

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	23 rd -25 th May 2009	Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Venue	Salcombe	
Marshal	Craig Combe	
Overseer	Nathan Long	
Number of People	12	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Craig Combe (DL)	Nathan Long (AD)
	Anouk Gouvras (SD)	Kamila Tomaszewska (SD)
	Anjali Shah (DL)	Matthew Cox (DL)
	Andrew May (AD)	Jeremy Davey (DL)
	Mark Bell (AD)	Suzannah Williams (AD)
	Nick Long (DL)	Chris Wood (AD)
Accommodation	Alston Camping and Caravan site	
Address	Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3BJ	
Telephone No.	07808030921	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	See website	
Notes	<p>http://www.alstoncampsite.co.uk/index.html This place is difficult to find and Satnav is unreliable in this area. To find it go to Kingsbridge and follow the directions given on the website. The site is clearly marked on the road. DO NOT TAKE ANY OTHER ROUTE, ESPECIALLY WHEN TOWING! The surrounding roads are narrow, steep and bendy. We broke both towing vehicles by going on side roads.</p>	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	Shadycombe park, Gould road	
Coastguard	Brixham	
Nearest chamber	Plymouth	
Air Shop	Pheonix Charters, a fishing shop that does air fills. £4.50 for 10ls and up £7.50 for 7ls and below	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	H and H, had to be towed back by AA under their recovery policy.	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	The Maine
Max depth:	32.3
GPS Marks:	50.12.750 - 03.50.960
Brief description:	http://www.divernet.com/Wrecks/wreck_tours/159477/wreck_tour_1_the_maine.html

Dive 2	
Site:	The Persier
Max depth:	31.1
GPS Marks:	50:17:102 - 03:58:122
Brief description:	http://www.divernet.com/Wrecks/wreck_tours/159426/wreck_tour_52_the_persier.html

General Details
<p>The launch site was very busy as it's a bank holiday weekend. Also the slack water should have been checked at the time the location was chosen, first slack was at 8am which was difficult to do (we didn't). I cannot emphasise enough to importance of not using Satnav or taking the back roads in this area, stick with the directions given and stay on main roads! Big thanks for Nick for taking his 4x4 with us, even though we broke the power steering on the back roads. Take routes show on following map in future.</p> <p>First dive on the Maine with both boats went very well, the second scenic dive at gammon head was abandoned do to the time we go back and that the fill shop shut at 6, so we wouldn't get our fills done for the next morning. Burned out the clutch on the van as it was towing a boat back to camp. Had no way of getting the boat back to the launch site the next day.</p> <p>Second day: Planned to dive the Newholm but only having one boat and slack water times made it impossible. Dove the Persier as it doesn't require slack water to be dived so we did it in two waves.</p> <p>Both vehicles and boats were towed back by the AA to London.</p>

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

