

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	10 th - 11 th June 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps
Venue	Swanage	
Marshal	Jeremy Davey	
Overseer	Mark Bell	
Number of People	14	
Accommodation	Caravans	
Address	Priestway Holiday Park, Priests Way, Swanage, Dorset. BH19 2RS	
Telephone Number	Tel: 01929 422747 Fax: 01929 421822	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	8 sleeper caravan for £112.50 for weekend	
Notes	Booked caravans only a week before trip- as a consequence price was discounted from £158 per weekend to £112.50 for a three-bed caravan. May be different in the high season.	
Launch Site (incl cost & nearest coastguard)	Kimmeridge Bay slipway Launching and parking was free but had to pay a toll to get to launch site. This was £3 for a car and £10 for a boat towing vehicle.	
Air Shop	Divers Down on Swanage pier. 01929 423565 £3.00 for 12l, £3.20 for 15l and manifolded twin 7l. Also provides Nitrox & clean air.	
Van Hire (incl notes, did you breakdown, aa cover, tow bar, etc)	H&H Van hire in Kentish Town (107 Bartholomew Road). (020) 7916 6616. and Hunt Trucks in Wandsworth (2 Armoury Road) (020)88713021 although this company probably shouldn't be recommended for future trips- poor quality vans and service. £111 for H&H van for week-end including Friday pick-up. Great van and great price. No extra cost for additional driver(s) £110 for Hunt van for weekend. Plus additional £10 for additional driver and £25 to drop the insurance excess from £400 to £50.	

Dive 1	
Site:	Black Hawk – the bow
Max depth:	18m
GPS Marks:	50 36.68N 02 12.43W (IN FACT IS FURTHER WEST THAN THIS SEE SMALLER GPS UNIT)
Brief description:	Nice wreck with plenty of very large fish on it including wrasse, Pollock, bip and even a sea bass. Dive Dorset say that the currents do not preclude diving but on springs would probably advice against diving outside of slacks. On neaps, the current look to be very small so would be perfect as an afternoon dive after diving the Sky or Kyarra.

Dive 2	
Site:	Black Hawk – the bow
Max depth:	18m
GPS Marks:	As above
Brief description:	As above. NOTE- when retrieving the shot line make sure you use a lifting bag since it is likely that the shot will get caught on the wreck and makes it very difficult to raise it by hand. This was the reason we dived it twice.

Dive 3	
Site:	Aeolian Sky
Max depth:	31m
GPS Marks:	50 30.572N 002 08.426W in the smaller GPS unit
Brief description:	Phenomenal wreck but on springs must be done during slack which is only 30 mins long. Massive wreck with something for everyone- congers, lobsters, Land Rovers and much, much more. Rises to roughly 18m in places so can be used for SD depth progression- as we did on this trip.

Dive 4	
Site:	Durdle Door
Max depth:	Down to 14m maybe
GPS Marks:	50 37.2N 02 16.62W in large GPS as Kimeridge Door (?)
Brief description:	Interesting rock arch formation with a nice dive along the front of it. Man spider crabs (some absolute whoppers!) and a few fish. Since it is a shallow dive is very light and makes for a good place to spend a nice easy and relaxed afternoon dive- a good alternative to Swanage Pier.

General Details	
<p>Kimmeridge bay is very easy to launch from and cuts down the distance out to the Aeolian Sky down to 6 miles. Only issue is the air fills- however this can be combated by taking 2 tanks for divers and only filling in the evening. Black Hawk is a fantastic wreck and on neaps I imagine it would be an interesting place to carry out diver assessments. Any of these dives may be accessed from Swanage or Weymouth/Portland but are closest from Kimmeridge.</p> <p>There is a good curry house, chip shop and pub very close to the caravan park.</p>	

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap