

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

It feels as though we are getting closer to getting back to some kind of normality and I know that all of us are looking forward to getting back to diving and getting the season underway. Just a reminder from the committee to be safe, follow the guidelines and if you are ready to get back in the water make sure you let Angie know.

As soon as we have a date for the pool reopening, we will communicate this to all members.

## Congratulations

Some very good news from the training team. Despite the challenges presented by the lockdown, **Anthony Stoodley** has passed his Sports Diver Theory Exam. Congratulations Anthony and well done. We hope to see you diving with us soon.

## BSAC Guidance

BSAC are regularly updating guidance and there is a very detailed guide to making a safe return to diving available on the BSAC website. If you haven't had a chance to read it, we would recommend that all members take a look.

## Trips Update

There have been some unfortunate trip cancellations and some deferments to later this year or next year. For most of the trips scheduled for July onwards, we do not know for sure what can be done yet. As always, it is important to keep in contact with the trip organiser for the latest news.



A small group will be heading to the boatyard in the near future to check the status of the boats and ensure they are ready for when we can use them. Social distancing will of course be observed. Thanks to Andy and Jay for doing this.

## Medicals

As we do move closer to being able to dive again, please make sure your medical declarations are up to date. This can be done online at the BSAC website in your account settings. Let Natalie know if you are having any problems with this.

## Boats Update

At the last AGM there was a clear decision made to sell Portia. We remain committed to this, but we wanted to update all members on where we stand with it today. In our view, moving ahead with a decision when the circumstances around us have radically changed is not prudent. We will likely be emerging from lockdown into a recession. We may also be restricted from foreign travel for some time yet. We cannot know what affect this will have on demand for second hand boats or more importantly the demand for UK coastal diving from within our club.

The conclusion is that we will wait and see how the next few months unfold, which may mean we hold onto Portia for the 2020 season. We want to reassure all members that we will continue to monitor the situation.

## Scuba Magazine

Well done Sophie for getting a letter published in this months Scuba magazine. Check out page 23 of the magazine for the full story. For anyone that didn't notice the email from BSAC, the magazine is available on the BSAC website through your account.

# Activities Calendar



<http://www.stratforddivers.co.uk/events/>



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

## July 2020

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

## August 2020

| Date                 | Event                | Organiser     | Cost             | Spaces Available? | Minimum Diver Grade |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Stoney Cove Fun Dive | Simon Watkins | Approx. £20      | Yes               | Ocean               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Lundy (date change)  | Angie Deaves  | Contact          | No                | Contact             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug | Scillies Expedition  | Andy Bacon    | Contact for cost | Contact           | Contact             |

## September 2020

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

## October 2020

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

## November 2020

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

## December 2020

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