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ULSACers on the march!

by Jeremy Davey



A note from the editor

The newsletter is finally here! It really would not have been possible without the contributions that everyone has made, particularly Jeremy Davey, Gloria Jaconelli and Michael FitzPatrick. Thanks guys! Here's to another great year of diving.

Rebecca Grossman

ULSAC members take part in a march to Parliament to deliver the Marine Reserves Now petition.

ON THE 3rd April 2008 the Marine Reserves Now petition, containing 100,000 signatures was delivered to Joan Ruddock, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Defra. 80 divers, along with their masks and snorkels, marched from the London Eye, across Westminster Bridge and over to the Houses of Parliament. This petition is aiming to urge the Government to set up a network of vital Marine Reserves

around the coastline and was set up by the Marine Conservation Society.

With a high media presence the march has brought this matter to the attention of the public and will hopefully bring about the marine reserves that are needed around the inshore coast of Britain.

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ULSAC BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES!

BEEN A BIT SLACK ON YOUR ULSAC GOSSIP? TURN TO THE SUPPLEMENT TO GET THE COMPLETE BRIEFING!

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A group of divers from ULSAC took part in the march, aiming to raise awareness about protection of Britain's coastal waters.

The Times Online featured an article and video documenting the march and views of some of the participants (including Jer and Vicki). The link to the

article can be found on the ULSAC website.

Visit Marine Reserves Now (www.marinereservesnow.org.uk) to sign the petition and for more information about the campaign.



Anouk, Jer and Vicki marching outside Westminster

Finding Nemo!

ULSAC unofficially found Nemo, moules frites, chocolate, waffles, broken divers and 2004 beers all without the help of any Belgians!

See Steve Salvatore's Facebook photos for more details!



The Marine Conservation Society is campaigning for a network of vital Marine Reserves – where our precious marine heritage and wildlife will be **safe from harm**, giving nature room to breathe and recover from decades of exploitation.

The Facts:

- Scientists recommend that 20- 30% of our seas should be fully protected to ensure their survival.
- Over 60% of UK fisheries are unsustainable, and delicate long-lived species continue to be damaged by destructive fishing techniques.
- Case studies abroad have shown that Marine Reserves can benefit **divers, anglers, fishermen and biodiversity** alike. New Zealand has 28 Marine Reserves, and 33% of the Great Barrier Reef is highly protected – many reserves have resulted in increased fish and shellfish populations, whilst biodiversity is protected from destruction.

Together we can make a **real difference**. Register your vote at www.marinereservesnow.org.uk to help convince the Government that marine conservation must be at the core of the Marine Bill.

It's our job to look after the seas for future generations, so sign up now!

ULSAC Culture! This issue: songs and recipes!

Spag Bol for Easter Training:

Plan the spag, spag the plan!

by Michael FitzPatrick

Preparation and planning are the hallmark of a good diver chef, and it is vital to always brief your sous-chefs:

- **Safety:** Cooking is usually a safe pastime, however, be careful with knives and hot stoves. Never hold your breath, even when cooking with Quorn, or cutting onions. If you have a cold – tough, you still have to cook.
- **Exercise:** The aim is to prepare a meal for up to 50 hungry divers. It will take several hours.
- **Equipment:** Full SCUBA gear (Standard Culinary Utensils for Bolognese Activity) – pots, knives, chopping boards, etc.

Special Equipment:

- 5 kg beef mince
- 4 kg onions
- 20 tins of tomatoes
- 1kg carrots
- 2 kg mushrooms
- 3 bulbs of garlic
- 15 bay leaves
- 1 pot of oregano
- A good wodge of basil
- Half a pot of vegemite
- 2 bottles of Lidl's finest Sicilian Merlot (£3 a bottle)



- **Discipline:** Always obey the chef (especially Hannah – or she will beat you). Your biggest danger is other people. Strenuously refuse entry to the kitchen to anyone who is not cooking.
- **Signals:** Voice communication is usually satisfactory, along with standard hand signals once the shouting starts.

Now for the exercise itself....

1. Buy ingredients, trying not to be lured into buying ridiculously cheap and unnecessary things at Lidl.
2. Chop onions, garlic, carrots, mushrooms.
3. Attempt to brown mince. However, economies of scale are against you, the normal effect is to 'grey' the mince.
4. Add your onions and garlic, until they are soft, or you are bored.
5. Add the vegemite at this stage, a vital and my no-longer-secret ingredient. Add the huge quantities of dried herbs.
6. Take the wine and open it. Taste a glass to ensure quality. Make sure all other members of the team also check the quality. Repeat checks may be necessary. Add the remaining wine to the food.
7. Add tinned tomatoes.
8. Simmer.
9. This is typically the stage that you realise you have used all the large pots to cook the Bolognese in, and for the spaghetti you are left with 2 cereal bowls, a colander and a small milk pan. At this stage, request cider from Hannah.
10. Once the panic has settled, carefully decant the concoction into about 17 assorted containers, and then attempt to boil 30 litres of water for your 5kg of pasta in the large pans you have found.
11. Eventually, once pasta, main sauce, meat-free sauce, mushroom-free sauce, alcohol-free sauce and salad are made, you are ready to serve!

Voilà!



ULSAC '69

by Eric Lucas

I got my first real wet suit
Bought it at the show of dive
Wore it till my ankles bled
It was with ULSAC '69

Oh Steve was such a fool
He must have thought he was real hard
Open drysuit, out he hurried
He shoulda known he'd never get far

Oh when I look back now
That Easter seemed to last forever
And if I had the choice
Yeah - I'd always wanna be there
Those were the best days of my life

In the morning, do some chainin'
Jumpin' off a pier or two
Spent my days down going divin'
One night I got wet too

Using someone else's torch
Let's make this night dive last forever
When I beheld my hand
I knew it would be red forever
Those were the best days of my life

Back then with ULSAC '69

Man we were killin' time
We were young and restless
We needed to unwind
I guess nothin' can last forever, no

But really, nothin's changin'
Though many things have come and gone
I still put on that old wetsuit
Look to the ocean, and break into this song!

I'm gonna buy me my own torch
An SMB, a regulator
A BCD, a drysuit and,
I'll be paying this off forever
I'll have the best days of my life

Again with ULSAC '69!

BEST OF BUGS

A sample from the classic minutes of the ULSAC committee

*by Bugs Binny
(although he's probably not aware of it)*

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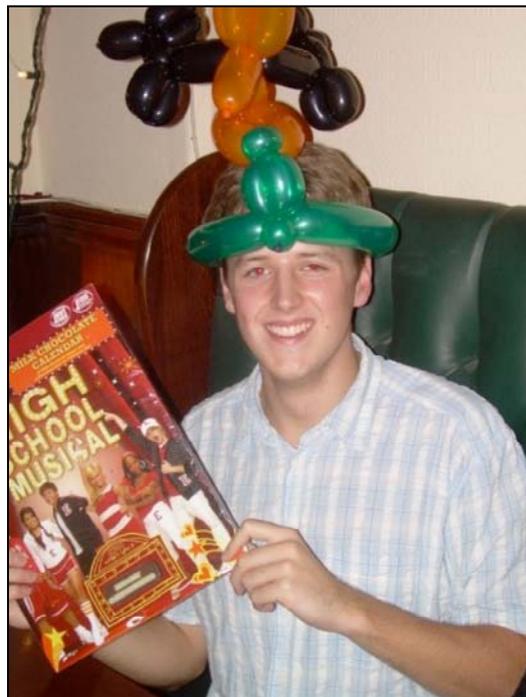
"Most of the committee – find and irritate the debtors you've been assigned. Excessive violence reflects badly on the club, so try not to get caught."

Discussion on diver recall:

"Several methods were discussed for recalling divers who don't have an SMB deployed. One common method is to fire a starter pistol into the water, but this requires a license and – presumably – bulletproof divers. A committee member who'll probably prefer to stay anonymous commented that "there are too many unstable people in the club" to be waving firearms around anyway. As a long-term strategy, Steve suggested we should learn to speak Whale. I volunteered to contact Pixar for language tips."

On writing for the ULSAC newsletter:

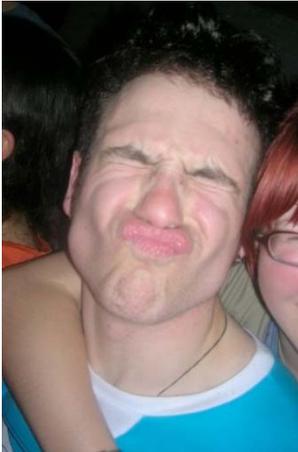
"Maybe I'll contribute 'ULSAC minutes, a dramatic novelisation'."



Inland Sites

The highs and lows of diving in quarries!

by Jeremy Davey



What's Jer's honest opinion regarding inland dive sites?

AS IT appears the weather gods have been having a jolly good laugh at our expense this season, ULSAC seems to have been able to do a bit of a tour of inland sites over the past few months; Vobster Quay, Gildeburgh and of course Wraysbury.

There seems to be

a bit of a stigma associated with inland sites (and I

think this may be partly due to the state of Wraysbury) but I think that this is unjustified. Our brief trips to Vobster and Gildeburgh have shown that they are both great places to have as a backup if the wind is blowing a hoolie.

Vobster situated down in Somerset has loads of cool stuff to check out including planes, vans and industrial tumble driers. With a drop off from a 12m shelf to 25m it is ideal for a bit of depth progression (even if it is a bit cold down the bottom). There is even tunnel to swim through and a toilet aboard one of the sunken planes provides much amusement for the instructors, at least! Good changing facilities plus somewhere to tuck with RIBS make it a great fall back in case diving is blown out down in the south west.

Gildeburgh also has lots of attractions, in the form of double decker buses, vans and planes, all cunningly linked by ropes to make it easy for those of us with shocking navigational skills. Coming back up to the café shore area brings you back into comparatively warm water and onto a playground of different instructional platforms. Loads [sic!] of fish swimming around these in the shallows keep

you nicely distracted if you are doing a safety stop (or teaching) up here. One can easily have two great dives here and not get bored in the slightest. Based outside of Peterborough, it is within easy MPV distance of London.

We all know the limitations of Wraysbury, but then it is only a short hop away from Chiswick and as long as you aren't expecting any visibility or real toilets, you can't go wrong.

There are of course a few other inland sites that are not too far away from London, such as Stoney Cove and the NDC down in Chepstow, both of which have great facilities and a number of attractions underwater. I think there are plans to use at least one of these for training within the coming months.

With the monsoons upon us and offshore diving barred from us on a number of occasions this season, ULSAC has managed to get some good diving inland and we've started to consider them as serious alternatives for when we are blown out. This can only be a good thing because diving is great and the more we can all do of it the better. Plus with inland sites you don't have to wash your kit down afterwards!



Inland diving site: the pool! (Well with this viz it couldn't be Gildy!)

Which Way to West Bay?

A Journey in July 2007

by Jeremy Davey

REFRESHING the Met Office forecast webpage for Dorset hourly, the hopes of 20 ULSACers were not high for diving in West Bay. Winds predicted up to force 7 looked set to destroy any chance of diving.

But sheer perseverance took us to some caravans on the Friday night. Sacrifices were made to Poseidon, in an attempt for him to solve our weather woes and to bring clear seas for us to explore.

Arising at a leisurely 7 o'clock on Saturday, we looked out across the flat calm water at the clear skies, already feeling the sun's rays upon our faces. Had we managed to dodge the storms and produce a glorious weekend for diving?

The answer turned out, to much satisfaction, to be yes.

Saturday's diving saw us adventure onto the Baygitano; a 3073 tonne steamship that was torpedoed by UC-77 in March 1918 with all but two of the 37 crew members escaping successfully. Today she is quite broken up but still with a huge amount of structure to investigate, in particular the two massive boilers, which house much life.

The entire wreck is coated in schools and schools of different fish. Bib dance around you as you explore the wreck, whilst large pollack and cod can also be seen in shoals about the place. All three varieties of the ever-present wrasse were seen. And the giant conger eels! People were lucky enough to see the entire length of congers – whilst underwater you could almost hear the shrieking each time someone saw one!

Saturday afternoon took us out east from West Bay where we attempted to find the Ram Reef. Not too sure whether anyone actually

found it but a sandy bottom was explored – with hermit crabs, plaice and cuttlefish to keep divers happy.

We inevitably had a late finish to the day, which ended in a caravan debrief – something that has been sadly missing from ULSAC trips for some time now.

Sunday started cloudy but soon developed into another glorious day down on the south coast. We couldn't believe our luck. So we made our way back out to the Baygitano for some more revelling amongst the fish. This is a brilliant wreck and although it is slightly out of range for Ocean Divers, they do not miss out by staying a few metres above the wreck.

Following some advice from the air shop we set off in search of a new site called 'High Point'. This was a raised rocky patch (around 6m compared to bottoms around 12m) just off

the coast. What a fantastic dive site! Spider crabs, kelp forests, scallops, dogfish and even a John Dory (oh yes Andy!) To the south of this rocky outcropping lies a drop-off which leads to another sandy bottom that plays home

to plaice and skate supposedly.

We learned a lot from this trip. We learned that Mark is desperate to join Britney's mum and live in a Winnebago. Dive computers are good things to have on the boat (Tom-Tom) and trying to understand the logic that makes them work is a good thing (Wilma). Sun tan cream was decided to be a good thing (Vicki and Bugs!). One of the main things we learned: do not believe the Met Office (although don't quote me on that)!

Many thanks go to Anjali for organising the trip and all the boat drivers for putting up with such torrid sea conditions... not!



Shark-infested waters... **Great white cage-diving in Cape Town**

by Rebecca Grossman

I'LL BE honest. I had just one major fear when I first embarked on my diving career: sharks.

They're big. They're toothy. And they like to take chunks out of people, right? And you want me to get in the water with one? No thanks, see you around, I'm off sunbathing.

The funny thing was that as soon as I started to hear other people's tales of shark-spotting, I realised that I too wanted to see a shark (but from a distance, of course...)

And then I saw it. My first shark. At about 15 metres depth, swimming gracefully over the Fijian reef like it owned it: a white-tip shark, about a metre long. It was beautiful! Since then, I have been hooked on shark-spotting.

And so, four years later, whilst on my medical school elective in Cape Town, I signed up for the thrill of a lifetime: great white shark cage diving.

Everyone thought I was crazy. I was more concerned about getting good photographs than about the great white's status as the world's number one man-eating shark. The only reason I hesitated about booking the trip was the ongoing debate about the ethics of cage diving. The argument goes: if you bait sharks with dead fish, then sharks will associate food with humans, and will attack surfers. I didn't really follow this logic, because 1) the association would have nothing to do with surfers, but with people on boats or in cages, 2) sharks only attack surfers because they look like nice fat seals, and 3) there is absolutely no evidence for this (I didn't study Zoology for nothing!)

So off I went, at some crazy hour in the morning, with a group of thrill-seekers. I was excited: my camera battery was charged, the housing was triple-checked, my mask was clean. We got to the boat, had our briefing (it was to be a cage "swim" rather than dive – no scuba kit, no fins), and donned our wetsuits. One thing you need to be aware of: Cape Town waters are cold in September!

The cage was set up, the bait was thrown in (including a cardboard cut-out of a seal!), and in we jumped. Another thing you need to know: keeping all your limbs inside the cage is not that easy when the seas are rough!



So there we were, 5 people bobbing and bouncing in the cage, waiting to face the sharks. And when the guy on the boat yelled "Shark!" we took a deep breath and ducked under the water. There she was – a giant; jaws wide open, zooming past us and knocking against the cage. Click-click-click went my camera, while my mind lagged behind. Was I really seeing this? We surfaced, and again, when instructed, ducked under the waves to gaze at the magnificent creatures. The cage itself was about 6 metres, and the sharks longer than that. I don't know how many we saw in total, but they were all unique.

Although they're expensive, these once-in-a-lifetime experiences allow shark-lovers to live out a once-impossible dream of getting face-to-face with the most infamous (and misunderstood) of creatures. These companies, although controversial, claim to promote environmental education and understanding of these incredible creatures, which are sadly on the decline. There are a few of these companies in South Africa, and some have even started up in Australia. It is controversial, but for shark-lovers, it is a dream come true – and who knows how long these creatures will be around to enjoy?

The scariest bit about the whole experience? I never knew how seasick one person could get!



Northern Diver: does it make the grade?

ULSAC tests Northern Diver kit to destruction, and beyond!

*by Steve Salvatore
Images by Fiona Chadd*

AT THE London International Dive Show this year, ULSAC managed to secure a very generous discount on equipment from Northern Diver. Thanks to Osama, our trainees managed to get all their basics (suit, fins, mask, hood, boots, and gloves) for an absolute bargain price!

Since Northern Diver supplied almost all our trainees with their kit this year, we decided to review this mountain of kit.

All the equipment turned up just in time for our trip – even though our trip was 10 days after the dive show, and we'd ordered about 20 sets!

Suits

With a snazzy name like Deltaflex Semi-tech, great things were expected of these new suits, and mostly they didn't disappoint. The semi-drys came in two colours, a racey red and a fetching blue. They were made from superstretch neoprene making them easy to don and were comprised of two layers (5.5mm and 6.5mm), with a separate hood (i.e. less flushing down the neck). Compared to other semi-drys, they looked incredibly sleek and stylish, so much so that anyone wearing them had the irresistible urge to pose like a catwalk model...

We found the suits to be warm, well fitting and comfortable. However, the rash vest incorporated into the suit should probably have come as a separate garment.

As one reviewer stated, the suit was "...really

warm, good fit and [...] great value. Stitching on the trim on wrists and ankles was poor, and started to unravel on mine and some others suits. Other than that was very impressed."



Masks, hoods, boots and gloves

The masks, boots and hoods all seemed to fit well and worked as well as expected. The gloves were possibly the biggest source of comment from the divers. They were made from 5mm or 3mm superstretch neoprene, making them incredibly

easy to put on, but not that hard wearing. Whether the gloves were considered warm or not was a question of how well our novices manned it up! Some of the more experienced divers also use these gloves,;our Diving Officer loves his to bits as they provide a lot of dexterity. However, issues with wear and tear arose very quickly, as the stitching and neoprene quickly wore away and came undone (after 10 dives or so). It's hard to find good gloves. We'd recommend to Northern Diver to reinforce their gloves and make them ready for the rough and tumble world of club diving.

"They are super comfy, easy to put on but they need to have a kevlar coating because they start to wear through pretty easily," said one reviewer.

Torches

We were impressed in particular by the Northern Diver 3W LED torches. Although nowhere near as bright as a Kowalski, they compared favourably to 30W halogen bulbs in terms of light penetration, and had an even beam. They were very effective in the Scylla, and have lived up to being a heavily abused ULSAC torch. Our chairman had this to say about his shiny new torch:

"My Northern Diver torch was bright, waterproof, cheap, and tough (so far!). It worked effectively as a primary for penetrating the Scylla, and would be an excellent back-up for more serious dives."

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Fins

The fins appeared to be ok; however most of the divers took issue with the straps, which had a tendency to come undone underwater. One diver commented that they were a bit on the heavy side, but this could be argued for all fins. We'd recommend to Northern Diver to fix the fin straps so that they were more secure.

"... it was actually hard to fin with them while underwater. Also the straps were hard to tighten but [...] this is something that can be replaced."

Conclusions

In general, there were concerns about material wearing through. ULSAC would recommend to Northern Diver that they reinforce their suits and gloves with Kevlar, and that the rash vest in the suits be kept separate. We'd like to see secure buckles on fins, with a locking mechanism.

We liked the torches and loved the suits. We are very happy with our Northern Diver kit and will surely follow up with more purchases next year. Thank you Northern Diver!

Who dives in Northern Ireland? ULSAC, that's who!

Summer trip 2007

by Steve Salvatore

WHEN THE primary piece of literature describing the dive sites of the area you are about to visit is entitled 'The Harsh Winds of Rathlin' you might be forgiven for thinking twice about running a dive trip there. However, in true ULSAC style we wouldn't let a tiny thing like infamous gales bother us! It is for this reason that the area boasts such amazing shipwrecks. So sixteen ULSACers and sixteen hours later, we arrived at the home of great Guinness and even greater diving.

Our first destination was the picturesque seaside town of Ballycastle on the north coast. Looking out from the beach you can see the "marine and botanical paradise" of Rathlin Island six miles off shore, which was to be the beautiful backdrop to our diving adventures for a week.

Our first diving day brought us two wonderful dives on the SS Templemore. A 2-minute RIB ride from the harbour mouth at Ballycastle, this steam coaster sank in Ballycastle Bay on 6th December 1911. Perfect for all diver levels, she lies in 18 metres

of water, well broken up. There are still some large chunks to enter and explore. It is inhabited by loads of tame conger eels around the boiler (who may be hand fed), and the bow section full is of fish life. What a fantastic first day diving!



Other sites in the area included the HMS Drake, a 14100 ton heavy cruiser torpedoed by U-79 on 2nd October 1917. Lying at 18 metres in Church Bay, the wreck is heavily broken up as has been salvaged and covered in kelp, but is a lovely second dive.



The most famous wreck is the Loughgarry, a ferry turned troop transport ship that struck rocks finally sinking off the east coast of Rathlin on 21st January 1942. Lying at 33 metres, upright and intact, she makes a superb dive. The hold has been filled with chain by the Navy as it contained rifles (live ammo alert)! The engine room is absolutely stunning and you can see lots of lovely black and white tiles still

covering the floors of lots of the decks. She would have been a splendid vessel in her day!

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On our last day in Ballycastle we dived the north wall. This was the most amazing wall dive I have ever done. A beautiful sheer wall that descends to the depths of the earth (more than 200 metres!) covered by the most amazing sponges of all shapes and colours... Apparently many of the species found are unique to this wall and not seen anywhere else in the world! Truly beautiful to be able to look up from 40m and see the sunshine – the viz was excellent too.

Despite the famous winds (almost) getting the better of us at points we had an amazing time diving around Rathlin and I would highly recommend the diving here to all.

After a week we moved south to the area of Larne near Belfast. The accommodation was fantastic, we stayed in a lovely hostel on a farm right on the banks of Loch Larne. The unpredictable weather had followed us down but we still managed to get some amazing diving in.

One of the highlights was the SS Chirripo, an almost completely intact armed cargo liner lying on her starboard side at about 30 metres, this beautiful wreck is completely covered in sponges and anemones. We dived this wreck again and again! One can penetrate the wreck almost throughout and she is really worth getting to know.

We also did some lovely scenic diving out on the off shore pinnacles, the Maidens and the very broken (but gorgeous) State of Louisiana which was stranded on Hunter Rock.

After two weeks of being treated to some of the very best diving the UK has to offer we set off on the long journey home. A noticeable air of melancholy descended upon us as we boarded the ferry and steamed out past the slips and dive sites we had been enjoying just the day before...

At least we were lucky enough to have discovered it all, no doubt we will be back in the future!

ULSAC Newsy bits...

Head been in the clouds? Been hanging out on another planet? No worries, here's what's been happening in the ULSAC world...

by Rebecca Grossman and Michael FitzPatrick

- ⇒ NOMINATIONS FOR this year's committee positions have been flooding in. This year's AGM is looking exciting, with loads of contested positions, and a new system of **postal voting**, to let everyone have their say! Many thanks to all who are standing this year.
- ⇒ This year saw the return of the infamous **ULSAC Christmas Karaoke**. As ever, we brought down the house.
- ⇒ Congratulations to all the new **Ocean and Sports Divers** (please see our supplement for amusing photographs from Easter

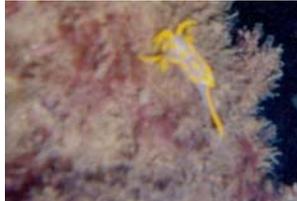


- Training!)
- ⇒ Congratulations also to **Jer and Vic**, who have both reached the awe-inspiring status of Club Boatie – the twins have done it again!



- ⇒ ULSAC takes on the continent! This year we have already visited **Belgium**, where some lucky divers got to explore the Nemo 33 pool. Later on this year, we plan to invade the Mediterranean, diving in **Gozo** (that's near Malta, for the geographically challenged).
- ⇒ Of course, we have our **50th ANNIVERSARY** coming up in the autumn. If you have any ideas for how to celebrate this, please email the chairman.

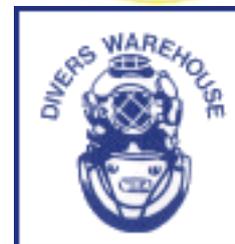
Upcoming dates for your diary...

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| 24 Apr | Annual General Meeting 2008 ULU at 6.30pm | | <i>Contact: Fitz</i> |
| 26 Apr - 27 Apr | Suzie's Stupendous Scuba Trip Portland |  | Just like black and Chanel, Portland never goes out of style... <i>Contact: Suzie Fisher</i> |
| 03 May - 05 May | Raider's Bank Holiday Freak Out Anglesey, North Wales | | <i>Contact: Mairead Conneely, Marcus Allen</i> |
| 14 Jun - 15 Jun | Patrick FitzMichael's Portland Peregrination Portland | | <i>Contact: Fitz</i> |
| 28 Jun - 29 Jun | West Bay Dive Trip West Bay | | <i>Contact: Ali G, Marcus Allen</i> |
| 09 Aug - 16 Aug | Summer Trip Week 1 - SOUND OF MULL Mull, Scotland | | <i>Contact: Anjali Shah, Martin Greaves</i> |
| 23 Aug - 24 Aug | Farnes Trip The Farne Islands, Northumberland |  | Seals, seals and more seals! Watch out, they nibble! <i>Contact: Anjali Shah, Zoe</i> |
| 06 Sep - 07 Sep | Dave's Dive Trip The Magnet Palace | | <i>Contact: Dave Pearce</i> |
| 13 Sep - 21 Sep | Summer Trip Week 2 - GOZO Gozo |  | Become a real Malteser – the lighter way to enjoy diving! <i>Contact: Ali Gaudion, Martin Greaves</i> |

The credits...

Many thanks to this year's committee...

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