

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

Following the adoption of our new bye-laws at the AGM, the committee has now approved a revised version of the club's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct sits alongside the bye-laws and is there to help keep the club a friendly and welcoming place. You can find the new version on the club's website in the resources section.

Hornet Update

Eagle eyed members may have noticed that Hornet is moored on the Avon in the centre of Stratford at the moment. Many thanks to Avon Boating for allowing us to use this secure spot.



The trailer is undergoing a refurb at a local garage and once complete, Hornet will be taken North to have some work done on the tubes. The project has been delayed due to parts availability which may impact how quickly we can get Hornet back on the water. We are aiming for early April but there is some risk to this. We will also be looking at upgrading the GPS system and we have a group looking at the options available to us.

Club News

Capernwray Trip

January saw a very successful and much enjoyed trip to Capernwray. It was cold but the viz was fantastic and the dive site has so much to offer. There is a wide selection of underwater attractions to see, and April will see the addition of another large boat. An evening trip into Arnside by train was also much appreciated by the divers that went. Full details of the trip will be on the website if you would like to see more pictures. I am assured that there will be further trips run during the year and I recommend booking a place if you can make it. Thanks to Andy Dale for organising.



Training in the pool

With a new cohort of sports divers making their way through training the pool has been very busy. It has been wonderful to see our life size rescue dummy, SAM, being used to support the training. From the pictures it would seem as though the syllabus has changed somewhat since I did Sports Diver and the committee is not sure what skill is being practised here. The welfare officer is expecting a call.



Arriving at the Pool

Please try to keep well back from the pool until very close to 8pm. The kids swim club do have the pool booked until 8pm and we can create a lot of noise and distraction. If you wish to prepare for training, please try to use the toddler pool viewing area. Equipment may be dropped further up near the changing room door from 7:50pm but please try not to linger and chat.

NDAC Closed

NDAC in Chepstow remains closed and as yet there is no clear indication as to when it will re-open. Unfortunately, this means that the February NDAC trip has had to be cancelled. The March dates are still on, pending an update from NDAC.

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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February 2022					
20 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

March 2022					
12 th – 13 th	NDAC – If NDAC has opened	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean
20 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

April 2022					
17 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 th	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

May 2022					
15 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
28 th	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

June 2022					
1 st – 6 th	RHIB Trip Details TBC	Chris Hastie	TBC	TBC	TBC
10 th – 17 th	Red Sea Liveaboard	Hilary	£1700+	Yes	Ocean
19 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 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	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

August 2021					
21 st	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
27 th	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

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