

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

You will have seen the sterling effort made by Chris Hastie and Simon Watkins in bringing the club bye laws up to date. The proposals have been made available to all members so please take the time to have a look at them. They are the foundation for how we run and work as a club and it is important that we have as much agreement on this as possible. If you have any questions or comments about the changes please contact Chris, Alastair or Angie.

Medical Declarations

Please remember that it is our responsibility to update our medical forms if there is any change in our medical condition that is covered on the BSAC declaration form. This includes testing positive for covid which requires a new form to be completed. Talk to Angie in confidence if you have any questions about this. It is essential to keep your information up to date.

Hornet comes Home

We are seriously considering bringing Hornet back to Stratford for the winter. We will have it winterised in early November and then bring it up. This will allow us to perform some much needed maintenance, offer some towing training if needed, practice some rescue skills in the confines of the back of the boat and also save a little money.

Club News

Pembrokeshire Trip

Thanks to Mark Jeffrey for organising an excellent trip to Pembrokeshire. We had three days of fantastic diving covering some of the iconic local sites. We were quite lucky with the weather and we were able to overcome some difficulties such the local dive centre's compressor being broken and enjoyed some very scenic dives, great pizza and good company.



A full report will be published on the website.

Rescue Skills Training

Huge thanks to Chris and Angie for hosting a DL training day in Stoney. It was very thought provoking and prompted some great debate.



IFC Passes

Congratulations to Simon Steed, Simon Watkins and Andy Dale for making it through their IFC courses.



RYA Passes

We are lucky to have had 3 more members pass their RYA Level 2 powerboat course this month, which will in time give us members able to safely cox Hornet. This is fantastic news and congratulations to Dan Rowe, Andy Dale and Chris Bradbury for their achievements.



New Members

Please take a moment to welcome Renata Halford and Tom Roberts to the club. They will be starting an Ocean Diver course next week so look out for them and say hi if you see them.

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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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.

Don't forget easyfundraising – click the link to raise some cash. [Stratford Divers Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)