

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

We had some movement on Portia at last. After some negotiation we sold her for £9,250. I realise that many members have fond memories of trips on Portia so I hesitate to call it good news, but it needed to be done and no doubt it will go on to be used more actively. We save a significant amount in storage and maintenance by not having to store it through another winter.

As a next step, we have a small group of members that will now consider our options for Hornet with a view to making some recommendations at the AGM.

Egypt 2022

Had enough of the cold, peeing off the back of a small boat in big waves and zero viz? Fancy having food and drink shoved at you at regular intervals during the day? If yes...you are going to love the red sea. There are a few places available on the red sea trip in June 2022 (delayed from June this year). They are superb trips so if you can get through Sports Diver before June 2022 and fancy diving in shorts...let me know (Alastair).

Thursday Night Pool

The pool has had its annual lull in numbers as people are away on holiday. Now is a great time to come down for a swim or some time in the stamina lane. We will be starting a new ocean diver course. Thanks to our instructors for supporting this.

Club News

There are trip reports on the website for many of the dives over summer, and thanks to all those members that have run them. They are hard to arrange, take time and often lead to a few (more) grey hairs, but without them we don't have a club.



There are too many to mention in this newsletter, but we have seen trips to Swanage, The Farnes, Plymouth, West Bay, Lundy Island and a few inland day trips as well.

I would be grateful for trip reports. We use them to help advertise the club and it serves as a record of our trips. They don't need to be epic novels, just a few words that can be used on Facebook and the website to increase our presence online is all that is needed. They also don't need to be written by the trip organiser, they are free to delegate the job if preferred.

It goes without saying that dive logs need to be sent to Angie for every trip in a timely manner and preferably in legible English.

Buoyancy & Trim Workshop

Congratulations to Simon and Denise Watkins for completing the BSAC buoyancy and trim workshop in Stoney Cove. I did the course as well and I think all of us would very much recommend it to any diver looking to spend some time refining buoyancy. Its good for all levels of diver and a pre-requisite for many other courses that BSAC run. Above all, it was a fun day.

First Sea Dives

Congratulations to Abi and Johnny Taylor for completing their first sea dives. With support from Chris Hastie and Andy Bacon, both Abi and Johnny got their sea dives completed during the West Bay trip. Well done and we all look forward to diving with you in the future.



Hornet

We intend to have Hornet winterised in early November. This helps prevent damage to the engine in cold weather. If you are planning on using the boat after November 1st, please let Alastair know urgently.

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

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available	Minimum Diver Grade
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SEPTEMBER 2021					
11 th – 13 th	Pembroke	Mark Jeffrey	Contact	Yes	Ocean
19 th	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

OCTOBER 2021					
9 th	Clay Target Shoot	Chris Butterfield	Contact	Contact	N/A
17 th	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean
23 rd – 24 th	Weymouth and Portland	Alastair Manning	Low	No	Sports

NOVEMBER 2021					
21 st	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

DECEMBER 2021					
10 th	Christmas Party – Hilton Doubletree	Chris Butterfield	TBC	Yes	N/A

NEW!!

To help trip organisers we have set up an email address that will go to Angie as DO and the website admin team. If you are planning a trip, please contact boatbookings@stratforddivers.co.uk

This is particularly important if you are planning a trip with Hornet as it will allow us to reserve the boat for you. Boat bookings are strictly first come first served and must be with the agreement of the DO. Trips booked can be viewed in this newsletter and on the website

If you have a trip that is not listed above, please could you send me the details so I can add it.

Alastair.manning@gmail.com or 07394 404855

Club Airfills:- Now available from our own compressor at the bargain price of £3.50 per fill (to cover running costs). Please let me know if you will be dropping off a cylinder for filling as I may not be at the club every week. Just ask me for more details.

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