

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	12 th to 14 th June 2009	Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Venue	Swanage, Dorset	
Marshal	Kathryn Sizer (DL)	
Overseer	Michelle Kim (AD)	
Number of People	16	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Eric Lucas (SD)	Steve Salvatore (SD)
	Martin Greaves (AD)	Dave Pearce (SD)
	Nathan Long (AD)	Ali Goudion (DL)
	Anouk Gouvras (SD)	Sarah Cant (DL)
	Anthony Chaddock (DL)	Anjali Shah (DL)
	Jeremy Davey (DL)	
	Helen Cripps (SD)	
	Gloria Jaconelli (SD)	
Alex Mombro (SD)		
Accommodation	Camping- 6 Pitches	
Address	Swanage Coastal Park (Shorefields holidays Ltd), Priestway, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2RS	
Telephone No.	01590 648331	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	£169 for 6 pitches for 2 nights, £25 per pitch for 2 nights + extras for cars and boats. Overall £10.50 per person	
Notes	<p>Good campsite. Has now changed ownership since previous trips. Used to be known as Priestway Holiday Park, now it is managed by a company called Shorefield Holidays. For booking you have to go through the central booking office and they're not very flexible or easy to talk to. But once on site they are very easy to deal with. The warden is very friendly and helpful.</p> <p>Good shower and toilet block although a long walk from tent area as they have built chalets where we once always used to pitch our tents</p> <p>DO NOT DRIVE VEHICLES UP THE HILL TO THE TENT AREA WITH BOATS ATTACHED, THE CLUTCH WILL GET DAMAGED</p>	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	<p>Swanage slip way: Open from 07:30am but there is no gate so you can launch earlier. There is a warden who didn't seem to turn up until 08:00am but will catch you on your return for payment</p> <p>Cost- £15 per boat per day. With this you can park the trailer on the slip way</p> <p>Car park: £7 per car for 24 hours. DO NOT PARK TRAILERS IN THE CAR PARK AS YOU WILL GET A TICKET, YOU MUST USE THE SLIPWAY</p>	
Coastguard	Portland: 01305 760439	
Nearest chamber	Poole	
Air Shop	Divers Down, Swanage, Dorset BH19 2HR, UK 01929 423565 or 07977 142661	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	<p>H and H van with tow bar</p> <p>£149 for weekend with 4pm Friday pick up</p> <p>Luckily the van held out for the trip. It was the same one that had broken down on a previous trip but H and H ensured me that all was fixed, this seemed to be the case</p>	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	Aeolian Sky
Max depth:	35m
GPS Marks:	50 degrees 30.572 N, 2 degrees 8.426 W
Brief description:	Lovely, large and relatively young wreck, good visibility. You will not cover this wreck in one dive. The stern section and accommodation section are the most intact and most interesting, in this section there is enough of interest to see at the shallower depths of 22-25m. Great for sports divers, currents pick up very quickly so be aware

Dive 2	
Site:	Kyarra
Max depth:	32m
GPS Marks:	50 degrees 34.98 N, 1 degrees 56.59 W
Brief description:	The wreck lies on its starboard side, with the port railing uppermost at about 23m. More broken up towards the bow and in the middle section there is a very large boiler. Great wreck for sport divers, varied life and good for congers. Again, the current can pick up quickly so if divers are going in towards the end, with the right experience, they can be dropped at on end and drift along as the current seems to roughly follow parallel to the wreck. There is a fixed shot which is towards the bow- see special notes at end re shot

Dive 3	
Site:	Fleur De Lys
Max depth:	14m
GPS Marks:	50 degrees 37.4 N, 1 degrees 56.9 W
Brief description:	Great for an afternoon shallow dive. Can be done off slacks and leads to a great drift across the reef nearby. The wreck itself is very small and fragile but full of the smaller more interesting life forms. Good visibility and the drift is gentle. Varied interest across the drift, some people saw very little and others saw a cuttle fish, dog fish and even a ray- keep your eyes peeled

General Details
PLEASE BE AWARE
The general advice given from the internet and books re calculating slacks were:
Kyarra HW +6-1 A. Sky HW +3-2
<u>HOWEVER</u>
The locals (DIVERS DOWN) have different methods of working it out: Firstly - they use Swanage Bay tables which are not available publicly but can be purchased from select shops in Swanage. This seemed to correlate with Dover HW +5 -1 (not +6-1) But this could have been a coincidence Secondly - they treat the wrecks of the Kyarra, Betsy Anna and Aeolian Sky as having the same slack times. This does not follow what is in the book, BUT its seemed to be accurate
To avoid confusion it is best to call the shop and ask what the times are for each day and for each wreck. They do know what they're doing and all their charters run off these times and they were accurate

This complication led to us missing the first dive on the Saturday which was planned to be the Kyarra. To avoid grumpy divers getting up at 6am unnecessarily, PLEASE just check the slacks with Divers Down first

SHOT LINES - Important

****DO NOT TRY TO SHOT THE KYARRA **** (you may very well get a wee telling off)

Again, check with Divers Down first. There is a small orange buoy on it permanently with a smaller yellow one attached that is pulled under the water during current and pops up when slack. A local skipper (there will always be a local charter out there during the summer) will attach a larger buoy to this.

There is no permanent shot on the Aeolian Sky- it is best to aim for the stern markings in the GPS to get the best shallower stern/accommodation section

The Fleur De Lys has a fixed but small shot on it, again speak to Divers Down to confirm

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