

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.

Logistics

Date	24 th to 26 th May 2008	Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Venue	Plymouth	
Marshal	Nick John	
Overseer	Michelle Kim	
Number of People	11	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Jeremy Davey (DL)	Anjali Shah (DL)
	Ivan Djordjevic (DL)	Kat Sizer (DL)
	Nick John (DL)	Susie Fisher (SD)
	Michelle Kim (AD)	Anouk Gouvras (SD)
	Vicki Lees (DL)	Nick Long (DL)
	Nathan Long (AD)	
Accommodation	Venn Farm, Brixton (5 miles/10mins from Bovi) http://www.vennfarm.co.uk/	
Address	Venn Farm Brixton Plymouth Devon PL8 2AX	
Telephone No.	01752 880378 info@vennfarm.co.uk	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	£3/person £4/pitch £3/boat	
Notes	Really lovely campsite. Lots of room for boats and diver friendly. Great pub with food 5 mins walk away in town. Also a good fish and chip shop next door to pub.	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	Mount Batten Centre – public slipway so no charge. Trailers were left on the harbour at Bovi.	
Coastguard	Brixham 01803 882704	
Nearest chamber	DDRC, Plymouth	
Air Shop	Discovery Divers, Fort Bovisand. Danny and Dave were helpful as ever giving advice on weather and sites.	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	H&H Van hire £193 for Friday evening to Tuesday morning.	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	Mewstone
Max depth:	Variable down to approx 12m.
GPS Marks:	None needed. We dived the west side of the island to shelter from the wind
Brief description:	Excellent viz. Rocky reefs and gulleys. Lots of marine life, dogfish, cuttle fish.

Dive 2	
Site:	Glen Strathallen
Max depth:	15m
GPS Marks:	N50 18.900 W4 07.625
Brief description:	Broken up wreck but plenty of wreckage for a very enjoyable dive. Vis was very good, approx. 10m. Nice intact bow section, lots of plating and a big boiler towards stern with congers. Excellent shallow dive. We should do it more!

Dive 3	
Site:	Elk
Max depth:	33m
GPS Marks:	N50 18.424 W4 10.315
Brief description:	Smallish fishing trawler but intact and covered in marine life and tonnes of fish. Can get crowded with more than a couple of boats on it. Good sport diver dive.

Dive 4	
Site:	James Egan Layne
Max depth:	22m
GPS Marks:	Whitsand Bay – usually permanently buoyed at the bow and stern
Brief description:	Really fantastic viz of approx. 10m. Sitting at the bottom of the bow the whole bow was lit up by the sunshine. Hull covered with blooming plumose anemones. Shoals of bib, pollock. Dog fish too.

Dive 5	
Site:	Scylla
Max depth:	25m
GPS Marks:	Whitsand Bay – usually permanently buoyed at the bow and stern
Brief description:	Not quite as bright as the James possible as the silt inside had been stirred by previous divers. Holds and inside can get silty if disturbed so care should be taken when entering.

General Details	
<p>Very productive diving weekend despite the weather forecast. The gale force winds were present but blowing from a good direction (N/NW) for Plymouth to be fairly protected. As ever Plymouth is a reliable destination with good facilities and not tidal concerns. Can always be depended upon if the weather is looking iffy!</p>	

Please return completed forms to the Diving Officer asap. Thanks!