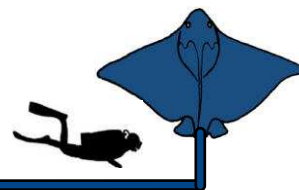


FISH TALES

Haslemere Sub Aqua Club

Oct 2010



AGM

Thursday November 4th 7.30pm
Liphook **Junior** School, Avenue Close, Liphook
GU30 7QE.
Many thanks to Clare for organising the venue.

Please come along for a report on the past year, and to discuss plans for the coming year, including voting in next year's committee. Each year all of the committee stands down. Some are willing to stand again, but some wish to hand their role over to someone else. Do think about taking on a role - we always need new blood and new ideas!

Committee Posts:

Chairman	Secretary
Treasurer	Membership
Diving Officer	Assistant DO
Training Officer	Assistant TO
Pool Equipment	Boat Equipment
Social	FishTales

NO POOL TRAINING on 4th NOVEMBER!!!



Porthkerris, view from the tent at daybreak

Back at the Herons

Normal training resumed at the Herons on 9th September after the summer programme. **Dive Leader lectures** and test have already been done.

Club Diver lectures began on 14th October - mainly for those moving on from Open Water, but these are open to anyone for a refresher.

Rope Search Diving - have a go in the pool on 21st October when Nick will run through some of the techniques.

Committee

The committee met on 13th Sept, and the next meeting is on Monday 18th Oct - the final one before the AGM. Let Nick know if there's anything you think needs raising in the Committee, or at the AGM.

Night dive

Saturday 30th October on Wight Diver

Probably 2 dives (around 30m - 18m, depending on who is interested). Cost: £45 for 2 dives.

Please contact Yvette asap if you're interested - this could be the last of our UK diving this year!

Social events for your diary

Dinner Dance

Saturday 4th December
Headley Park Hotel.



Paul has agreed to take portrait photographs of everyone in their finery, set against the lovely hallway staircase at Headley Park.

Yvette will be circulating raffle ticket books to everyone to sell on, with lots of excellent prizes to be won. Please help with this fundraising effort!

Food and Wine - now in January

Complementary wine tasting was off the Links' menu for Tony's planned evening in October, so this event has been postponed until January - when the wine should be flowing freely once again!

Social Summer

HSAC summer barbecue - Saturday 4th Sept

Thanks go to Sandy and Richard for opening their house and garden once again for the annual barbecue, and to Pip for some amazing chocolate puddings!

Thanks very much to Nick for organizing the summer programme during which time those members who weren't off in all corners of the world on holiday learnt about GPS navigation, and our local marine life, and filled a large table at the Shahanaz in Haslemere for a curry night.

Summer socials were not only greatly enjoyed, but they also raised over £700 for the Club. Thanks to our social team, Sandy and Tony, & to everyone involved!



Winner's trophy
Shooting & Paella

Diving

Porthkerris Diving – 20-23 Aug

Clare reports:



Eleven club members braved the elements and the long drive down to Porthkerris on the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall for a great weekend of diving. Some of us stayed for 4 days of diving and others for 2 days.

B&B accommodation was the preferred choice of a few but most of us chose the damper option of camping. The camp site was basic – a portaloos in the field – but there were hot showers on the beach and places to hose down kit. What made it though was the fantastic view of the coast....when the fog and rain cleared.



We had the small catamaran Celtic Kitten as our boat for the weekend usually sharing with other divers. We had the boat totally to ourselves on one day and unusually on the Monday it was an all female contingent from the dive club for one of the dives. The drill was to kit up by the cars and walk down the beach and straight onto the boat, keeping fully kitted for the whole time until returning to land. It was an easy stride entry and a ladder for exit.



Liam Heffernan

Some people managed three dives in the day adding a shore dive to the chartered dives already booked. Those who participated in these dives found the exiting interesting but were gushing with enthusiasm for the amount to see straight off the beach. Dancing scallops were a particular favourite with Yvette and Paul.



Paul Williams

The dive sites were great – mainly beautiful reefs on or just off the manacles with an abundance of marine life. We also dived the interesting Volnay and Mohegan wrecks. Dolphins were spotted on the way to a dive site and Harry and Kim found a disgruntled octopus. On every dive there were beautiful anemones (the jewelled varieties were especially impressive), sea fans, sponges, crabs, loads of fish and much more.... Ask Bryony for more details.



Paul Williams

The Five Pilchards pub (or the Three Kippers as Kim recalled it) was a great hit and provided shelter from the rain and sustenance each night – between us all we must have worked through the menu.

Overall it was a successful weekend and enjoyed by all (Liz did not stop grinning all weekend). You may like to ask Mike's advice whether to leave a fridge plugged into a car battery overnight – the result of his experiment gave an early morning alarm call to the campsite and the entertainment of watching towing around the field. Thanks to Phil Knight coming to the rescue with jump leads.

You could also ask Sandy and Paul which direction Cornwall is in – the south west or the midlands? They had human and electronic sat nav problems. On one dive Bryony decided to research whether using anything heavy on a dive boat such as the odd shackle or two is better than normal diving weights.



Liam Heffernan

In all it was a beautiful part of the world and well worth the long trek down there.



Diving

Swanage & Kimmeridge 18-19 Sept

Yvette reports:

After minimal sleep as Tony and I had gone to watch my son dance in Swan Lake, we left for Swanage at the ungodly hour of 5am, arrived pretty quickly at 6.30am at the Ferry but it didn't operate until 7am, in future will definitely give it a miss...

Found the rest of the group all getting ready and bunged our stuff onto Cobra in the car park and then walked down to the slipway where Paul did a sterling job of reversing the trailer into the water - will have to get lots of practice in methinks to get the hang of it. Launched quickly and then set off to find Kyarra, one of Swanage's most well known wrecks.

Water was a bit choppy and by the time Mike and Tony hit the water the markers had disappeared so they had a drift instead but said it was a great dive nevertheless.

Kyarra is pretty big and definitely worth revisiting for several dives as it can take a while to see the whole wreck and at 30m can use a fair amount of air, having just completed the rescue course where I learnt a lot about conserving air by using the water to carry you rather than finning - it certainly helped my air consumption. The wreck was excellent.

We returned to the pier for refills and to meet the trainees. We have been very fortunate this year in being able to spread the dives around so there has been something suitable for everyone and I am very glad that so many have taken the opportunity to do so. Setting off for the Fleur de Lys the weather had definitely picked up so we decided that a third dive was not going to happen. Some expert driving on Nick's part landed me directly on the shot - perfect - all I had to do was reach out my hand and grab it, Mike was able to repay the favour when it was Nick's turn.



Paul Williams



Paul Williams

Fleur is a compact wreck about 15m down and there were schools of fish around; I've never seen such big schools before so it was really wonderful, also saw some John Dory, really interesting dorsal fins you can see almost vibrate as they move.

We had given a max time of 35 mins so we had to surface but I was glad to anyway as my drysuit had filled up, and I am even more amazed that some can dive in wetsuits in the UK... Tip to prevent this is to not search for pony necklace prior to jumping in unless you check you have put your neckseal back in place.



Cobra at Swanage

After we got Cobra packed up Liam, Tony and I headed for the seafront for a lovely meal and then we set off home, traffic horrendous to say the least and we finally got Cobra washed and in the boat shed at 9pm.

Thanks to Mike for organising all the sites, on Saturday they found a new one and had a great 2 dives as well before the weather picked up later making the third dive too late. The trainees have been able to get a few dives in so hopefully are benefiting and getting closer to finishing their various bits to progress on. We are very fortunate as a club to have so many instructors and leaders available as this benefits everyone becoming better and more experienced.

Boats

Following a bill of £600, Cobra returned to service for the trip to Dorset. It is now in need of new trailer bearings, along with the usual winter care and maintenance. All help will be gladly received!

Thanks to all who tow the boats, and to Paul and Clare whose new car adds to the number who can tow; also to Mike and Nick for helping fit its new tow bar – completed in just 7 short hours!



Lunch at Porthkerris

Delayed SMBs

Following a couple of recent incidents in the SAA with SMBs, the National DO has reiterated his advice on deploying DSMBs:

Primary regulators should not be used.
Reels should not be clipped to a diver.
Best practice is to use an auto inflation DSMB, or failing that a separate inflator rather than even using a secondary regulator.
DSMBs should be clipped to a solid structure for deployment where possible.



"Our Volvo!" Porthkerris

Try Dive Vouchers

If you know anyone who might be tempted to start diving, please ask Mike Hutton for one of Crispin's special leaflets with a voucher for a free try dive.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Yvette for passing her Diver Rescue.

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.

www.haslemeresubaclub.com

info@haslemeresubaclub.com

SAA SE regional courses

Regional courses have been continuing throughout the summer, and there are more to come over the winter. Speak to Paul or Clare to book a place.

The SAA SE regional meeting in September formulated the following programme. The theory based courses will run in Bordon, unless there are more than 6 candidates. Diver Rescue practical work will be done at Vobster Quay and Basic Boat handling in the Solent, based at Portsmouth. A venue has yet to be decided for the oxygen administration course in January.

October 30 Diver 1st aid (Lower Beading)
November 20/21 OWI (theory at Bordon, practical at Vobster Quay)
November 27/28 New Club Instructor course
January 15/16 Dive Supervisor lectures
January 22 Oxygen administration
January 23 Basic Nitrox
January 30 Manikin training
February 12/13 Diver Rescue part 1
February 26/27 Dive Supervisor practical
March 12/13 Diver Rescue part 2
March 19/20 Basic Boat handling
April 2/3 Chart work and Navigation

Any OWI's who would like to gain instructor qualifications in any of these courses or any OWI who would just like to assist please contact Pete Turner (Pete_Turner@hotmail.com).

December 8th SE Regional meeting

NDO Workshop

SAA National NDO Conference/Workshop
Sat 13 Nov 2010 RNLi Lifeboat College, Poole
West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BN15 1HZ.

This is open to all SAA members, not just DOs, and provides a good opportunity to air views on training and diving issues, deep stop tables etc. Free, but book a place with Irene at SAA.



Early morning tow

