



NEWSLETTER April 2010

With Easter (the traditional start to the diving season) behind us thought that we would drop you a line or two on future activities that are being planned.

The newsletters are intended to be sent out bi-monthly with information on what is taking place and things that are in the pipeline this will include diving trips - one day or longer, training days, Skill Development Courses (SDC's) any courses that are being run on Monday evenings at Copley and the all important social events.

These 'hard copies' are not a replacement for the website which will still provide 'real time' info and can be viewed at either www.stalybridgescubadiving.co.uk or www.chaumontdiveclub.co.uk

Ocean Diver Course

A new Ocean Diver Course is due to start at Copley Centre on Monday 26th April with the theory presentations starting at 1900 and the pool sessions following on at 2030. There are a few spaces still open if you know anyone who maybe interested in taking part. Please contact Mark Lucas 0161 366 5612 / 07890556931

Open Water Training

Two dates are available for anyone requiring open water training this month and next. They are **Saturday 24th April and Sunday 16th May**. The venue will probably be Capernwray. This is a good opportunity for you to come along and get wet. Contact Mark Lucas to make sure of your place. 0161 366 5612 / 07890556931

Dive Trips

Sat 29th May Trefor Pier - Wales

Dave Redeyoff is organising a trip diving under Trefor Pier, High water is 1050 that day. More details on this trip on the website.

If you want to join us please ring Dave Redeyoff on 07973368707 or email info@chaumontdiveclub.co.uk

31st July – 2nd August. Largs – Scotland

Andy is running an extended weekend visit to the waters of the River Clyde. Diving from the branch RIB's in and around the Cumbrae's and possibly a little further a field.

The waters of the Clyde can provide some interesting and unexpected diving. Experiencing the freshwater coming downstream on the ebb tide and the influences of saltwater on the flood tide the inhabitants tend to be rather diverse and hardy often hiding away on some of the sheer walls that form the underwater cliffs. Seals can sometimes be seen off Little Cumbrae just keeping their distance before darting in for a closer look. Wreckage tends to be broken up but with a good torch an hour soon passes by having a rummage under the broken plates.

For further info contact Andy Bruce 0161 303 8109/07834157500

21st – 23rd August Farne Islands – Northumberland

Based at Seahouses and using the branch RIB's to dive on the reefs and wrecks on this superb stretch of coastline.

The very fact that the Farnes provide a massive obstruction to the tidal flow give an indication to the masses of life that seem to cover every rock face, added to this there are piles of wreckage that once formed the numerous ships that have struck and sank.

Seahouses is a busy little fishing port and given that the trip is running in the school holidays accommodation is likely to be in demand so book early.

Open to Sport Diver/AOWD and above £25 non-refundable deposit secures your place. For further details contact Gary Clayton 01457 871709/07774 281827.

25th – 26th September Anglesey

Launching from Rhoscolyn (on the west coast of Holy Island) we then have the choice of going north towards Holyhead or south to the Menai Straits. This area is swept by strong currents which give rise to the amount of sea life, also the prevailing wind is from the south west which has added a fair amount of shipwrecks over the years – you never know what you may come across.

Open to all grades this is an ideal opportunity to dive off RIB's if you have not done so before. A £20 non-refundable deposit is needed when you reserve a place. Further details from Gary Clayton 01457 871709 / 07774 281827.

Social Events

If you fancy a curry with a Spanish twist then Stalybridge is the place to be on Saturday 15th May when Denise is organising an Indian meal with a Tapas slant.

If this is up your street then contact Denise Brown for more info. 01457 872197 / 07803169374.

And Finally

Even if are you not attending or involved in the Monday evening courses at Copley it would still be good to see you either in the pool for a swim or in the bar afterwards to catch up on what has been going on.

If you have recently changed your contact details – email, mobile, home number or maybe moving house soon and you wish to be kept up to date with dives, socials etc please contact Marie Arrowsmith 0161 368 2467/07768393750 or Denise Brown 01457 872197/07803169374 to get them amended.

Hope to see you soon

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