



Fees, charges and expenses

Membership

All members must be members of BSAC nationally and pay the appropriate national membership fee. In addition, members pay the following annual Branch Levy to the club.

Item	Rate	Committee date
Annual branch levy, all grades except honorary life members (from 1 April 2024)	£132	11 Oct 2023

The branch levy should be paid by Direct Debit. Members who have been a member continuously for the last 12 months, and new members signing up to a diver grade course (see below) may optionally pay by Direct Debit in monthly instalments of £11.

Diver grade courses

Training is provided free by our volunteer instructors, but we make a small charge to cover course materials and a contribution towards the instructors' expenses. Basic equipment hire for five months is included for Ocean Diver trainees.

Item	Rate	Committee date
Ocean Diver (inc basic equipment hire)	£200	12 Jul 2023
Sports Diver	£100	11 Oct 2023
Sports Diver, cross over from other agency*	£110	11 Oct 2023
Dive Leader	£100	11 Oct 2023
Dive Leader, cross over from other agency*	£110	11 Oct 2023

* includes BSAC Qualification Record Book

Pool

Item	Rate	Committee date
Pool use, per week. Payable by everyone in the water, including instructors (from 1 Nov 2023)	£4.00	11 Oct 2023

Equipment hire

Hire of basic equipment for Ocean Diver trainees for the first five months is included in the cost of Ocean Diver training. Beyond the first five months, and for all qualified divers, the cost of equipment hire is shown in the following table.

Item	Rate	Committee date
Full set, three months (or part thereof). BCD, regulators, cylinder, weight belt and weights	£45	12 Jul 2023
Partial set, three months (or part thereof). One to two items from BCD, regulators, cylinder, weight belt and weights	£25	12 Jul 2023
Short term cylinder rental, per week	£10	12 Jul 2023

Boat use

Item	Rate	Committee date
Use of Hornet, daily rate payable by trip	£60.00	10 Jan 2024

Charges for the use of Hornet are limited to a maximum of £200 per trip. There is no charge for days when Hornet is not launched, or, if kept on a mooring during the trip, does not leave the mooring.

Air fills and compressor use

Item	Rate	Committee date
Cylinder fill, single	£4.00	21 Feb 2024

Trips that use the compressor are expected to account, and pay, for the compressor usage at the end of the trip.

Try dives

Item	Rate	Committee date
Try dive, including equipment hire	£25.00	12 Jan 2022

A 20% discount on try dives is offered on group bookings of four or more from Scout, Guide and other community youth groups.

Expenses

Current expenses rates that will be paid by the club.

Instructor expenses

The basis for working out expenses rates payable for instructors is set out in the Club's Instructors' Expenses Policy, the present version of which was adopted by the committee on 11 May 2022. The table below details the current rates.

Item	Rate
Inland site entry fee	Actual cost, up to £20 max
Gas fills, per training dive conducted	Actual cost, up to £6 max
Travel	17.4p per mile (max 71 miles)

Towing

The cost of towing of the boat for trips must be covered by the trip and the club will not pay expenses for this. Where the boat is towed on behalf of the club (e.g. between winter and summer storage sites) the club will pay a towing allowance.

The basis for calculating the rate to be paid for towing the boat was agreed by the committee on 12 July 2023. The rate is calculated annually in April on the basis of a diesel vehicle having a fuel consumption of 20mpg and the cost of diesel in the West Midlands, as reported by the AA for March of that year. An allowance of 10p per mile for additional wear and tear is then added.

The current rate is shown below.

Item	Rate
Towing allowance	44.8p per mile.