

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

June is a chance to make a quick thank you to all the instructors who have worked so hard to get our Ocean divers and Sports Divers through their courses over the past few months. There has been a lot of success in the club with plenty of divers qualifying. None of that could happen without the instructors giving up their time to make it happen.

Now we can look forward to a summer of diving with some amazing trips ahead.

Pool Update

The pool remains very busy most nights and some weeks we remove the swim lane to give all the trainees more space. If any member is keen to swim then do let us know and we can easily keep it in.

Despite being busy we did manage to get the fun night in which was fantastic. Congratulations to Nigel's team and Natalie in particular for taking the win in the tie break. Thanks to Hilary and all the helpers for making this event happen.



Club News

It has been an incredible month with seven new members starting on an Ocean Diver course. We welcome Jayne, Andy, Miles, Will, David, Elizabeth and Noah to the course. We look forward to diving with you in the future.

We have seen some amazing success from our trainee divers, with Rya and Ren both qualified as Ocean divers. We have Josh, Jamie, Abi and Jonny all qualified as Sports divers and finally congratulations to Natalie for completing her Advanced Ocean Diver

Chris and Alastair also completed the BSAC twin set diver course. We both look forward to using our heavy twin sets on Hornet and thank you all in advance for hauling them back in the boat at the end of our dive!



Trips

Andy Dale organised a fantastic trip to Weymouth. We chartered Tango to dive both the M2 and Aeolian sky wrecks. Both very impressive dives, well worth doing.



The curry night was also very well attended and as usual we were very well fed by the team at Alladins in Tiddington.

We remain busy with try dives and thanks to Nigel for arranging the session for the biker group, it was a format that worked very well.

After a couple of attempts of getting Hornet on the water that were thwarted by bad weather, Sarah Lloyd managed to organise a trip to Plymouth with support from Andy and Jon. The new chartplotter was put through its paces.



Don't forget that trip organising is open to all, its fun and you get to go where you want to dive! Speak to Angie for guidance.

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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June 2022					
2nd – 3rd	RHIB Trip – TBC	Alastair Manning	TBC	Yes	Sports
10 th – 17 th	Red Sea Liveaboard	Hilary Wilson	£1700+	Yes	Ocean
19 th	Stoney Fun Dive TBC	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
20 th – 27 th	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Sports

July 2022					
1 st – 3 rd	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Ocean
8 th – 11 th	Farnes	Sally Richards	TBC	No	Sports
17 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
22 nd -24 th	Swanage Trip	Simon Watkins	Contact SW	No - Full	Ocean

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

September 2021					
2 nd – 10 th	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Sports
18 st	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

October 2021					
14 th – 16 th	Late season RIB Trip	Alastair Manning	TBC	TBC	TBC
16 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 th - 6 th 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

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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