

ULSAC Trip Report Form

Please include on this form any details you think will help organise another trip to this area. Please include details of any problems encountered, or any particularly good things/places in the area, such as good or awful restaurants and pubs.

Date	3 rd – 6 th May 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Springs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neaps
Venue	Pembrokeshire (Skomer Island)	
Marshal	Zoë Sharpe Tracey Stead Laura Williams	
Overseer	Marcus Allen	
Number of People	23	
Accommodation	<p>Caravans</p> <p>Address Nolton Cross Caravan Park Nolton Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire SA62 3NP</p> <p>Telephone Number 01437 710701</p> <p>Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate £117 per caravan for 3 nights (we had 2x 8 person & 1x 6 person) – worked out at about £15 per person for the trip – not bad!</p> <p>Notes Very friendly & accommodating even though we were rowdy divers! One of few caravan parks available at short notice over a bank holiday weekend. www.noltoncross-holidays.co.uk</p>	
Launch Site	<p>Little Haven – this is where the lifeboat launches out of so must be kept clear (I think there is a flat £10 fee for the year) – loads of parking space & good selection of pubs/cafes with good food for such a tiny village! Used only for launching and then we kitted up in Martin's Haven as it is very close to the dive sites around Skomer Island. No parking expense at Martin's Haven ALSO Broad Haven (no fee) and Dale</p> <p>(incl cost & nearest coastguard)</p>	
Air Shop	<p>West Wales Divers (£3 fill) Hasguard Cross Little Haven Pembrokeshire SA62 3SJ 01437 781457 www.westwalesdivers.co.uk</p> <p>The Dive Lodge (£2.50 fill) Walton West Little Haven Pembrokeshire</p>	

	<p>SA62 3UA 01437 781117 – ring in advance to warn that you will be requiring their services (something we found out after much stress on back lanes!) Used West Wales Divers in the end – v efficient</p>
<p>Van Hire (incl notes, did you breakdown, aa cover, tow bar, etc)</p>	

Dive 1	
Site:	Garland Stone
Max depth:	Depth could be gauged individually using the North Wall of Skomer (approx 30m)
GPS Marks:	51° 44.79'N 5° 18.15'W
Brief description:	As this area of Wales is a Marine Reserve, we ventured out for a scenic dive on Skomer's North Wall. Very pretty, lots to see and great viz. Can use the wall as a guide for depth etc

Dive 2	
Site:	The Lucy
Max depth:	42m (spring tides) – our max depth was approx 35m
GPS Marks:	Buoyed starboard side of the bow (think there may be marks in the GPS!)
Brief description:	One of the most dived wrecks in Wales and lies off the coast of Pembrokeshire just North of Skomer Island in the Jack Sound. 52m long & was carrying carbide cargo from Norway to Barry in South Glamorgan. Viz can be poor (ie dark) & is a dive for dived up sports divers and above. Slack water is not essential but preferable for getting better viz. Loads of websites and write ups available on this wreck. Could be dived at least twice in a weekend (unfortunately we were blown out on Monday!)

Dive 3	
Site:	Jack Sound (drift dive)
Max depth:	Between 10-20m
GPS Marks:	Left to Marcus' judgment for the best drift
Brief description:	Normally can pick up speed in between the mainland and Skomer Island (we aimed to be dropped in with water flowing at about 3 knots). Ideally you get to whiz through for a couple of miles over rocky/sandy bottoms with a variety of life. Some drifts were more successful than others! Worth doing though but only if it goes well of course!

General Details	
<p>Take main roads where possible via Hasgurd Cross (where the air shop is) as lanes in villages are no compatible with vans and ribs!</p> <p>Launch sites are a bit of a nightmare at Low Water so it is best to use Martin's Haven to load from as it is only a short distance to the main dive sites – good for wave diving BUT it can get busy there ...</p> <p>Potential to do a night dive on Saturday in Martin's Haven but there was not enough interest ...</p> <p>Very useful general website: www.dive-pembrokeshire.com</p>	

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap