

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	28-29 th June 2008	Springs /// Neaps ✓
Venue	West Bay	
Marshal	Ali Gaudion	
Overseer	Marcus Allen	
Number of People	15	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Ali Gaudion (SD)	Fiona Chadd (SD)
	Marcus Allen (1CD)	Mohson Ahmad (SD)
	Al Morgan (DL)	Antony Waring (SD)
	Bonnie Webster (AD)	Ivan Djordevic (DL)
	Michelle Kim (AD)	Anjali Shah (DL)
	Andy May (AD)	Jim Heard (SD)
	Tom Roberts (SD)	Warrick Ball (Non-BSAC)
	Kami Tomaszewska (SD)	
Accommodation	Freshwater Beach Holiday Park	
Address	Burton Bradstock Bridport Dorset DT6 4PT UK	
Telephone No.	(01308) 897317	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	£20 per night for a large pitch – 1 large tent, 6people, 1 car £9 per night for 2 man tent £2 per night for each boat	
Notes	<p>This holiday park, although a little chivvy, had excellent facilities – loads of free, warm showers. They were pretty helpful and didn't kick up a fuss about us being on the wrong pitches. Pubs are in West Bay or Burton Bradstock but both require a short car journey to reach.</p> <p>The one downside (they did not tell me about this when I booked) is that not only do you have to pay in full upfront but it is non-refundable if you get blown out. Having said this, they were reasonable enough people that in future it might be possible to negotiate with them over this point. If so then they are well worth another visit.</p>	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	<p>West Bay slipway - £13 per boat Large concrete area by the slip to keep trailers and kit up. Toilets and food shops were a 5min walk away.</p> <p>The car park is short stay (max 3 hours), but you can pay for the day in one go, by buying multiple tickets for one vehicle.</p>	
Coastguard	Portland Coastguard 01305 760 439	
Nearest chamber	Poole Hyperbaric Centre 7 Parkstone Road Poole Dorset BH15 2NN 07770 423637 (24 hours)	
Air Shop	West Bay Diving Services - Very helpful people who stayed open late for us to fill cylinders as long as we warned them in advance. As regular customers we can also have a tab with them which makes sorting accounts out easier. 01308 421 800	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	H&H van hire Kentish town 020 7916 6616 (£152.75) The ULSAC long-wheeled based transit van – make sure you request a number plate for the trailer and remind them a week before (they forgot).	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	East Tennants Reef
Max depth:	25-26m
GPS Marks:	50 39.12N 02 52.75W is in the large GPS
Brief description:	Home to the pink sea fan this was billed as one of the best scenic dives on the south coast. Imagine our dismay then to find that the area had recently been dredged! Although some baby sea fans were visible this was largely a sandy bottom – such a shame. See Vics Lyme Bay 2006 report for what it should have been like.

Dive 2	
Site:	Baygitano
Max depth:	23m
GPS Marks:	Divernet: 50 41.78N, 02 56.08W Dive Dorset: 50 41.76N, 02 55.97W Aerodivers trip report - 50 41.79 N 02 56.07 W Marks for the bow and boilers are in the big GPS.
Brief description:	World War 1 wreck sunk on 18 March 1918. A British 3,703-ton steam collier – 18-23 metres. Literally couldn't see the wreck for the fish!! This wreck is absolutely teeming with life and was well worth the slightly rough (understatement) journey out.

Dive 3	
Site:	High Ground
Max depth:	5-12m
GPS Marks:	50 42.50N; 02 47.80W Mark in the large GPS
Brief description:	Only the hardest (or most foolhardy) members of the group went out for this dive due to the not so pleasant conditions. Despite a mild washing machine effect this was a very nice shallow scenic dive. The reef is covered in kelp and a drop off from 5-12m occurs on it's southern edge. Crabs can be found hiding among the rocks and there was much fun to be had playing hide and seek with the fish in the kelp.

General Details	
<p>Despite the marginal diving conditions most people got 2 and a select few got 3 nice dives. The trip was a huge success largely due to everyone being super helpful. The highlight was definitely the Baygitano with all its fish and congers!</p>	

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