if you'd like to go and we can get more places if there are others who'd like to join us.

Membership is due in April! Please make arrangements and take time to look through the [paperwork](#). Contact us with any questions.



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

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April Pool Session 5.30pm: [Oakhyrst Grange School](#), 160 Stanstead Road, Caterham, CR3 6AF** 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. The pool sessions are filling up very quickly now so email in advance to book [dive@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:dive@oceandiver.co.uk).

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2017** Selsey Trip. Boat dive at 8.30am. Lifeboat Station at 1.30pm. Email [dive@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:dive@oceandiver.co.uk).

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Club Meeting [The Jolly Farmers](#)**, Purley from 8pm and upstairs from 8.30pm. This month's club meeting will be discussions around possible scenarios you may experience in diving so a great opportunity to explore reasons for situations and possible solutions to tie in with our getting ready to dive season.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 Club Meeting** Dive related first aid. This is not a certified course but a series of discussion to refresh knowledge. Please note: this session has cost implications and therefore a donation of £5 to the RNLI from non-members is requested. If you would like a first aid certification then contact us to arrange.



**Malta 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**June: Selsey Trip      July: Brighton Boat Trip (Either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Plymouth 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 £280 (£240 for 17/18 members)** Trip full subject to deposits. Email [dive@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:dive@oceandiver.co.uk) to go on the reserve list.



**Farne Islands 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 £210 (£180 for 17/18 members) 2 spaces**

This is a must-do trip in the UK; the chance to [play with seals](#) in the water! They are friendly and welcoming! We have a B&B on the Fri/Sat nights and diving on the Sat/Sun. **£50 non-refundable deposit.** Please email [dive@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:dive@oceandiver.co.uk) to express interest. Additional night's accommodation available either side of the trip for £45 pppn B&B. If you'd like to book with additional accommodation then please let us know asap.



**Maldives Liveaboard 28<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 £2195** The Magical Maldives itinerary with Blue O Two.

**Egypt Liveaboard 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 £1099 6 spaces**

A superb opportunity to enjoy the world famous wrecks and reefs of the Red Sea. To reserve a place or to find out more email [dive@oceandiver.co.uk](mailto:dive@oceandiver.co.uk).



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

For [membership](#), trips and events please pay electronically (60-24-77 19361092) **referenced with the event.**

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