



Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

When the newsletter went out in March we were just starting to look forward to the first of the years trips. Now we are in the very unfortunate position of having to cancel many of our spring activities and even the early summer ones are in doubt.

For now, we are in lockdown, so the pool and club are closed. As soon as we can meet again face to face, we will send out a notice to the whole club.

March Activities

Huge thanks to Hilary & Sally as well as all the photo contributors for the photography competition. Congratulations to the winners and runners up.

Trips Update

Clearly there is a lot of uncertainty around dive trips at the moment. Our advice is to talk to the trip organiser for information on any trips you are booked on. It seems that many operators are being more flexible on cancellation terms than normal. The trip calendar still shows all trips and events as on unless confirmed cancelled.

Virtual Club Nights

While we are in lockdown, we have been looking at ways to set up virtual meetings on a Thursday night. Chris Hastie has been looking at eTraining opportunities and Angie will be sending out some invites for virtual pub nights, so keep your eyes open and join if you can. If you are interested in hosting some online events, please let Chris or Angie know.

There are regular updates from BSAC on Facebook regarding online training and opportunities to learn. The link for the Facebook page is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/BritishSubAquaClub>

If you do not have access to Facebook and you would like to be notified of any training available, please let the committee know.

Grant Funding

While we cannot dive, the committee will be using the time to look at opportunities for grants and funding for the club. There are numerous bodies that are willing to consider grants to clubs such as ours and we will be looking at as many of them as we can. We will feed back progress in future newsletters.

Boat News

Our intention is to have both Hornet and Portia serviced and ready for use before the diving season finally gets going. The intention was to bring Portia back to Stratford for the river festival and sell it over the summer season to maximise the price we can get. We may revisit that decision given the current circumstances

Good News

Congratulations to Holly Bacon for making it through Ocean Diver. We hope you get to all get the chance to dive again soon.

Particular shout outs to all those members that were doing training in Stoney in wetsuits....that's dedication!



Pool sessions run each Thursday between 8pm & 9pm at Stratford upon Avon Leisure Centre

Cost is £3.00 payable on the night

After the pool we meet at Stratford Football Club for drinks

May 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
8 th May	Plymouth Rib Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean
TBD	Curry Night	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
17 th May	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
21 st May	Sharm Egypt	Chris & Sophie	Contact	Contact	Contact
25 th May	Plymouth Rib Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean

June 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
5 th June	Plymouth Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean
19 th Jun	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	Full	Full	Full
21 st Jun	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

July 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
9 th Jul	Farne Islands	Sally Richards	Contact for cost	Full	Sports
19 th Jul	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

August 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
16 th Aug	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
22 nd Aug	Scillies Expedition	Andy Bacon	Contact for cost	Contact	Contact

September 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
5 th Sep	Chinese Night	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
10 th Sep	Pembroke	Peter Neal	Contact for cost	Contact	Ocean diver
19 th Sept	Sharm Egypt	Hilary	Full	Full	Full
20 th Sep	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

October 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
18 th Oct	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
31 st Oct	Halloween / Fireworks	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all

November 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
1 st Nov	Scapa Flow	Alastair	Contact for cost	Yes	Sports Diver
15 th Nov	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
21 st Nov	Christmas Lights	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all

December 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
12 th Dec	Christmas Party	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
20 th Dec	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

