

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	20 th - 30 th March 2008 Easter Training 2008
Venue	Plymouth (Mainly Bovi plus a few others!)
Locations	Fort Bovisand Harbour, Plymouth Hoe Foreshore, Yealmpton Quarry.
Marshal	Victoria Lees (plus various)
Overseer	Nathan Long
Number of People	More than 60!!! Max at once around 50
Accommodation	<p>Globe Backpackers Hostel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Address</p> <p>172 Citadel Road Plymouth PL1 3BD http://exeterbackpackers.co.uk/plymouth/</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Telephone Number</p> <p>01752225158</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate Notes</p> <p>Works out as about a tenner a night per person</p> <p>Be careful though as the manager Simon can be a bit of a space cadet and they managed to not book in our last night properly this year causing a bit of trouble but it all got sorted in the end. Just make sure you get written confirmation of everything from them. But all in all cheap, cheerful, they don't mind our crazyness taking over the place for the whole week and the kitchen works pretty well for us.</p> <p>We also had overspill accommodation at Churchwood Valley holiday Cabins</p> <p>We took 2x 6 person cabins which were very nice but a bit too out in the middle of nowhere and people felt separated from the group and ended up moving into the hostel at any opportunity of a free bed!</p> <p>Was cheap though probably a little less than the Hostel all in all.</p> <p>http://www.churchwoodvalley.com/ Churchwood Valley holiday Cabins Wembury Bay, Plymouth, South Devon, PL9 0DZ Tel: 01752 862382 Fax: 01752 863274</p>
Launch Site	<p>We Launched the boats at Queen Anne's Battery Marina and then kept them moored there for the entire trip</p> <p>Tel: 01752671142</p> <p>Cost:</p> <p>Nearest Coastguard: Brixham Tel: 01803882704</p>

(incl cost & nearest coastguard)	
Air Shop	<p>Discovery Divers – Fort Bovisand 01752492722, Danny: 07739567752</p> <p>As always Danny and Dave were great, very welcoming and helpful and full of useful advice as always. They let us park our vehicles every day and let us leave the vans there securely all week. The men's has warm showers which the girls ended up using too to warm up.</p> <p>They gave us a deal on air... 2.50 per fill (as opposed to 3.00) which was bargainous. Their nitrox supply should be back up and running ASAP and when it is basic mixes promise to be about the same price as air!!!.</p>
<p>Van Hire</p> <p>(incl notes, did you breakdown, aa cover, tow bar, etc)</p>	<p>H&H Van hire in Kentish Town (107 Bartholomew Road). (020) 7916 6616.</p> <p>We had 2x Long wheel base transits with tow bars Great Value and great service... there is a very good reason we always use these guys.</p> <p>We also hired both the ULU MPV's which were as always a great asset.... apart from Kilo losing all gearbox function on the M4 on the way home resulting in many adventures and midnight rescues from Chiswick by the Diver Rescue Force (consisting of Dave, Fanny and Vic! O and Yankee)</p>

Special Bargain Curry Deal:

Ivan, Jer and Nathan managed to secure a great deal for our traditional curry night at the

Ganges Restaurant

36 Breton Side
Plymouth, PL4 0AU
01752 220907
01752 251349

13 quid per person for a feast of a meal and they did right by all and the vegies had a mountain of food too. Plus they did us a deal on drinks..... cobra bottles and draught pints for 2.50 each, 10 pounds for a bottle of house wine and 1 pound on all softs!

Here's what food we got:

mixed meat starter: veggie samosa, onion bhaji, chicken tikka (per person)

then between 4:

2 chicken tikka massala..

1 chicken lentil on

1 lamb Kurhai

veggie starter:

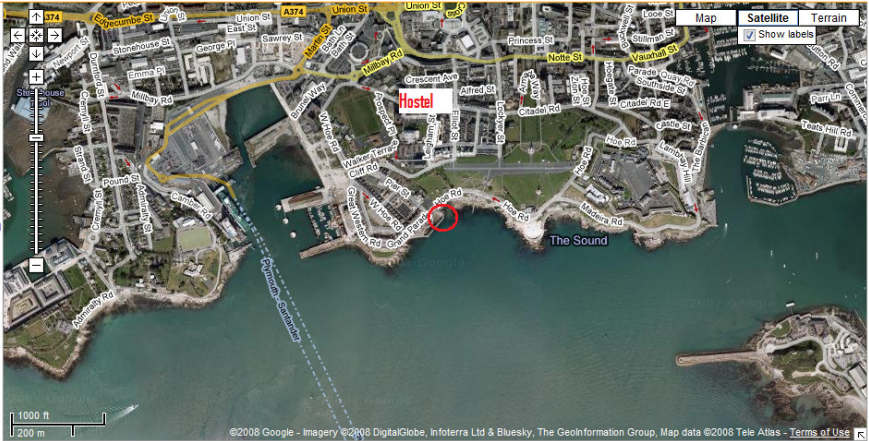
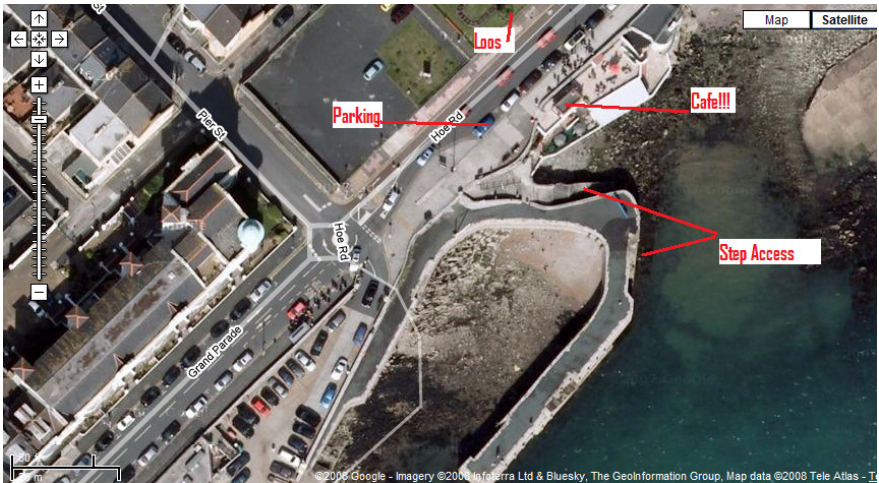
veggie samosa, onion bhaji, mushroom bhaji and ocrha bhaji/aloo?

veggie mains:

veg balti, dansak (also with a meaty one), and then the mahani.

as much pilau and boiled rice as you can throw a stick at
along with peshwari, garlic and plain nans for all

and kulfi ice cream if you still had room

Dive 1	
Site:	Plymouth Hoe Foreshore
Max depth:	2-5m max (depends on state of tide)
GPS Marks:	Where Hoe Rd meets Grand parade (right by the little harbour and next to the Wet Wok Chinese restaurant. circled on the satellite map : see image below
Brief description:	<p>Completely Virgin site for us... Due to the unusual North westerly's that were blowing most of the week, Bovi harbour was out for the first dives. Hannah and Dan while out walking discovered this scenic little harbour with great access and with a bit of further investigation from the OGI's it turned out to be great. There is a nice big kitting up area and pay and display street parking close by.</p> <p>You need to get permission from the harbour master to dive here but we didn't have a problem. Call the Long Room (Plymouth Harbour Master) on 01752663225 on VHF Channel 14.</p> <p>Vis not amazing (especially on the flood) but lots of interesting rubbish to see. Watch out for the glass and lots of fishing line though. We struggled to get 3.5m but it was on a low spring so you might be better on neaps. This place really saved our bacon when the weather was too terrible to dive anywhere else.</p> <p>Site is circled in red and the Hostel is marked..... Circled area is zoomed below.</p>  

Dive 2	
Site:	Fort Bovisand Harbour
Max depth:	2-6m (or as much as you like depends on how far you want to swim!

GPS Marks:	Discovery Divers Fort Bovisand, PL9 0AB
Brief description:	It's Bovi Harbour!!!! You know the deal! From here we dived the Breakwater (Abalarde/Amelia/ whatever you like to call it) The Mew Stone, The Scylla etc. All good!
Site 3: Yealmpton Quarry	We also dived Yealmpton Quarry on the last day due to the extremely bad weather. However, this is not a public dive site and we were very lucky to get permission to do this. It was a one off and Nathan may have contact details for the lease holders. If we had had access to this during the week things would have been much easier. The facilities are good with heated toilets and changing rooms and a good kitting up area, even a cargo container to shelter from the rain in. Under the water you can supposedly get 20m and there is a 6m platform and a cool helicopter in about 13m. We are hoping to work closely with the Yealmpton lease holders to work out an arrangement where we could perhaps use it more regularly. It would be great as a blow out alternative to Bovi or for DL drills. The guy really saved out bacon by letting us use it and we would never have been so successful qualifications wise without it.

General Details	
Due to the incredibly inclement weather we were restricted in what we could achieve. We did manage to qualify 10 ODs and 3 SDs on the last day which is awesome and a testament to the sheer commitment, enthusiasm and extreme hard work of all involved! Thank you all. Vic x	
Nathan's Comment: Vicki worked tirelessly all year to make sure that Bovi 2008 was a success, and because of every single person's dedication throughout the pool sessions and over Easter training, we managed to create a Bovi success that was truly earned. Congratulations everyone. Well done Vicki.	

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap