

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

As we work through the memberships renewals this year it is clear that going forward, there must be easier ways to manage the process. We have a strong preference for a simple process with as many members on a direct debit scheme as possible. We accept that this might not for everyone so we will look at ways to engage with all members to allow us to revamp renewals in a way that will work for all. Watch this space for more information on renewals through the year.

## Hornet Update

The RIB refurb company in Hull has done a fantastic job. Hornet is looking almost new and they also pulled the schedule back on track a little. The trailer is now undergoing some much needed maintenance. Huge thanks to Andy Bacon, Jon Arthur and Andy Dale for their help in the work. The service is booked for April 19<sup>th</sup> and we are now confident that we can get Hornet back to the south coast well before that date.

We will be debating the replacement of the GPS system at the next committee meeting. This would be a significant investment by the club. From what we have seen, it would give us a leap forward in terms of functionality and may even help keep our new coxes off the rocks 😊. It is a lot of money, so if you are interested to learn more about what we are considering please speak to Alastair, Andy Bacon or Jon Arthur.

## Club News



Congratulations to Andy Dale for completing his Dive Leader Qualification.

We have some new members to welcome. Please look out for Jayne Morgan-Wright, Andy Law and Will Broughton. All three will be joining a new Ocean Diver course as soon as we can start one. Good luck to all our new divers. It's great to have you with us and we are sure you will have many happy adventures

Thanks to all those involved in the kit sale last night. There are some great socials coming up so don't forget to check the diary and get involved. We have curry nights, fun nights at the pool and BBQ's to keep you busy during Spring and early Summer. If any member would like to organise a social, please feel free. We welcome help from anyone!

## Trips

The monthly pilgrimage to Stoney Cove went ahead in distinctly Spring like conditions in March. Viz was very milky at the top, in part due to half of the Sahara being dumped in the lake, but better at 20m. Thanks as always to Simon for arranging.



Congratulations to Rya for surviving her first dive at Stoney. Great job and the first of many, I'm sure.

We have had a good start to the year for trips, both happening and being arranged. We have put a lot of time, effort and money into the refurbishment of Hornet and it's good to remind all members that it is your resource. Arranging trips is not as hard as it seems at the beginning. To start with, all you need is an idea of what you want to do or where you want to go. There are plenty of people in the club that can make that idea come to life. Speaking to Angie Deaves is the best place to start. She will guide you as to what you need to plan for and what roles you need to fill. We have tow cars, coxes, instructors, experienced divers, maps, books...everything you need is in the club so go ahead and start planning!

**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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April 2022					
9th – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Capernwray Spring Jaunt	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolf Run	Sarah Lloyd	£40 - £60	Yes	N/A
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

May 2022					
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Weymouth on Tango	Andy Dale	£70	No - Full	Sports
13 <sup>th</sup>	Curry Night at Aladdin's	Alastair Manning	N/A	Yes	N/A
15 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

June 2022					
1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	RHIB Trip Details TBC	Chris Hastie	TBC	TBC	TBC
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Sea Liveaboard	Hilary	£1700+	Yes	Ocean
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	RIB Trip – Details TBC	Alastair Manning	TBC	TBC	TBC
19 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
20 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Sports

July 2022					
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Ocean
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Farnes	Sally Richards	TBC	No	Sports
16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Summer BBQ	Holly Bacon	TBC	Yes	N/A
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Swanage Trip	Simon Watkins	Contact SW	No - Full	Ocean

August 2021					
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rib Trip – West Bay	Andy Dale	TBC	Yes	Ocean
21 <sup>st</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

September 2021					
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	RIB Trip Details TBC	Alastair Manning	TBC	TBC	TBC
18 <sup>st</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

October 2021					
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Late season RIB Trip	Alastair Manning	TBC	TBC	TBC
16 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Red Sea Northern Wrecks & Reefs	Andy Dale	£1457	Limited	Sports

### Boat Bookings

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)