

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	8 th – 10 th June 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Springs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neaps
Venue	Poole	
Marshal	Eric Lucas	
Overseer	Andy May	
Number of People	23	
Accommodation	<p>Tents</p> <p>South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park Lytchett Minster Poole Dorset BH16 6JB</p> <p>Telephone Number 01202 622577</p> <p>Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate £4 per pitch per night + £4.50 per person per night. £3 per boat per night. Total came to about £6.50 per night per person.</p> <p>Notes Really nice campsite. Good facilities. Free showers. No behaviour bond required as long as you say there we will have some older people in the group. Pub within walking distance has food and ales. Required a hefty deposit though. 100 miles from Chiswick (about 2h drive a little longer for towing vehicles). About 7 miles to slipway (15mins drive)</p>	
Launch Site <small>(incl cost & nearest coastguard)</small>	<p>Baiter, in Poole Harbour. Launching and harbour fees included in parking ticket.</p> <p>Was about £9 per towing vehicle (including trailer) and £6 per car.</p>	
Air Shop	<p>Forward Diving, BH15 1HT. 01202 677128. On the harbour, just over a mile (about 5 minutes drive) from the slipway. Owner Keith was really helpful and lent us a radio when we were down one. Not usually open on Sundays, but can be by prior arrangement.</p>	
Van Hire <small>(incl notes, did you breakdown, aa cover, tow bar, etc)</small>	<p>H&H Van hire. Kentish Town. 0207 9166616</p> <p>£176.25 for the weekend.</p> <p>ULU MPV. £60for weekend + £50 for mileage</p>	

Dive 1	Old Harry Rocks
Site:	Small cliffs outside the harbour
Max depth:	13m
GPS Marks:	50 38.54N 1 55.40W (taken from chart)
Brief description:	Shallow drift dive. Only a few people got to dive it because the fog came in and we had to recall divers. Dived this instead of the Clan McVey wreck, which was aborted due to fog.

Dive 2	Middle Poole Patch
Site:	Scenic rock outcrop
Max depth:	15m – apparently, but more like 12m
GPS Marks:	50 41.10N 1 53.68W (taken from Chart)
Brief description:	Also called lobster rock, so no lobsters. Lots of life though.

Dive 3	Middle Poole Patch, the return
Site:	See above
Max depth:	See above
GPS Marks:	See above
Brief description:	See above

General Details
<p>Problems encountered on day 1: radios were uncharged, so boats could no communicate. Fog came in on original dive site so we moved to a different one, but there was not enough fuel to pull this off safely. Boats split up despite lack of communication, leading to further problems when Scoundrel ran out of fuel in Poole Harbour.</p> <p>Conclusions: _each boat must ALWAYS have at least one working radio when at sea.</p> <p>_two emergency fuel cans per RIB to be taken for each boat trip. If the primary dive site is not suitable, don't look for another as there is a risk of running out of fuel</p> <p>_diver recall signal should be agreed upon and form part of the briefing</p>

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap