

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	11/12/13 April 2008	Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input type="checkbox"/>
Venue	Portland	
Marshal	Vicki Lees	
Overseer	Nathan Long	
Number of people	14 +1	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g. SD, DL etc...)	Nathan Long (AD)	Vicki Lees (DL)
	Mairead Conneely (DL)	Richard Rowley (DL)
	Marcus Allen (FCD)	Zoe Allen (AD)
	Arthur Allen (Future Trainee)	Freddie Allen (Future Trainee)
	Vasliki Mavroidi (OD)	Ruth Richardson (Trainee)
	Anouk Gouvras (OD)	Gloria Jaconelli (OD)
	Sarah Hamilton (Trainee)	Kaisa Piipari (Trainee)
	Anjali Shah (DL)	
Accommodation	<p>The Bunker (http://www.skindeepbandb.co.uk/bunker.htm) 1 Victoria Square, Portland, Dorset. DT5 1AL</p> <p>Margaret Smith +44 (0)1305 782556 / 07976 904 871 margaret@skindeepbandb.co.uk £12 for a bed without bedding or breakfast.</p>	
Address		
Telephone Number		
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate,		
Notes	Margaret is lovely, and if you ask it is normally cool to shower after the diving is done on your last day. There are showers in each room which is great, but make sure people don't spend forever in them, as the hot water will run out. TV DVD/Video area upstairs and kitchen/fridge etc which you can use.	
Launch Site (incl cost & nearest coastguard)	Castletown (no cost to launch) but to go "through" harbour you need to pay permit depending on size of your boat. We paid £10. And if you plan to dive wrecks in the harbour you need to pay an extra supplement £5?. The Harbourmaster does come around and check. Portland Coastguard is the closest.	
Air Shop	WAS Aquasport Hotel NOW Scimitar Diving (in same place) £3 for AIR up to 15l. Nitrox 40% in 15l £7. Or use self filling station for AIR which works out cheaper. You need your own FOB. Nathan has one and so does Al/Bon. http://www.scimitardiving.co.uk/page63a.html	

	<p>Parking: If lucky you can get free parking on the street near launch site. Otherwise use car park. You can also leave the trailers on the shingle just off the slip if appropriate. If you are staying at The Bunker, then you can leave the cars there after dropping everyone off at launch site, it does not take the driver long to walk back to you.</p>
<p>Van Hire</p> <p>(incl notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar, etc)</p>	<p>N/A. Personal cars were used. Vic and Richard carried kit and few people. Mairead carried people and little kit. Marcus, Zoe and boys towed the boat down with Landy. Anjali travelled down with Jam on Saturday afternoon.</p>

Dive 1	
Site:	Countess Of Erne/Dredger
Max depth:	10 - 12m/ 7-9m
GPS Marks:	Both permanently buoyed.
Brief description:	<p>Countess Of Erne: She can be a fantastic dive but she is also very silty, so that allied with bad weather conditions before the dive can mean low low viz. Keep off the bottom and hope for sun and clam weather and she can be splendid. http://www.visitweymouth.co.uk/index.php?resource=30</p> <p>Dredger: This too can be a great fun dive, situated on the outside of the harbour wall (so I was told by Aquasport hotel who sell the permits that I did not need to pay extra to diver her), down from the now "not to be dived" HMS Hood (Royal Sovereign-class battleship) which itself lies across the South harbour entrance. The dredger is broken, and when we dived her the vis was far from good, perhaps a metre, but later when the Sun came out it was like a different wreck and far more enjoyable. There are boulders just off the wreck with lots of Spider crabs all over them, these boulders also make up the harbour wall. http://www.divesitedirectory.co.uk/dive_site_uk_england_south_coast_wrecks_unidentified_dredger.html</p>

Dive 2	
Site:	Dredger
Max depth:	
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	

Dive 3	
Site:	Dredger
Max depth:	
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	

Dive 4	
Site:	Dredger
Max depth:	
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	

General Details

When you arrive on Friday night, you can normally get down there for 10pm. So if you are hungry you can get cheap eats in Weymouth town centre. One option is the Wetherspoons as it serves till 11pm, so you can relax after the drive down before bed. Beware you have to pay for parking ALL of the time in Weymouth, check the ticket machines! The best Chinese in Weymouth is on the same street as the Wetherspoons just keep walking up (If Wetherspoons on right it will be on your left). Bowling alley and cinema also hidden off that road. There is a good Mexican (just ask for Mexican) close by too..all you can eat! If you ask for it (quality ok, quantity crazy!) There is also an ASDA with parking nearby if you need lunch/breakfast stuff and it is open late.

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap