

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

This month the committee will be reviewing the boat levy that is paid on club boat trips. We will be looking to change the way this is managed so please speak to us if you have an opinion on how or indeed if it is charged. We will also be reviewing the instructor expenses scheme to ensure it is still fit for purpose. Scarily, we also need to start considering where we will go for the Christmas party this year, so if you fancy a change or if you think that the Hilton remains a good choice please let us know.

## Hornet Update

Hornet is back and ready after its winter refit. Many thanks to Jon Arthur, Andy Bacon and Andy Dale for their support in getting it back on the road. The service has been completed so it is officially ready for the new season.



The new chartplotter has been delivered and we will be bringing Hornet back up to Stratford for a few days to give us time to fit it properly. We will be running some familiarisation sessions in the football club over the coming weeks so look out for details of those.

## Club News

April has been a very busy month with a constant stream of try dives. We are very lucky to have had a very sharp increase in new members. Along with Jayne, Andy and Will from last month we welcome Erkan Balkan, Olivia Carleton, David and Elizabeth Wiltsher, Miles Houghton and Noah Dale. Please take the time to welcome our new adventure seekers when you see them.

With the increase in new members, you will notice that the pool is exceptionally busy over the next few months as we progress the Ocean Divers through their course. To mitigate this we will be reducing the number of try dives we do for a while and we will hold off from starting another OD course until later in the year. Even with these adaptations, it will be busy so we thank all members for their patience while we settle both the instructors and students into the courses.



## Trips

April was also busy for trips and events. The kit sale went well with some bargains to be had. Andy Dales Capernwray trip was also well attended and while still cold, benefited from the excellent visibility that is still to be had.



There was also a fun trip to Cromhall run by Simon Watkins. The first trips to the sea are coming up soon so book your place.

Some members also braved the Wolf Run, a 10km obstacle course that included an open water swim and numerous mud filled ditches. Congratulations to all those that managed to complete the course.



The curry night is coming up on May 13<sup>th</sup> so let Alastair know if you would like a place reserved for you.

**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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May 2022					
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Weymouth on Tango	Andy Dale	£70	No - Full	Sports
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pool fun and games night	Hilary Wilson	£3.00	Yes plenty!	Anyone
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
18 <sup>th</sup>	Scalloping Trip	Pete Talbot		No - Full	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Scalloping Trip	Pete Talbot		No - Full	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth Diving Weekend	Sarah Lloyd	Contact	Yes	Contact

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](#)