

## Dive with Lodge Scuba in 2012!

### Highlights from 2011

2011 proved to be one of Lodge Scuba's most successful years to date. We were pleased to welcome a number of new faces who have become valued members and accomplished divers.

Congratulations to everyone who completed certifications, from Open Water to Instructor certifications this year and a big thank you to all of you who have offered your time, guidance and support on a regular basis, you make the dive club what it is.

Many of you have expanded your diving skills this year with specialty courses and which have enabled you to dive more challenging surroundings. We had a wonderful week in Malta in August where there was some great diving and both new and old members formed lasting friendships. More and more of you are taking advantage of the members 5 for 4 specialities offer and are seeing the benefits of the new skills learned on these courses.

Lodge Scuba's divers have been invited to work on a number of filming and commercial projects this year. Our divers offered underwater support for the casting and filming of the remake of the film Atlantis. In May we provided underwater models for a photo-shoot for Diver Magazine and at the end of the year, we were hired to film in South Africa for an interactive shark exhibit getting up close and personal to capture footage of the formidable Great White, Bull and Tiger Sharks in the waters off Cape Town and Durban.

This year Lodge Scuba was thrown into the spotlight and featured in the August edition of Diver Magazine, as the first UK dive centre to offer the new PADI Self Reliant Diver speciality. After years of pressure from underwater photographers and other experienced divers who have been calling for a course in this area the SRD teaches you how to be self sufficient underwater and the additional considerations needed when diving alone.

### New for 2012

This year we have tried to provide an exciting program of diving with some new destinations to

cater for all levels and tastes as well as return to some firm favourites. We are always open to new ideas and recommendations, so if there is a site that you have always wanted to dive, and think other people would be interested too, please tell us and we will try to add it to the calendar.

We have an exhilarating trip to see the wrecks of Scapa Flow or relax in style in the Caribbean paradise of Bonaire. Explore the technical challenges of caves of Mexico or for those of you looking to relax and enjoy the sunshine there are the crystal clear waters of Egypt and the historic hidden gems of Malta.

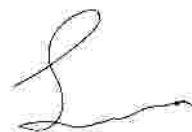
Closer to home, we have some great UK trips aimed at putting the fun back into diving. We kick off the year with a weekend at Wraysbury and then off to Stoney Cove, so why not come along.

Bracklesham and St Abbs are new fixtures in the calendar this year, where you can uncover the famous fossil beds of Sussex or explore the abundance of wildlife in St Abbs.

In the summer we will be returning to the scenic Isle of Mull, the seals in Pembrokeshire, Portland's abundance of wrecks and the picturesque seaside town of Falmouth, where we will hopefully be lucky enough find some cannon balls or scallops scattered around the numerous wrecks.

Also new in 2012 we will be organising an interesting program of talks and presentations. we plan to organise a Project AWARE conservation project to assist with the protection and preservation of our marine environment, small changes can make a valuable difference. If you are interested in getting involved and making a difference please volunteer your skills will be invaluable, just ask for more information.

Have a wonderful year of diving in 2012 and if you need any help or advice we are here to help you.



Simon Lodge  
Founder of Lodge Scuba

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Only £6 a month!  
(£72 for annual membership)

Sign up as a member and get involved with some exciting diving activities and save money on the hobby you love. We dive regularly, so you can keep your skills active and up to date and diving can become an activity you can enjoy in your free time, not just on holiday. Meet friendly people who share your love of diving and you can pick up tips and ideas and find out information on the best diving destinations and much more. Whether it be a pool session at our 5 metre deep diving pool or a weekend dive trip, Lodge Scuba aim to provide a supportive environment where you can go diving as often as you like!

We offer a range of affordable, regular dive trips to cater for all levels of experience and interests. We are a friendly dive club that are focused on diving not just talking about it.

Please download a form from the website or just ask at one of the pool sessions.

## Membership Benefits



- § DAN diving insurance on all club trips.
- § 10% off all equipment purchases, we are affiliated with Diver's Warehouse, one of the largest equipment stores in the UK so you have a large selection to choose from.
- § Equipment servicing and testing.
- § Regular talks and presentations from leading divers and experts
- § Regular social events.
- § Help and advice on training and all aspects of diving.
- § FREE Divemaster Course (with shown commitment to the club).
- § FREE entry to the Birmingham Dive Show
- § Discounted pool sessions at Crystal Palace and South Norwood.
- § FREE pool session at Thornton Heath.
- § Discounted equipment hire for club & independent diving.

If you cannot make the dates of one of our trips, but would still like a diving holiday, we are partnered with Blue O Two, so members can enjoy trips to Egypt, the Maldives, Mexico and many more, leaving the booking and logistics to us and you get reduced rates and loyalty points and can just focus on what to take with you!



## DIVE CLUB

"Practice makes perfect!" Everyone is welcome to the pool sessions, whether you are new to diving or a seasoned pro come along to the pool to keep those skills practiced and learn some new ones. We have a wide variety of activities to keep everyone interested, from open water skill circuits to blacked-out masks, rescue skills, buoyancy workshops and photography master classes.

POOL SESSIONS		
Day	Venue	Price
Tuesday 7:30 – 10pm	Crystal Palace (5metres)	£10 non member £ 6 member
Wednesday 7:45 – 10pm	Isleworth (3 metres)	£10 non member £ 6 member
Thursday 8 – 10pm	South Norwood	£10 non member £ 6 member
Saturday 9:30 – 2pm	Thornton Heath	Open water courses only
Sunday 9 – 11am	Thornton Heath	£6 non member Free member

For those with a bit more experience, take your diving to the next level in 2012 with the Divemaster challenge. Pass on your skills and experience to others and help with their training? We are always looking for skilled divers to help both during the day, in the evening or at weekends.



### Our Partner Scheme (Diver's Warehouse)

If you are in Leeds or Bradford for work or travel and want to do something fun, come along to one of our three weekly pool sessions, including a 6 meter diving pool at the leading John Charles Aquatics Training Centre in Leeds.

Have a friend who is keen to try diving or looking for a new hobby? Introduce them to the club and bring them along for a try dive. If they sign up for a full open water course we will give you £10 off your next course or equipment purchase with us as a thank you.



### Refresher Course

Skills a little rusty and a bit out of practice? Come down to go through a variety of skills in the pool build your confidence in the water, before your next holiday or dive trip.

Course	Price
Try Dive	£10
Refresher	£25
Open Water Referral (pool & theory)	£160
1 day Referral	£175
Open Water	£300
Advanced Open Water	£200
Most specialities	£85
Drysuit speciality	£100
Wreck speciality	£120
Deep speciality	£120
Photography/videography	£95
Self reliant speciality	£150
* SPECIAL OFFER * 5 specialities price of 4	£360
Rescue	£220
EFR (First Aid)	£120
EFR with O2 provider	£140
Divemaster	Free with 3 diving courses
Assistant Instructor	£250
Instructor	On request

## COURSES & TRAINING

At Lodge Scuba we are lucky to have some very experienced divers and instructors who have taught thousands of divers and have experience diving all over the world and they are happy to pass on their knowledge and experiences

We teach a vast range of courses from entry level open water through to divemaster and instructor. We can offer continued training with regular pool sessions and diving activities so you can fit your diving in at a time that suits you.

If you have an area of diving that you want to learn more about, why not do a speciality course. We offer many different options to improve your skills from wreck diving to photography and nitrox, we cannot list everything here so if there's something you'd like to do please ask and we will arrange a date for you. We also run a number of 'dry' courses such as first aid, equipment maintenance and also organise trips to the London Dive Chamber to find out about diving medicine so come experience something new.

## TECHNICAL DIVING

More and more people are looking to expand their diving and build on their experience and want to venture beyond the restrictions of recreational diving, exploring further for longer. Technical diving is becoming more popular as people are dispelling the myths that surround it. Technical diving does not have to mean complicated gas mixes and masses of expensive equipment it is just a way many divers can extend their dives so they can spend more time exploring their favourite dive sites.

Intro to Tech allows you to become familiar and comfortable with a twinset and kit configurations and is the first course on the tec ladder, with Advanced Nitrox & Decompression Procedures a logical next step. For the seasoned "techie" there are many options out there, Side Mounts, Solo diver, Ice, Cave, Deep Wreck, Extended Range or Trimix.

Technical Courses	Price
Intro to Tech	£130
TDI Nitrox & Adv. Nitrox	£250
Advanced Nitrox	£200
Deco Procedures	£200
Adv Nitrox & Deco Proc.	£380
Side Mounts	£180
Ice Diver	£120
Solo Diver	£150
Adv. Wreck Penetration	£290
Extended Range	£300
Cavern/Overhead Enviro.	£180
Intro to Cave	£300
Full Cave	£500
Entry Level Trimix	£400
Advanced Trimix	£500
Technical Divemaster	£400
Technical Instructor	On request

### **Intro and Full Cave**

Cave diving will teach you the necessary skills to safely explore an underwater environment where few have ever ventured. You will have specialist training in skills such as planning, line work, black out procedures and safety precautions. You will gain knowledge and skills that are invaluable to any cave diver and will also enhance your general diving skills so you get the best diving experience.



### **Side Mounts Course**

Side mount set ups have become more mainstream in recent years with many recreational divers now appreciating the freedom and versatility side mount diving offers.

## POPULAR INLAND DIVE SITES

There are a number of inland dive sites which are perfect for training and gaining experience in UK waters. They are a great way to enjoy a weekend of diving without the hassle of boats, currents and tides especially when the weather is not good enough to get a boat out. Below is a quick run down on some of the popular inland sites to give you a feel for what to expect.

### **Wraysbury**

This lake is just outside London, near Staines, so is very convenient to get to by car or train. Perfect for open water and drysuit training or those just looking to come for a bubble, it has several in-water attractions, such as a bus, speed boats, a taxi, some tunnel swim-throughs and a lifeboat. The lake is well stocked with perch, crayfish and pike some of which are quite large and like to hang out under the platforms so have a look underneath and see what you can find. Entry is £9 per day.



### **Stoney Cove**



Stoney is a very popular dive site in Leicestershire and is liked by new and experienced divers alike. It is a flooded quarry decorated with numerous features, such as a small submarine, tug boat, helicopter and hydro-box to mention a few. With a range of depths from the 7 metre shelf to the Hydrobox at 36 metres this site will improve any diver from the advanced open water to technical divers. We always have a fantastic weekend packed with fun and diving and we can arrange accommodation at the Best Western Stage hotel for a discounted price of £25 per night based on 2 sharing. Entry is £17 per day or £11 for DiveLog members.

### **Chepstow**

This site is on the Welsh border and was once a quarry. The staff are very friendly and helpful and the diving is from a pontoon with minibuses shuttling divers to the water. Under the water there are range of attractions including a 68ft aircraft, 2 RAF helicopters, armoured vehicles, both a single and double decker buses, diving bell and a gnome garden. Excellent for wreck and deep training and much more besides and with deco trapezes and a 42, 50 and 75 metre lines this site is also commonly used for technical training and experience as well. We can arrange accommodation for approx £30 per night based on 2 sharing and dive site entry is £15 per day.



### **Guildenburgh**

This lake near Peterborough has numerous training platforms and many in-water attractions, such as double decker bus, plane, barges, car wrecks. With a maximum depth of 22m this is a good place to build experience in a safe environment. As it's not too far you can either go for the weekend or just the day. Entry is £13 per day.

## Egypt Liveaboard: 20 January – 27 January 2012

20 places

Soak up some winter sun, and relax aboard Blue O Two's luxury Liveaboard. Blue Voyager is the perfect base from which to explore the world class Red Sea dive sites. Each dive has something special to offer, and whether this is your first time or you are a frequent visitor the dives won't disappoint, with dramatic underwater topography, historic wrecks and magical encounters with underwater wildlife. The colour and marine life are a photographer's dream and will rival anything you will see in the world.



With five days diving aboard one of Blue O Two's custom built dive boats, you will sample some of the best diving the Red Sea has to offer. The year round warm waters attract a wide array of fish and marine life from napoleon, scorpion and clown fish to graceful turtles, rays and dolphins. You will also experience dives to first class wrecks such as the famous Thistlegorm, Giannis D and much more.



### Cost

£849 including;

- Flight from London Gatwick (20kg luggage, unlimited hand baggage)
- Transfers in Egypt
- 7 nights accommodation twin cabins aboard Blue Voyager,
- 5 days diving, (2-3 dives per day & night dives on selected evenings)
- Experienced dive guide
- Diving insurance
- All food, snacks and soft drinks
- 12L Cylinder, weights and unlimited air fills

£35 for a week's equipment hire. Additional cost for courses & training.

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I would like to reserve a place for the Red Sea Liveaboard trip to Egypt from Friday 20 to Friday 27 Jan inclusive and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150. I agree to pay the balance no later than 20 December 2011.

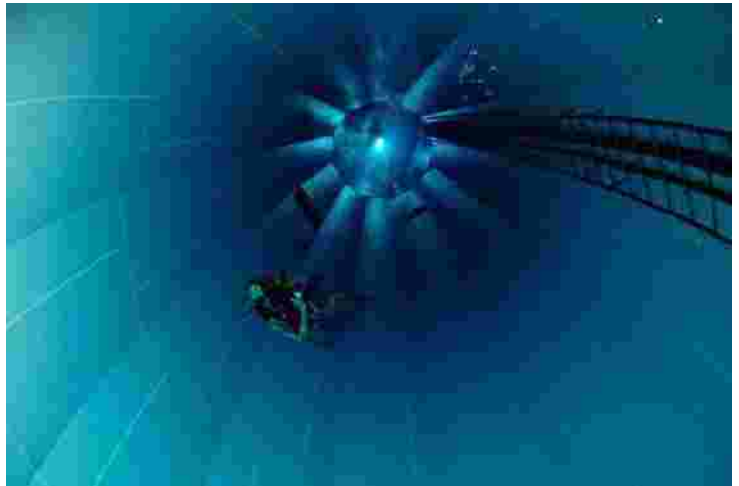
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## Nemo 33, Belgium: 25 – 26 February 2012

14 places

If the winter weather is putting you off diving why not come along for this unique diving experience. Nemo 33, is the worlds premiere indoor diving facility, with a 33 metre deep diving pool with water kept a constant 33°C. Explore the underwater air pockets, dive platforms and swim throughs as well as the vertical shaft which drops from 15-33 metres. There are numerous underwater windows that allow visitors in the restaurant to look into the pool at various depths. The pool is not only used for diving but for drills, scientific experiments and has been used for underwater filming in numerous productions.



We leave London early Saturday morning, travelling via minibus to Brussels, Belgium. We will do 2 one hour long dives Saturday afternoon and then hit the town to sample the famous local cuisine and explore the night life.



On Sunday morning we will spend a few hours exploring Brussels before a leisurely drive back to catch the ferry home, returning about 6pm in London.



### Cost

£150

- 2 dives in Nemo 33 one afternoon one evening.
- Full equipment is provided (you can only bring your own mask, computer & camera) this is to preserve the water quality
- Minibus transport to Brussels & fuel
- Ferry crossing
- Diving Insurance
- Accommodation

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I would like to reserve a place for the Nemo 33, dive trip to Belgium from Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 Feb inclusive and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60. I agree to pay the balance no later than 1 Feb 2012.

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## Cenotes, Mexico: 21 – 28 March 2012\*

6 places

Simply some of the most decorated cave systems in the world. The Yucatan Peninsular is peppered with countless flooded sink holes each with its own unique set of challenges and distinctive appearance. Mexico is home to some of the longest and most dynamic caves in the world, due to the unique geology of the area and exploration work is being continuously carried out so the area around Tulum is constantly changing and developing with hidden gems being discovered on a regular basis.



You will be fortunate enough to dive where only a select number of people have ever been. This rare privilege will undoubtedly enhance your training



and technical knowledge.

We stay in a family run, hotel in Tulum with a friendly, relaxed atmosphere close to a number of the Cenotes. We do two dives a day, then relax by the beach in the evening and watch the sun set over the Myan ruins that overlook the sea.

### Cost

£1600 approx. including;

- Flights from London
- 7 nights B&B accommodation
- 7 nights car / jeep hire
- Guided technical dive package
- Local government diving permit
- Diving Insurance

Cave qualification is needed but training can be completed during the trip, price of training not included.

\* Dates subject to slight change due to number of divers and flight scheduling

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I would like to reserve a place for the Cave diving trip to The Cenotes in Mexico, from 21 to 28 March\* inclusive and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £250. I agree to pay the outstanding balance by no later than 31 Jan 2012. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days of return to the UK otherwise fees will apply.

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## Scapa Flow, Orkney Islands: 5 – 10 April 2012

12 places

Scapa Flow is one of Britain's most historic stretches of water - located within the Orkney Islands, off the northeast coast of Scotland. Its sheltered waters have been used by ships since prehistory and it has played an important role in travel, trade and conflict throughout the centuries - especially during both World Wars. Seven large warships and four destroyers remain on the bottom of the sea bed from the German High Seas Fleet that was scuttled in 1919.



These wrecks definitely put Scapa in the top ten dive sites of the world. The sheer size of the German wrecks makes for awesome diving. The biggest of the fleet are the three battleships: the Kronprinz Wilhelm, the Markgraf and the Konig.

Huge guns protrude from the wreckage, sometimes with a conger lurking in the barrels. Other life includes wrasse, brittle stars, large



jellyfish, sea urchins, sponges and starfish, which are often seen on the wrecks and in the kelp forests nearby. You will also find seals on the surface. This trip is for Advanced open water divers and above and as depths range from 10 to 40 metres. Control and comfort in a drysuit is also

essential and we will be staying aboard the boat for the trip for easy access to the wrecks.

### Cost

£400 approx. including;

- 5 nights accommodation (liveaboard)
- 6 days wreck diving
- Air, tank and weights
- Diving Insurance

Divers will arrange their own transport to Orkney, you can choose to either drive and catch a ferry from Scrabster or catch a flight from any major airport with a number of airlines flying to Kirkwall.

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I would like to reserve a place for the Scapa Flow diving trip, from 5 to 10 April inclusive and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150. I agree to pay the outstanding balance by no later than 28 Feb 2012. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days of return to the UK otherwise fees will apply.

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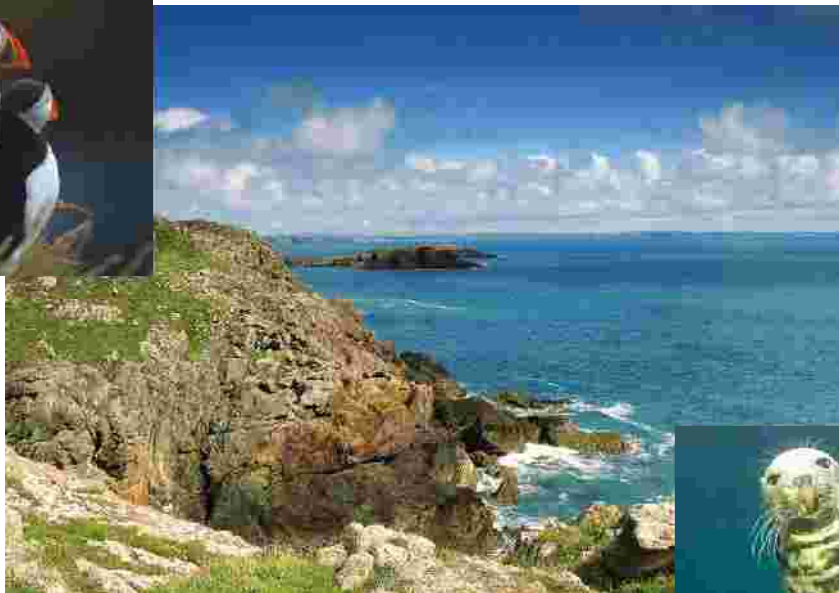
## Pembrokeshire, Wales: 5 – 7 May 2012

10 places

The Pembrokeshire Coastline is a spectacular and distinctive area of natural beauty. The breath taking views coupled with the Coastal National Park, quaint sleepy villages and clean seas make for a rich habitat where wildlife can thrive. The waters are teeming with life, including seals, lobster, spider crabs, octopus with dolphins a common sight as well.

### Diving

Following the success of last year's trips we are pleased to be returning to the stunning Pembrokeshire coastline to sample some of its delightful dive sites. These will include the waters off Skolmer Island which are popular for seals, Rye Rocks with an abundance of crabs and fish life and for more advanced divers there is the wreck of the Dutch coaster, Lucy. This wreck lies in 40 metres and is covered in an array of anemones and nudibranchs. The wreck is in good condition and provides an interesting penetration dive. With a variety of sites to suit all levels this trip is be packed with some of the best diving the UK has to offer.



### Cost

- £240 including;
- 3 nights cottage accommodation with views of the sea
  - 2 days guided boat diving
  - 1 day shore diving or climbing
  - Tank, weights and unlimited air fills
  - Kit transportation in the van
  - £35 for equipment hire (including dry suit)
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I would like to reserve a place on the Pembrokeshire dive trip from Saturday 5 to Monday 7 May inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 1 March 2012. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

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## Bracklesham Bay: 19 – 20 May 2012

12 places

There are few stretches of coastline as beautiful as Bracklesham beach in West Sussex. The array of sites to explore will offer even the most experienced diver something new.

Due to the geology of the Bracklesham Bay it is a hotbed for fossils finds just waiting to be discovered in the seabed. The fossils include sharks teeth and sections of ray's mandibles dating back 45-60million years. A fun treasure hunt for all levels of divers!

This coastline offers a wealth of marine life including crab, lobster and a vast array of fish pouting, whiting and wrasse and the occasional cuttlefish. Close by is the landing craft which lays upside down in 10m. Experts believe the damage to one of its propellers indicates it ran backwards into its own anchor chain! The bow is relatively intact and it's possible to swim inside the open hull.



There are many different theories about how a pile of WW2 tanks and bulldozers came to be laying in a tumbled heap on the seabed – no-one knows whether they were lost during transportation or deliberately sunk. What is known is that they are a fascinating glimpse into the past and make a great dive as they are instantly recognisable and at 22 metres allow divers plenty of time to explore. They are currently being surveyed in an attempt to identify their origins.



In between dives you can relax on the beach and in the evening weather dependant we can have a BBQ on the beach before retiring back to a comfy bed in our nearby hotel or return home if you just want to dive for the day.

### Cost

£160 approx. including;

- 1 nights B&B accommodation (we plan to drive down early Saturday morning and stay Saturday night)
- 2 days guided boat diving
- Tank, weights and unlimited air fills
- Kit transportation in the van
- £35 for equipment hire (including dry suit)

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I would like to reserve a place on the Bracklesham dive trip from Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 May. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 18 April. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

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## Isle of Mull, Scotland: 2 – 6 June 2012

12 places & 4 non divers

### Salen Pier House

Staying in the picturesque village of Salen in a large cottage overlooking the calming waters of the sound of Mull, which is perfect for relaxing in after a long day's diving. Nestled on the east coast of Mull the cottage has scenic views across the bay and is perfect for shore diving as it has its own newly refurbished pier,



home to a wealth of fish and small crustaceans and some playful otters.

### Diving

The waters around Mull are a wreck divers dream, with highlights including; the Shuna 30 metres, Hispania 26 metres and the Ronda, 25 metres the waters around Mull are littered with wrecks that are home so some of the most photographed soft corals in the UK.



On Tuesday you can either dive the pier at Salen House and see if you can spot one of the local otters or explore the beautiful countryside of the island before returning home.

### Cost

- £260 including;
- 4 nights accommodation
  - 2 days guided boat diving
  - unlimited shore dives

- kit transportation in the van, cylinder hire, weights and unlimited air fills  
£35 for kit hire (including dry suit). Prices for non-divers on request.

### Travel

- Drive from London to Oban or Corran, arriving in Mull Saturday afternoon.
- Car sharing is recommended to share driving, fuel & ferry cost.
- Corran ferry sails every half an hour and costs approx. £7 per car.
- Lochaline ferry sails regularly is approx. £24 return per car. (Alternatively you can take the Oban ferry)

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I would like to reserve a place on the Isle of Mull Lodge Scuba trip from Saturday 2 to Wednesday 6 June inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100 and agree to pay the balance no later than 1 April. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

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## Welsh Caves: 16 – 17 June 2012

6 places

The UK has some of the most diverse diving in the world and this is perfectly demonstrated in the caves nestled in the Welsh, Brecon Beacons.

### Diving

This cave trip is aimed at divers who have already whet their appetite with UK cave diving and experienced the Silica Mines and are keen to experience some of the treasures of the UK. Caves around the world differ widely and these Welsh caves offer a number of challenges to excite, including sumps, flow and the occasional restriction.



Dan yr Ogof is considered the longest cave system in Europe and stretches for over 11 miles. A mixture of dry and wet cave, the ornate decoration and large 'rooms' are interspersed with winding passageways. The vastness of this cave system means there is always much to explore and the Bakerloo straight is considered the one of the best circular passages in Britain.

We also plan to dive Little Neath River Cave, with its intriguing chambers and passages is always a pleasure. As the name suggests this cave system is fed by a stream which can suffer from flooding and the strength of the flow can vary due to the season and weather.



If time we also hope to venture into the white lady cave which has a vast entrance and an interesting labyrinthine of cave passage.

### Cost

£100 including;

- 2 nights B&B accommodation

- 2 days guided cave diving
- Kit transportation in the van
- Tank, weights and air fills

Equipment can be hired by prior arrangement, sidemounts can be provided if qualified.

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I would like to reserve a place on the Welsh Cave dive trip from Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 June inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 1 June. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

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## Bonaire: 23 – 30 June 2012

12 places

Bonaire is also known as Divers Paradise. This laid back, Caribbean island is part of the Dutch Antilles and boasts year round sunshine and a relaxed holiday atmosphere. The waters around the island form a marine park which has been protected since 1979 and offers 86 different dive sites.

Bonaire is consistently voted the finest diving in the Caribbean. With sites for all levels there is something to keep things interesting and varied, from the Blue Hole at the south of the island, the wreck of Hilma Hooker or nesting turtles.

Any underwater photographer will have a ball in Bonaire. You will be spoilt for choice as there is so much to capture from the iconic shots of the Hilma to the signature underwater site of the Town Pier, one of the most photographed parts of the Caribbean. Easy to dive with an abundance of reef fish, macro critters, plus deeper wall dives festooned with sponges and colour and to top it all June is the nesting season for the local turtles which is a spectacle only a privileged few ever witness.

The Divi Flamingo hotel has a friendly relaxed atmosphere, where your room over looks the top class house reef. With a 5 star Dive centre the hotel can cater for every diving need. After some stunning dives you can enjoy a beachside cocktail, chill out in the spa or casino or explore the restaurants bars and shops of Kralendijk, or catch a boat to the uninhabited island of Klein Bonaire.

### Cost

£1700 approx. including;

- Flights from London
- 7 nights B&B accommodation
- 7 days car hire
- 5 days diving package
- Diving Insurance



I would like to reserve a place for the Bonaire dive Trip, from 23 to 30 June inclusive and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £250. Booking closes 28 February. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days of return to the UK otherwise fees will apply.

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# Portland Wrecks: 7 – 8 July 2012

12 places

For an action-packed, wreck diving weekend Portland is hard to beat. Dorset’s coastline has a tremendous nautical heritage and is littered with historic and beautiful sites to satisfy even the most ardent wreck diver. Portland Harbour was a hub of activity and espionage during World War 2 and countless British and German vessels were scuttled in these waters, which means wreck divers are spoilt for choice.

## Diving

This is always a popular diving destination for all levels of diver, because of the countless wrecks there is a wealth of sites to keep everyone interested. We have organised a great weekend of diving aboard the Scimitar hard boat, whose experienced skippers never fail to excite.

We have organised our dives to take full advantage of tides and dive sites so you will have a fun filled diving weekend.

Highlights include the Aeolian Sky the wreck of an immense freighter that lays in 20 metres. This wreck is in good condition and as you explore you will see the remains of Land Rover’s and other locomotives that were aboard as well as smaller treasures such as coins, jars and electrical switches.

The M2, a 296ft wreck sank in 1932 and lies in 30 metres of water sitting complete and upright. The hangar doors are wide open and you can look into the stilt interior. Crabs, pollock, wrasse and congers can also be seen.

The Countess of Erne is another famous wreck of the area. This paddle steamer is home to a wealth of local marine life and at 15 meters it is a relaxed dive with lots for you to see and explore.

## Cost

£180 including;

- 2 days boat diving aboard a hard boat
- 2 nights accommodation



- Tank, weights and unlimited air fills
- £35 for kit hire (including dry suit)

I would like to reserve a place on the Portland Subs trip from Saturday 7 July to Sunday 8 July inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 18 June. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

The outstanding scenery of this picturesque and unspoilt coastline extends for miles. The coastal cliffs stand around 100m high in places and extend to 30m deep below the shoreline with their shape and form is even more dramatic than on land. The unique tidal flow in the area has carved walls, tunnels, gullies and archways that form some of the finest underwater scenery around the British coast.



Diving

Cathedral Rock - a huge arch rising from the sea bed in which you could park a double deck bus with room to spare! Above it is a smaller flatter arch which a diver can swim through comfortably. The walls are covered in an amazing range of



encrusting marine life and when the sunlight pours through it, it makes a marvellous spectacle.

The wreck of the Glanmire lies in approximately 30m of water, a lot of wreckage remains but ninety odd years is salt water has taken its toll. The steel propeller stands upright as do the boilers A lot of the wreckage is covered in white and orange soft corals and with many other invertebrates established between them, the Glanmire resembles the colourful reefs for which this stretch of coast is renowned. But one of the main attractions of this wreck is the fish life. Sometimes the wreck seems to get adopted by huge shoals of coalfish which hang just above it and make a superb sight great for budding photographers.

After an excellent day of diving you can then relax in the sleepy seaside village and take in the scenic views and local charm.

Cost

£180 approx. including;

- 2 days guided boat diving aboard a hard boat
- 2 nights accommodation
- Tank, weights and unlimited air fills
- Kit transportation in the van
- £35 for equipment hire (including dry suit)

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I would like to reserve a place on the St Abbs dive trip from Saturday 14 to Sunday 15 July inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 1 June. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Mellieha Bay, Malta: 28 July – 4 August 2012

16 places

Malta has something to offer everyone from the newly qualified looking to broaden their diving to the more experienced diver wanting an introduction into technical diving. Relax in the comfort in the heart of Mellieha Bay. This picturesque village is nestled on the northern coast of the island and has stunning views overlooking the bay.

The clear blue waters mean the diving is plentiful and varied. Mainly shore based, the dives will encompass the wealth of dive sites Malta has to offer. Beautiful wall and reef dives, stunning caverns, awesome wrecks including P29, the El Faroud and the Rosi. The variety means you will never be disappointed.

Transport around the islands will be by jeep, the cost of which is included in the dive pack prices. The week will be guided by Simon and we will do two dives a day for five days with the opportunity for some night dives as well, ensuring there is something to suit everyone.



### Cost

£650 approx. including;

- Flight from London Gatwick (20kg luggage, unlimited hand baggage)
- 7 nights self catering apartment accommodation
- 8 days jeep/car hire
- 5 days diving, (2 dives a day & night dives available)
- Experienced dive guide
- Diving insurance
- 12L Cylinder, weights and unlimited air fills

£35 for equipment hire for the week

\* Dates subject to slight change due to flight schedules

I would like to reserve a place on the Malta dive trip from 28 July to 4 Aug inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 1 July. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days of return to the UK, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert Level \_\_\_\_\_

## Falmouth, Cornwall: 25 – 27 August 2012

12 places

Falmouth is one of the UK's leading dive destinations. The waters are littered with wrecks that have been claimed by the unforgiving coastline and the waters are flourishing with an abundance of colourful aquatic life.

### Diving

We have two days diving from the dive boat Patrice II, where we will be spoilt for choice with wrecks and reefs in the area. Highlights include the Volnay, the Hera and the Manacles, a huge reef covering a square mile scattered with an abundance of sites ranging in depth from 10m to 80m, catering for all levels of diver.

We will also be diving a closely guarded secret – the Cannon Ball site, which last year provided us with a bounty of 2 cannon balls, a Victorian dinner plate, your own treasure!

When you're weary after a hard days diving why not enjoy the hotel's stunning sea views with a glass of wine, have a BBQ on the beach or relax in the luxury swimming pool and spa.



huge bag of scallops and a come and see if you can find



### Cost

£240 approx. including;

- 3 nights B&B accommodation
- 2 days guided boat diving
- 1 day shore diving
- Kit transportation in the van
- Tank, weights and unlimited air fills

£35 for kit hire (including dry suit)

I would like to reserve a place on the Cornwall dive trip from Saturday 25 to Monday 27 August inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 20 July. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Moldavia, Brighton: 9 September 2012

12 places

The Moldavia was a 9.5 ton P&O Liner, commandeered by the government in 1915 and transformed it into an armed cruiser. It was sunk in 1918 by a torpedo and now lies on the floor of the English Channel.

### Diving

This is an excellent dive, but is large and complex. The depth to the top of the wreck is 30 metres with the seabed at 50 metres which means that it requires careful planning and good conditions to ensure you get the most out of the dive. The visibility is often fantastic with 20-25 metres common, but due to the distance out and the depth we will only be able to do one dive on the wreck.



The ship is vast at 160 metres long, it was fitted with eight 6 inch guns, two of which can be seen at the stern where much of the decking is still in place. The blast area where the torpedo hit is good for exploring and it is also possible to swim through some of the cabins where light fixtures and brass bathroom taps can be seen. .

There are thousands of portholes many of which are still in place. The mast and huge anchor still remain, however the propellers have been salvaged. The added bonus of lots of large fish, conger eels, and plenty of easy swim throughs makes this a first class dive.

This dive will be a technical dive trip and as such is only open to technically qualified and experienced divers, who have had recent dives over the summer of 2012. We will go to Chepstow the 1-2 Sept to carry out some check dives and deep practice. This is strongly advised so you can re-familiarise with kit configuration and acclimatise to depth and conditions.

### Cost

£60 approx. including;

- 1 guided boat diving
  - Kit transportation in the van
  - Dive insurance
  - Weights
  - All divers be proficient using an SMB and need to carry their own, please ask if you do need one
- Trimix and nitrox can be provided at very competitive rates, prior arrangement needed for mixes  
Technical equipment and stages can be provided for a small fee.

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I would like to reserve a place on the Moldavia dive trip Sunday 9 September I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60 to confirm my space. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Swanage: 22 – 23 September 2012

12 places

At the eastern end of the Jurassic Coastline, This small seaside town is blessed with a sheltered bay and is a haven for UK divers.



### Diving

The south coast always has an array of diving to keep even the most seasoned diver active. This weekend will involve both wrecks and scenic drift dives.

The Kyarra is probably the areas most dived wreck. Torpedoed in 1918 whilst on a voyage to Australia, the Kyarra is a 400 foot long wreck lying at a depth of 30 meters with plenty to see and discover. Bottles of champagne, wine and perfume are frequently found, some still intact and gold & silver pocket watches are also recovered from time to time.



The Fleur de Lys wreck is located just inside Swanage Bay. She is a small French fishing boat around 16 metres long and laying in 13 metres of water. The sheltered location and shallow depth allow the Fleur de Lys to be thoroughly explored and ideal as a second dive of the day,

HMS Carantan is a French submarine hunter sank during a fierce storm in 1943. She lies on her port side in 28 metres only 500 metres from the Kyarra. The hull has a twist in the middle. Parts of the superstructure remain, as does much ammunition and heavy guns that armed the ship.



### Cost

£180 approx including;

- 2 days guided boat diving aboard a hard boat
  - 2 nights accommodation
  - Kit transportation in the van
  - Dive insurance
  - Tank, weights and unlimited air fills
- £35 for kit hire (including dry suit)

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I would like to reserve a place on the Swanage dive trip from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 September inclusive. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £60 and agree to pay the balance by no later than 20 Aug. I also agree to return any hired equipment within seven days, otherwise fees will apply.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

N.B There will be diving at Wraysbury almost every other weekend please get in touch for more details.

Day	Date	Location	Deposit	Cost (approx.)	Activity
Sat – Sun	7 – 8 Jan	Wraysbury	N/A	Entry £9 per day	Start 2012 with a bang, join us for a good weekend of diving.
Sat – Sun	14 – 15 Jan	Stoney Cove	N/A	Entry £17 Accom £25 per day	Ideal for Advanced open water, specialities DM's and much more. All divers welcome.
Fri – Fri	20 – 27 Jan	Egypt Liveaboard	£150	£849	Highlights of the Red Sea aboard a luxury Liveaboard.
Sat - Sun	4 – 5 Feb	Chepstow	N/A	Entry £15 Accom £35 per day	Inland site perfect for diving and training all the way through to technical and beyond.
Mon	20 Feb 7pm	Solent Court Norbury		£85	Equipment Speciality
Sat – Sun	25 – 26 Feb	Nemo 33, Belgium	£60	£150	Dive the world's largest indoor pool with a max depth of 33m. Two dives followed by a night out in Brussels.
Sat – Sun	3 – 4 March	Stoney Cove	N/A	Entry £17 Accom £25 per day	Ideal for Advanced open water, specialities DM's and much more.
Sat – Sun	17 – 18 March	Guildenburg	N/A	Entry £13	Inland dive site for all levels come along for a weekend of diving.
Wed - Wed	21 – 28 March	Cave diving, Cenotes Mexico	£250	£1600	Explore the stunning caves of Mexico's many Cenotes. Technical divers
Sat - Sun	31 March – 1 April	London Dive Show Excel	N/A	N/A	Find out about new equipment and dive resorts with talks given by leading experts and dive professionals.
Thur – Tue	5 – 10 April	Scapa Flow, Orkney, Scotland	£150	£400 Flight not inc.	Wreck diving the WW1 scuttled fleet off Scotland's north coast.
Sat – Sun	21 – 22 April	Stoney Cove	N/A	Entry £17 Accom £25 per day	Ideal for Advanced open water, specialities DM's and much more.
Sat – Mon	5 – 7 May	Pembrokeshire	£100	£225	Dive with seals and the wealth of marine life off the welsh coast.
Sat - Sun	19 – 20 May	Bracklesham Bay	£60	£160	Explore the highlight sof the South coast with hidden treasures to discover. Prefect for any level of diver.
Sat – Wed	2 – 6 June	Isle of Mull, Scotland	£100	£260	Dive in scenic setting perfect long weekend away with double bank holiday. Wreck divers paradise.

Day	Date	Location	Deposit	Cost (approx.)	Activity
Sat – Sun	16 – 17 June	Welsh Caves	£50	£100	Weekend caving and diving in the Brecon Beacons, exploring the wealth of caves the UK has to offer.
Sat – Sat	23 – 30 June	Bonaire	£250	£1700	Dive and relax in paradise. This Caribbean gem is set in waters rich in marine life.
Sat – Sun	7 – 8 July	Portland Wrecks	£60	£180	Sample some of the most scenic wrecks in the UK. Expand your diving experience with this fun weekend.
Sat – Sun	14 – 15 July	St Abbs	£60	£180	Suitable for all divers, the waters are haven for a vast array of macro life.
Sat – Sat	28 July – 4 Aug	Malta	£150	£650	Ideal for all levels, Malta has some truly beautiful dives, something for all.
Sat – Mon	25 – 27 Aug	Falmouth, Cornwall	£100	£240	3 days diving the marine rich waters off our
Sat – Sun	1 – 2 Sept	Chepstow	N/A	Entry £15 Accom £35	Inland site perfect for diving and training all the way through to technical and beyond.
Sun	9 Sept	Moldovia, Brighton	£60	£60	Technical day of diving this deep wreck in the English Channel.
Sat – Sun	23 – 22 Sept	Swanage	£60	£180	Enjoy the highlights of the Jurassic Coast, with 2 days boat diving the wrecks and reefs of the area.
Sat – Sun	6 – 7 Oct	Stoney Cove	N/A	Entry £17 Accom £25 per day	Ideal for Advanced open water, specialities DM's and much more.
Sat – Sun	27 – 28 Oct	Dive Show, NEC, Birmingham	N/A	N/A	Find out what's new in diving with equipment, resorts and training.
Sat – Sun	10 – 11 Nov	Stoney Cove	N/A	Entry £17 Accom £25 per day	Ideal for Advanced open water, specialities DM's and much more.
Sat – Sun	1 – 2 Dec	Chepstow	N/A	Entry £15 Accom £35 per day	Inland site perfect for diving and training all the way through to technical and beyond.
Sat	8 Dec	London Venue tbc	N/A	N/A	Come and help us celebrate a fantastic year of diving and find out about 2013
Mon – Wed	17 Dec – 2 Jan	Holiday Shut Down	N/A	N/A	No sessions over the Christmas period, back from 6 Jan 2013

\* N.B. Additional dates will be added throughout the year and social events will be advertised monthly on the Diary Dates page of the website, on the club Facebook page and Twitter.