

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	06.08.10 – 08.08.10	Springs <input type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Venue	West bay, Dorset	
Marshal	Susie Q	
Overseer	Michelle K	
Number of People	7	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Michelle Kim (AD)	
	Martin Greaves (AD)	
	Ivan (DL)	
	Dan Morris (DL)	
	Susie Fisher (DL)	
	Erik (SD)	
	Aleix (SD)	
Accommodation	Camping	
Address	Home Farm Campsite Puncknowle DT2 9BW	
Telephone No.	01308 897258	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	A pitch is a car and a tent and costs £15 for 4 people on that pitch. Cost £4 to park the boat there in the car park.	
Notes	<p>Good campsite. About 10-15 mins from West bay but nice location, not too cramped so we had our own space to hang out when not diving. Tokens for showers, on site caravan reception sells milk and eggs but only open until 7pm. Definitely recommend for future trips to this area. 5 mins walk from nice pub The Crown Inn where you can get good food for about £10 for a main. Owners are a bit grumpy so you need to be accommodating. For example we arrived after they had gone for the night, but in the end we paid after diving the next day.</p> <p>We had to pay one nights deposit by cheque, but this was the best deal we could get in the area, as all others required minimum 3 nights booking and all paid up in full before.</p>	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	West Bay we paid £42 for 2 days launching and an overnight moor. As we ended up not mooring overnight (see later) we were given a free launch next time, which SQ has written on a receipt.	
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 - 01308 421 800 Stayed late for you if you call ahead. Very friendly. We have a tab set up.	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	Used Michelles van for most diving kit. We did breakdown 5 miles from Chiswick and were recovered and towed by Green Flag in about an hour.	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	Baygitano
Max depth:	21m
GPS Marks:	50 41.78N 02 56.08W (marks in BOAT GPS)
Brief description:	Lovely first world war wreck. Had absolutely amazing dive, great visibility, huge amounts of fish –schools everywhere, congas, ling, tolpot blennies, scorpion fish...sea fans.

Dive 2	
Site:	Chesil Cove
Max depth:	11m
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	Shore dived off Chesil cove due to lack of boat on second day. Everyone dived up to 60 minutes; cuttle fish seen and a small wreck. Lots of marine life (and other divers...). Walked down the pebble beach to enter. Parking is tricky close to the cove, so we parked one vehicle there and the other further away. Quite strenuous to walk kit up and down to beach and again up and down pebble, shelved beach but worth it.

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

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

Dive 5	
Site:	
Max depth:	
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	

Dive 6	
Site:	
Max depth:	
GPS Marks:	
Brief description:	

General Details	
<p>2 great dives, lovely sunshine and a really great location (WEST BAY) but a trip beset with technical woe!</p> <p>On way out to Baygitano, the cross bar from the cylinder frame became detached. Whilst 5 divers were diving the Baygitano Scoundrel lost steering and the coastguard had to be called by MG. The Lyme Regis lifeboat was deployed to pick up the 5 divers, who were all fine and had enjoyed a normal (in fact excellent) dive. The divers were recovered to Lyme, and the lifeboat went back to recover Scoundrel and tow her in. The boat and 7 divers were then stranded in Lyme Bay, without any money but luckily had one phone between them. Due to a</p>	

wedding in Lyme there were no taxi's available, in the end MG and MK got a lift from an RNLI crew member back to WB. They then drove the vehicles back round to Lyme and we recovered Scoundrel. Note that it was very hot afternoon, and it was problematic that we were without money in a different port –divers were stranded for a couple of hours without food or drink. It might be worth considering taking some emergency money in a safe box, and one phone for these type of incidents. We were very lucky Aleix had a phone with him.

Coastguard and RNLI were excellent, and we were able to give them precise details of dive plans etc which helped in the recovery of the divers.

Second day, not deterred by our first dive we all dived off Chesil cove which was a lovely dive.

Final twist to the trip, the van broke down on the way home, 5 miles from Chiswick. Recovered by breakdown after about an hour.

Despite the twists and turns, most people got two good dives (sadly the boat driver and his buddy got just one) and the lovely location and weather made it a good weekend.

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