



# **TFI STRATFORD BSAC**

*motto:*

**'HE OR SHE WHO DARES FIN'S'**

## **APRIL 2017**

Any problems, suggestions or articles for TFI call Chris Prichard on 01386 462443

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**Attached to your email is:**

**The Diving Calendar for 2017**

### **Chairman's Bit**

The dive season is clearly well and truly open with many trainees having been 'dipped' into Stoney on a well organised and enjoyable training day during March. Everyone was keen to have qualification books signed off for the different elements of their training and this was all done over a few beers. Congratulations to those that got final sign offs, as Ocean/Sports Diver.....the bar bill is yet to be paid!!!

Many regulars have continued going to Stoney throughout the year and there are numerous weekday trips planned for the future.....most of which involve Sally and I, so come and join us (usually on a Wednesday).....talk to us/Sally at the club and get involved.

Remember that the water is still only 6 or 7 degrees so be aware of free flows and make sure all of your kit is serviced and that you are prepared for the cold. As there is a lot of activity at the weekends at Stoney, due to the sunshine and everyone having come out of hibernation, the viz in the shallows is not great!

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### **FROM THE TRAINING POOL**

22 divers went to Stoney Cove on 19th March for an intense day of training and completing skills. I am very pleased to say that we now have Peter Scarpellino and Simon Steed both qualified Sports divers and Gatis Pateks is signed up as an Ocean Diver. John and Sarah Lloyd and Alastair Manning all did their first 2 open water dives and are keen for more. There was plenty of laughter among our large group, we took up a large part of Nemo's for our post dive rum. I would also like to thank the instructors for all their efforts, these were very much appreciated.

I have arranged another training day for 19th April and will be doing more during the summer.

A thank you also goes to Prich who has started the Sports Diver lectures, 11 trainees will be coming on a Monday night throughout April and May with the test hopefully very soon after that.

**Hilary Wilson  
Training Officer**

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Geoff Russell was finning along the bottom of the pool with a try-a-diver but when Geoff goes down the slope to three metres his companion heads upwards to the surface. Geoff surfaces to ask if he is ok and is told

*"I don't like deep water"*

### DIVING OFFICER'S REPORT

For the benefit of new members, I will tell you that within our Club we have a Safety Committee and as Diving Officer I am Chairman of this subcommittee. We meet periodically to look at new developments in diving, changes in training or any problems that may occur.

We held our first meeting of the year and have made the following recommendations:

1. Some of the emergency numbers for DCI recompression chambers and the Coastguard have changed. Russell Thompson will provide a laminate sheet to be fixed to the console of each boat with the up to date numbers.
2. Richard Wells will check the flares on the boats to see that they are still in date, and update if necessary.
3. The new procedure to be followed when divers are separated is that you look around for **30 seconds** (previously one minute) for your buddy and if you are unable to see them you must ascend to the surface. Russell will send an article to TFI with a link for the full procedure on this and on the updated basic life support procedures.

Finally, there are still plenty of dates available for dive trips, please let me know of any that you want put on the calendar.

Miles Howarth  
Diving Officer

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Thanks to Sally and Hilary for their hard work in organising and judging the annual photography awards, it was good to see some new 'camera's' winning in the various categories and a 'minor' thanks to Prich for his quiz.....I manage to get more correct answers on University Challenge than I ever do when he sets a quiz!

I have sent a couple of emails out over the past 6 months and I have asked you to "Talk to Me" but only 3 members have taken the opportunity to do so.....so I could be led to thinking that all was well and that no-one had any issues but contrary to popular belief, I am not stupid or naive.

I would encourage you to talk to me as this is your club, not just 'his', 'hers', 'mine' but ours....YOURS.... so please don't think that any one person or group controls this club, your club.

Whilst I am the chairman, I will listen to you and work on the following basis:  
*'nothing is top secret and nothing is typically set in stone, that we are open to change, if it is required and that the running of the club is transparent, so just ask ME if you want to know anything, need something clarified or simply want to have your say.'*

All of the committee members have their roles and do them well but I believe that at this particular moment in time I know everything that there is to know about how the club is being run and on that basis, I am the one you need to ask about anything and I WILL tell you the answer.....it can then be discussed further, if you want and action can be taken if it needs to be!

Finally, I am booked onto many of the dive trips that are on the calendar from now to October, so I look forward to diving, socialising and having you buy me a decent glass of red or two!

Enjoy your Club and diving!

Pete Talbot,  
Chairman

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## **ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Many thanks to Sally and Hilary for organising another successful competition.

The picture voted The Best in Show was this one taken by Miles Howarth:





The winners of the various categories were:-

Graham Greener – Cuttlefish and Octopus



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Sophie Hastie- Turtles



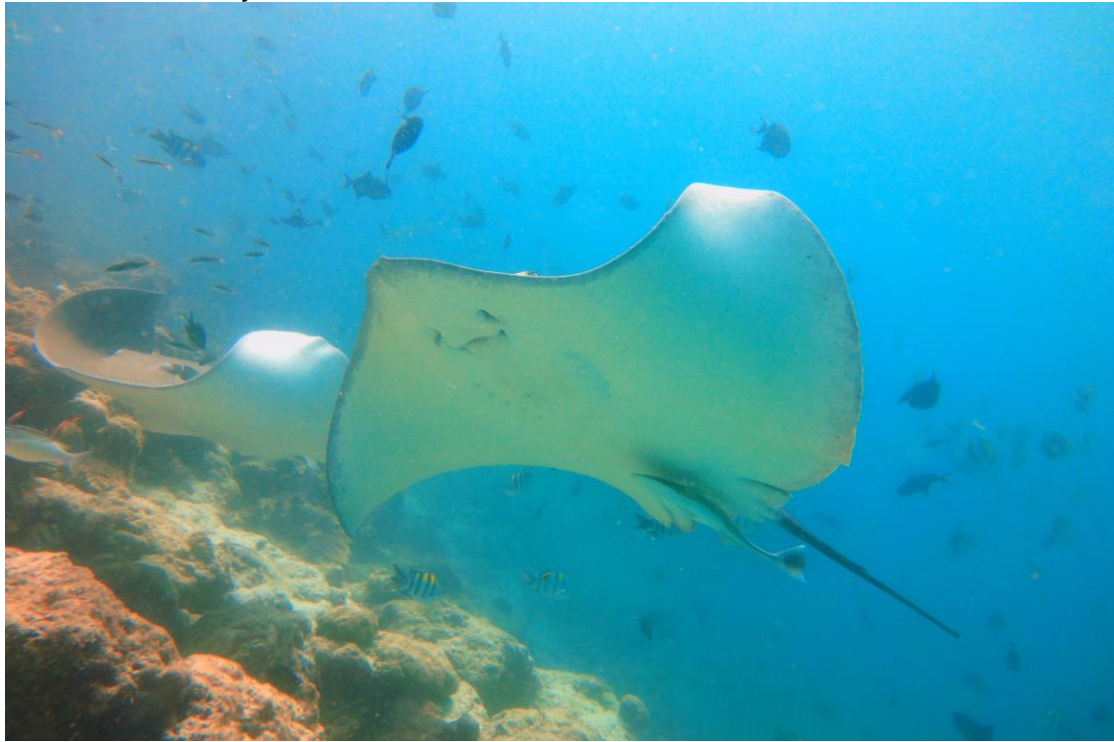




Paul Stoodley- Statics



Chris Hastie- Rays



Jon Arthur- Clown Fish





Richard Talbot- Wrecks or People in Water



David Williams- Morays





Sophie Hastie- Shoaling Fish



Graham Greener- Specimen Fish







**And Robert Muntz knew more answers to the quiz on that night:**

1. How long can a Nile Crocodile hold its breath under water whilst waiting to attack its prey? 2 hours
2. You start your ascent from 36 metres at 12.05 hours and complete a dive that requires a 7 minute stop. If you are using BSAC Tables, what is the earliest time you should arrive at the surface? 12.15
3. What kind of Turtle was discovered in the Menai Straits in January of this year? Olive Ridley Sea Turtle
4. What is its other name? Pacific Ridley Sea Turtle
5. Using BSAC guidelines, what is the minimum pressure that you need in a 10 litre cylinder at the start of a dive to 21 metres for a dive time of 10 minutes for which you intend to do a 3 minute stop? 131 Bars
6. How large is the largest recorded Blue Whale? 30 Metres and 171 Tonnes
7. How many Blue Whales were there 200 years ago? About 250,000
8. How many Blue Whales are there now? Less than 25,000
9. Give the full name of seal shown in photo 9 pinned to the picture board? A grey seal
10. Give the full name of shark shown in photo 10 pinned to the picture board? Sand tiger sharks
11. How many species of shark are there worldwide? 500
12. It is the second deepest diver going to between 2000 – 3000 metres. Males can grow to 20 metres and can weigh 40 tons. It has the largest brain of any animal on earth. It can live for 60 years. Its communication is the loudest by mammal at 230 decibels. What is it? A sperm whale

**We have a range of clothing available  
bearing our Club Logo.**



**The range includes T-shirts, polo shirts,  
sweatshirts, hoodies, fleeces in many colours  
and a rather natty hat.**

**We are selling these garments to you at cost  
i.e. this is not a fundraising exercise but an  
exercise in  
UNITY and TOGETHERNESS!**

**This catalogue is available to view on  
Thursday Nights at the Football Club.  
Just ask Sally Richards**

**Small print : Money up front at time of  
ordering please**

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## **CLAY PIGEON SHOOT**

I've recently been informed of some conflicting dates regarding the shoot and diving in Teignmouth. So being as we are a dive club and it would upset the family a little if I strangled the chairman, I'm going to concede and rearrange the Shoot for later in the year.

Sorry to have excited you all prematurely, however good things come to those who wait...

Richard Talbot

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## **TRY A DIVES**

### **SPECIAL RATES FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Speak to Lynne Bunker to arrange one.**

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## **STONEY COVE LONGER SUMMER OPENING HOURS**

Just to let you know that on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in each month, Stoney has extended opening hours. On those Wednesdays it opens as normal at 8.30 AM but instead of closing at 4PM it remains open until 9PM. However, you have to be out of the water between 5PM and 6PM. I believe also that you have to be out of the water at 8PM but the shop remains open until 9PM.

This raises the possibility for trainees and their Instructors to either go and stay all day and get maybe 3 or even 4 dives in, Surface Intervals permitting, or arrive in the afternoon and get 2 or 3 dives in. The next one of these Wednesdays is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The one after is May 17<sup>th</sup> (Committee Meeting), This will be of particular note to those wanting to get as much OW experience before going on the first Lyme Training Trip May 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.

Please note: This isn't every alternate Wednesday, it's the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday so for example it doesn't apply to Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> as that is the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in May.

Regards, Sally

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## **NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM**

After the success last year of moving our RIB Portia to Salcombe, where it was used for 3 additional dive weekends (and one blown out) along with the Hope Cove family week, your committee have decided to continue with this course of action because it gives the club so much more flexibility of potential dive sites without having to tow, which makes it possible to organise expeditions for those who do not have access to towing vehicles.

In previous recent years Portia was only used primarily for the Scillies trip. This year she will be moved temporarily to Lyme Regis for Sally's Ocean Dive trips end of May and then taken down to Scillies in June, the remainder of year stationed at Salcombe – so please organise expeditions from down there, with really easy launching/recovery and offering great diving, with sheltered waters available for the less favourable weather days.

The committee would like to thank Lynne Bunker for organising Salcombe dive trips last year along with Russell Thompson.

## **DIVE TRIPS**



### **Weymouth Weekend September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 2017**

As it was so enjoyable this year (2016) I have decided to run it again in 2017. This time it doesn't coincide with the Seafood Festival, but I can assure seafood lovers that there is never a shortage of seafood in Weymouth.

Tango has a Diver Lift and loo. Accommodation on board (£10/night just bed no breakfast) or you can B&B within walking distance.

Two days diving, two dives per day. Cost £90.

I have booked the whole boat and paid the deposit. 12 divers maximum.

Minimum Diver Grade is Sports Diver with at least 20 UK Sea Dives. Max. Depth @ 30M.

Please contact me if you are interested. I will need a deposit of £60 to secure your place. [sallyrichards.myzen@outlook.com](mailto:sallyrichards.myzen@outlook.com) or 07533 246585.

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## **Lyme Bay – May and June**

Peter Neal and I are organising another Training Trip at Lyme Bay on June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, potentially using both boats. Miles has authorised this but because his Computer is currently bust he has asked me to inform you both in order to update our website calendar, Chris H, and the one that you have Prich. As you know we already have a Training Trip on May 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> which still stands.

Regards, Sally Richards

## **OTHER DIVE LOCATIONS**

If you don't like any of the above locations and fancy diving somewhere else then why not organise a trip?

Not experienced enough? Nonsense!!!

Ask Miles and he will get one or two of the experienced divers to give you a hand. You'll soon learn and have a lot of fun as well.

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## **LOST PROPERTY**

I was sending some stuff to a charity shop and I came across a coat in my wardrobe that I don't recognise.

I wonder if it belongs to a member of S on A BSAC.

It is a nearly new large blue soft shell Kilmarnock jacket with a hood.

If you are missing something like this please let me know.

Regards

Prich

Stratford BSAC 0730 Committee 2017

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**SUGGESTIONS OR PROBLEMS? THEN CALL ONE OF US**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES 2017**

**To the Stratford Branch, all**

Members pay an annual subscription of £120 towards costs of the Branch.

**To BSAC, Members** pay an annual subscription of £57.50 that covers BSAC costs, their monthly 'Scuba' magazine and their third party insurance. Both of the above are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

**New members** are required to pay a full annual subscription for both of the above when they join. In their second year they pay pro-rata to bring them to the next 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Hire of kit** for a new trainee is £60 for a period of for four months.

Thereafter it is £30 per month.

**Pool Sessions** - £3 for all Members

**Try a Dive** £20 a session.

**Training Books** vary but typically the cost for an Ocean Diver is £60 which includes Sports Diver Books.

**The Club has 2 boats** (RIB's) and the Committee believes that Members should contribute towards the cost of running these boats in proportion to how often they dive from them. This is paid for by a compulsory Annual Boat Levy of £30 payable along with your Annual Subscription by all Members in their second year onwards If you do minimal diving from the Club boats during the year you will receive a full or part refund of your Boat Levy. Non members diving from Club RIBs will pay £10 per dive.

**Members towing RIB's** get 50% of the fuel price e.g.60 pence per mile.

**CLUB DIVING STANDARDS**

All Members are expected to dive in accordance with the guidelines of the BSAC as published from time to time.

No dives should be organised without the prior approval of the Diving Officer who will provide you with a Diving Log which is to be completed with details of the dive and returned to him.

On the reverse side of the Diving Log is a list of the main BSAC guidelines that the Committee wishes to emphasise at this time.

You are reminded that the depth limits for qualified divers is as follows:

Ocean Divers – 20 metres

Sports Divers – 35 metres

All other qualified divers – 50 metres

Members who ignore any of these guidelines do so entirely at their own risk.

You are also reminded of the following:

- Members are strongly recommended to use Delayed Surface Marker Buoys which can be filled by means other than purged air from a mouthpiece.
- Sports Divers and above are recommended to carry their own independent source of back-up air in a second cylinder (twin or pony)

These extracts are not exhaustive and so if you have any queries you should clear these with the Diving Officer before diving.

The Diving Officer for 2017 is Miles Howarth and his contact number is shown above.