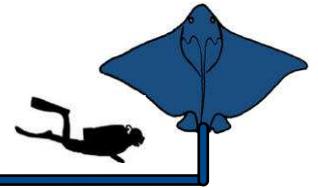


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Haslemere Sub Aqua Club

Aug 2010



Social events for your diary

Shooting and Paella - 26th June

Great afternoon and evening at Churt in perfect weather, with shooting, croquet, swimming and food! Thanks from everyone to Carol and Tim for their hospitality, opening their home to HSAC!

HSAC summer barbecue - Saturday 4th Sept at Sandy's house (between Petersfield and Liphook). Beer barrel, home-made burgers, kebabs and veggie options all on offer, along with a tennis court, swimming pool for the hardy, and space for tents and campervans for those wanting to stay.

Dinner Dance

Please remember the 4th of December – HSAC Dinner Dance at Headley Park Hotel.

SAA SE region

The June SE Regional meeting discussed the regional dive, new training materials and a long list of regional courses on offer. Please speak to Paul or Clare to get booked onto the regional courses.

14 Aug - Diver Rescue Part 1 (1 day theory)
11-12 Sept - Diver Rescue Part 2 (2 day practical) **Date to be confirmed Diver Rescue Part 2**
10 Oct - Club Instructor Upgrade
30- 31 Oct - Diver 1st Aid – Location TBC
20-21 Nov - Open Water Instructor
27-28 Nov - Club Instructor course
22 Jan - O2 Administrators course
23 Jan - Basic Nitrox course

Another SAA SE meeting was organized for 21st July for instructors in the region.

Next **SE Regional meeting** is Mon 6 Sept. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help shape the regional activities.

DCI Workshop for Divers, Plymouth Sat 11 Sept
See DDRC website – www.ddrc.org for details.

Committee

The committee met on 14th June, and the next meeting is on Monday 13th Sept. Let Nick know if there's anything you think needs raising.

Summer Programme

Thanks to Nick for organizing a programme of events to replace our usual pool sessions over the quiet summer period (between 22nd July and 2nd September, inclusive). This helps to save the club precious funds when many people are on holiday.

Thurs 5 August – giant Jenga over drinks in the Mill Tavern garden was an enjoyable swift change from the planned skittles, when it turned out the Woodcock pub had suddenly been closed down!

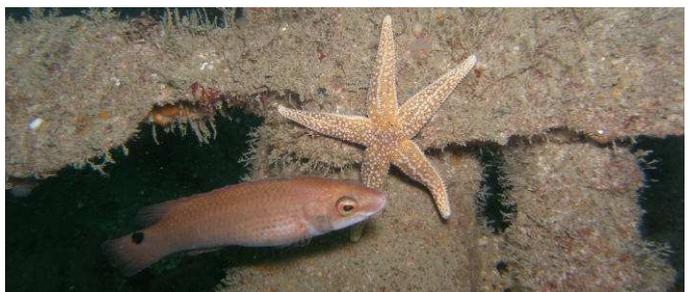


Thurs 12 August – rounders on the Haslemere Recreation Ground – contact Sandy Catnach for details

Thurs 19 August – compass and GPS challenge with Mike Trussler on the Haslemere Rec, near the Boat Shed, followed by a trip to the pub. All Club members welcome for an informal introduction to using the GPS, enabling everyone to help with navigating the boats to the dive sites.

Thurs 26 August – curry night – open to all Club members, friends and family – the more the merrier. Contact Yvette to book.

Thurs 2 Sept - an introduction to marine life with Bryony at the Herons at 8pm.



Thurs 9 Sept – return to the Herons for training.

SAA SE Region Dive, Selsey

Diving on 6th June was well attended by divers from several clubs, including HSAC.

Yvette's update: We joined Pete Turner from Bordon to dive the Mixon Hole then the Mulberries. The weather was great, sun shining and warm, especially welcome, as Mike T and I had a very early start towing Cobra at 5.45am, and managed to get lost with satnav!

Once out to sea we made up for lost time and even overtook Pete Turner, and a while later set off to the Mixon Hole. The current was very strong as Mike, Michael and Nick went down for the first dive and visibility wasn't too great due to the algal bloom.

Kim and I were in next, but Kim's ears wouldn't clear, so we headed back to Selsey to pick up Liam and Charlotte doing their inaugural dives with the club, and Liz and Bill doing their first open water dives of the season. The sea and current were picking up a bit at the Outer Mulberry, but Mike took Liam down for his first sea dive, and despite the poor vis, they saw a dogfish and a cuttlefish which hung around with them for a while.

Nick and Charlotte then went for her first dive and again all went well. Michael, Bill and I went down next and the current was strong – it looks easy from the boat but boy do you have to work hard and that was just getting to the shot line! As we descended, Bill's mask was flooding and we were being bounced around so much that it was very difficult to help so he surfaced and got help on the boat. Descending again went without a problem, but the viz was like pea soup with strands of algae whizzing around, and the current unpleasant, so we turned to go back and then saw the dogfish! We resurfaced and Liz and Mike had their turn. However, by this stage the current and waves had picked up so much that it was a struggle to get to the shot, and Liz took the sensible choice to abort the dive.

After dropping them back at Selsey we bounced our way back to Eastney, riding the waves like show jumpers - I don't think even Liam would have been able to stand at the front just holding the rope like he did on the way back from Mulberries. Eventually arrived back at Eastney shaken and stirred and quite glad of the 10knot speed limit!



Training

Thanks to Mike who ran another lecture session in July on the SAA deep stop tables, which all trainee dives should be using.

The new (2008) SAA Buhlmann Deep Stop System Handbook & Planner replaces the older SAA Dive Planner (i.e. the one with a routine one minute safety stop at 3m) is available from the SAA – ask Mike Hutton for details. Handbook and planner is £10.50 or plastic planner only is £5.

Dive Supervisor

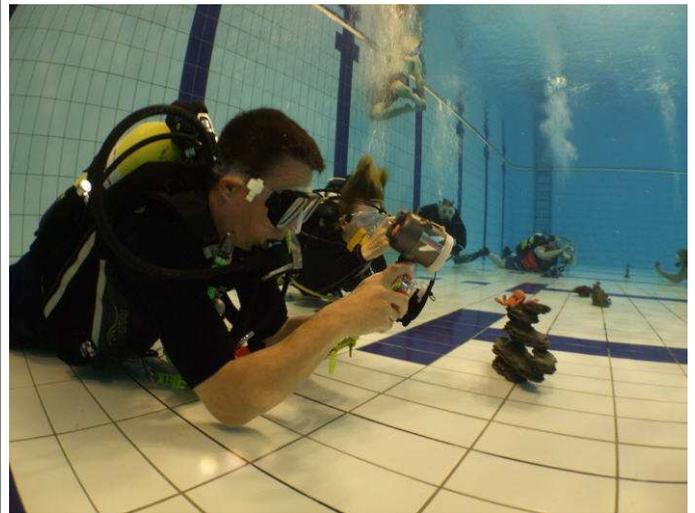
A first attempt to set up a date for the DS lecture series wasn't successful, but we'll be trying again, to get a few more people qualified beyond Dive Leader.

Training Dives

Trips have been organized to get some of the open water tests done at Buckland and Wraysbury.

VHF Training

Several members attended the VHF training, gaining the qualification for operating the boat radios.



Photography and Photoshopping

On 17th June Sarah gave a talk on underwater photography tips and techniques, followed by a practical session in the pool.

The following week, 24th June, Paul ran a session on photo editing, introducing some of the wonders of Photoshop, turning flat blue-green photos into vibrant full colour!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Richard, Georgina, Charlotte and Tony who all passed the written Open Water Diver test in June.

Diving

Scapa Flow

Russ, Ian and Steve headed up to Scapa Flow in July, and dived eight of the massive scuttled battleships and block wrecks in the area, in calm and sunny weather, with good food and a superb boat – the Radiant Queen - enjoying it all so much that Russ is already planning next year's trip. The skipper recommends late May (cold and clear) or late September (warm and possibly clear). Please contact Russ if you're interested.

Club Trip Porthkerris, Cornwall – 20 to 23 Aug organized by Paul and Clare

See: www.porthkerris.com. To visit some of the most beautiful spots in the country, including "The Manacles" which occupies a place in Monty Halls' 70 world's best dive destinations': *"There are few finer diving spots in the U.K. than Porthkerris cove and The Manacles on Cornwall's rugged granite coast. The combination of a sheltered bay and a dramatic offshore reef is a powerful one. And there is the added draw of annual congregations of massive basking sharks, the second largest fish on earth."*

At least ten of us will be heading west for the weekend before the August Bank Holiday for a long weekend of camping (or B&B) and diving. We have booked the Centre's charter boat and will be running at least two dives a day, the first for Club Divers and above, and the second for everyone, including getting several trainees through their qualifying dives. Get in touch with Paul asap if you're not booked yet! Costs for camping £8, and boat diving £25 for one dive or £40 for two dives.



Cobra test drive

Yvette's update: we took Cobra out for a test drive on Saturday 5th June, and all seemed ok, still a bit of power loss which Owain thinks maybe due to loss of water pressure?? As I am completely mechanically illiterate this means nothing except that we can use Cobra at the moment which is great news as more of us get to dive further afield as well.

Dover

The proposed Dover diving in June was reduced somewhat, but Paul and Bryony joined some of the Nekton SAA divers on the hardboat, Neptune, diving on the wreck of the Atlantic.



Night Dive Thurs 22nd July

Sadly the wind picked up and cancelled the planned night dives for ten of us on the Landing Craft and Britsam, organized by Yvette.

For Sale

Tech Delta Flex Semi-Dry wetsuit (large). Comprises one piece 5.5mm suit with inbuilt thermal shield, 6mm shortie oversuit and a separate hood. Bought Spring 2009 used on 4 dives Cost price: £190. On offer at £100.

Scubapro BCD – Silver Grey/Black (large). Bought 2007 used in pool training and 4 dives. Cost price: £220. On offer at £100

Regulator, Octopus, Depth gauge £180.

Sea Fins & Boots, Weight Belt & weights, mask in plastic case; carrying bag; clips etc, all for £50

Please contact Flo, or Mike Hutton if interested.

Any kit advertised in FishTales has not been checked by HSAC, so it's your responsibility to check it's in good working order. You're strongly recommended to have any second hand kit professionally checked and serviced before using it.

Haslemere Sub-Aqua Club is an active diving, training and social Club, welcoming both qualified divers and new trainees at any time throughout the year. We meet and train at The Herons Pool, Kings Road, Haslemere GU27 2QA every Thursday evening, except at Christmas, and in the summer holidays, when an alternative programme of events is organised. We organise a full programme of diving throughout the summer in the UK, as well as Club holidays abroad.

As a member of the **Sub Aqua Association**, Haslemere Sub-Aqua Club (SAA 259) follows the SAA diver training programme, leading to qualifications which are recognised world-wide. The training is designed to build confidence and enhance skills through a series of lectures, pool sessions and open water dives. Experienced instructors provide one-to-one and group tuition in a friendly environment.

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