

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	1 st – 2 nd July 2006	Springs <u>Neaps</u>
Venue	Lyme Bay	
Marshal	Vicki Lees	
Overseer	Michelle Kim	
Number of People	20	
Accommodation	Camping	
Address	Highlands End Holiday Park, Eype, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6AR	
Telephone Number	Tel: 01308 422139 Fax: 01308 422672 www.wdlh.co.uk	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	Each pitch was £13.00 per night (for 2 people and 1 car) + £3.50 per night for each extra person on that pitch up to six people per pitch.	
Notes		
Launch Site (incl cost & nearest coastguard)	West Bay Slip	
	£10.00 to launch each RIB each day (no possibility of overnight mooring) they let us launch the Hippo for free (we kind of said it was under 4m!)	
	The slipway in West Bay is very new and really great to use. There is a huge concrete area to keep trailers and to unload and kit up etc. Although vehicles have to be parked elsewhere and the closest car park is only a 3hr max short stay one. However it seemed to work very well for us. Launch and Recovery at all states of the tide.	
Air Shop	West Bay Diving Services (not sure of Tel No)	
	£2.50 for 12l, 15l and manifolded twin 7l.	
	this place was great, very convenient as it is just across the bridge from the slipway. Don't be fooled when they say that the closest air shop is in Bridport!	
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.	
	£135 for H&H van for week-end including Friday pick-up. Great van and great price. No extra cost for additional driver(s)	

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Dive 1	
Site:	The Baygitano
Max depth:	22m Max
GPS Marks:	50 41.76N 02 55.97W (Marks are in both new GPS units)
Brief description:	Lovely wreck with thousands of shoaling bib on it also many other fish too including Pollock and various Wrasse. Plus loads of other sea life like loads of congers and even an Anglerfish so I'm told. It's quite well flattened but the bow and boilers and a few other structures are still very impressive. This wreck can be dived at pretty much any state of the tide and is suitable for most levels of diver.

Dive 2	
Site:	The Baygitno
Max depth:	20m (Lower tide!)
GPS Marks:	As above
Brief description:	We couldn't pull the shot out the first time so we dived it again. And it was just as lovely. So much to see down there that it didn't get boring at all!

Dive 3	
Site:	St. Dunstan
Max depth:	31m
GPS Marks:	50 38.27N 02 41.98W in both the GPS units
Brief description:	Another really lovely wreck. The still quite intact remains of an old bucket dredger. And yes you can still see the buckets! A couple of very cool swim throughs and lots of huge gears visible from the dredging machinery. Lots of life – all the usual stuff plus some absolutely massive edible crabs.

Dive 4	
Site:	East Tennants Reef
Max depth:	21-26m
GPS Marks:	50 39.12N 02 52.75W is in the large GPS
Brief description:	We were getting a little worried as we were trying to find this site as from the echo trace the whole area looks like a pretty boring flat bottom. How wrong we were. Dive Dorset describes this site as 'not only the loveliest reef dive in Lyme Bay but possibly one of the finest along the whole Dorset coast'. This statement is very likely to be true. On decent we found a huge field of beautiful pink fan corals. I have never seen so many together, they literally carpet the sea floor. Along with many other varied and colourful corals and sponges there loads of other life on offer. Huge nudibranchs and loads of scallops and crabs (some of which Laura took home for dinner, yum!!). A truly beautiful dive – well worth doing.

General Details	
The brand new slip way is a real bonus as is the fact that there is an apparently quite new air shop just a minute away.	

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap