

December 2010 Newsletter

As I look out at the sprinkling of snow on the ground the thought of diving is not an enticing prospect! For those hardy divers, who are immune to the weather, there is always the New Years Dive to look forward to. Chris extended the Diving Season into October but, unfortunately, majority of the dives had to be cancelled due to either gales on popular sites, or low numbers. Hopefully there will be better weather in October 2011.

Divers Survey at Kimmeridge

During the summer a survey took place at Kimmeridge to discover diver's attitude to shellfish take – (scallops, lobsters, crabs). The results showed that majority of divers were environmentally friendly, aware of catch size, (although not always the law relating to selling un-licensed catches), and that Marine life was an important part of the enjoyment of diving. Some members of the Club took part in the survey, a report of which was featured in the Echo.



Update from the AGM – 10th November

The meeting was well attended and a number of outline decisions took place that have since been discussed by the Committee. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the buffet, which was enjoyed by all. Also thanks to Robin for organising the use of Durlston.

Social Secretary

Many thanks to Jayne for the superb job she did as social secretary! A difficult “Act” to follow!

As there were no volunteers to take over the task the Committee agreed to manage the Social Aspects of the Club themselves, with the help of various members. If anyone is willing to organise a pub meal (always well supported), or think of any other activity that members would enjoy, the Committee would love to hear from them!

Membership Fees

Membership Fees - Reminder that it was agreed at the AGM to increase the club membership fee to £50 – to help cover equipment renewal and maintenance – boat, O2 set, boat trailer etc etc.

Swimming Pool

In order to make Swimming nights cost effective pool fees will have to increase this year to £3.50 a swim, or £2.00 for over-60s. First pool night is 8th Jan, through to end of April; with only one gala night when it is not available to us, on 22nd January.

In order to encourage attendance Peter Grey is considering organising some 'fun nights' at the pool. Various activities are being considered e.g. “underwater balloon inflation” and “Octopush” ??? More details to follow!



2011 Dive Plan

The 2011 Dive Plan will be put together during the winter, mainly by Chris, although, new dive leaders will be encouraged to organise dives. With more dive leaders in the Club Saturday dives are being considered for inclusion during the summer, if members are interested.

Try Dives

Dates for this year's "Try Dives" have been set for 29th Jan and 5th Feb. Cost will be £10; any interested parties to contact Chris for details. The poster is currently being updated and will be emailed to members shortly to promote where they can.



Diver's Safety



At present when diving from a boat a note is made of time in, cylinder size/pressure and proposed dive time, but follow up information – e.g. actual dive time, pressure out, actual depth, deco stop depth and time etc are not recorded. This needs formalising and records kept. Therefore a Dive Log sheet will be introduced for next years diving season.

The Dive Log sheet must be completed on every dive and will be held on record centrally by the Chairman. A scribe will be appointed for each dive to complete the log. Further details closer to the start of the season.



Contact Numbers

In case of emergency the Club needs to hold a record of contact details for all divers – who to contact and on what number. The web site is currently being modified so this info can be entered via the personal information section of the member's area. Members will have the option of choosing not to supply any contact details should they wish. Further details once this is all set up.

Swanage Carnival

A question has been raised as to whether the club should have a presence during Carnival Week? This would help to raise the profile of the Club and perhaps attract more members. Are there any members who would be interested in taking forward the idea of a Club float, or any other activity during the Carnival? Any volunteers please contact Chris. One suggestion was joining procession with rib and/or divers!

Christmas Meal

The Christmas Meal at Olivers is the next social event being arranged by Jon and Jo. Many thanks to them for taking on the arrangements at short notice. Nick would also like to hear from you with ideas for nominations for the Golden Helmet Awards.

For those who are unable to come to Olivers for the Christmas meal may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regards Kay

