

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 -27 th May	Springs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neaps <input type="checkbox"/>
Venue	Farne Islands	
Marshal	Hannah Holdcroft and Vedika Mehra	
Overseer	Ross McLeod	
Number of People	12	
List of attendees with Diver Grade in brackets (e.g SD, DL etc)	Ross McLeod (AD)	Rayan Rouch (SD)
	Grant Wallace (AD)	Katie Rance (SD)
	Mark Bell (AD)	Henry Mosey (SD)
	Matt Head (DL)	Rachael Wellman (OD)
	Vedika Mehra (SD)	
	Bhavya Gala (SD)	
	Eleni Mykoniati (SD)	
	Hannah Holdcroft (SD)	
Accommodation	Budle Bay Campsite	
Address	Budle Bay Campsite Waren Mill Bamburgh Northumberland NE70 7EE www.budlebaycampsite.co.uk admin@budlebaycampsite.co.uk	
Telephone No.	01668214598	
Cost per night/per tent/per person or as appropriate	£7 per person per night	
Notes	They wanted the tents all set up by 9pm so we had to have a group go up earlier so that we could achieve this, normal check in times close at 6pm. They lock the gate at 11pm so the second group to arrive had to park outside but it is not far to walk down the drive. They have a hose that can be used for washing kit down. Showers are included in the price of the campsite. We booked with them for 3 days but when we told them we were leaving a day earlier than expected they offered us a partial refund of £5 per person.	
Launch Site (inc. cost)	Sovereign Diving The Olde School House Seahouses Northumberland NE68 7UQ Hired a hard boat for up to 14 people for the weekend at £35 per person per day. Launched from Seahouses. Contact: andrew@sovereigndiving.co.uk , 01665720760, 07984668093.	
Coastguard	Humber Coastguard 01262 672317	
Nearest chamber	North of England Medical Hyperbaric Unit (Hull) 01482 659471	
Air Shop	Sovereign Diving £4 for 12L Nitrox available Air and dive shop on industrial estate: Unit 3, North Sunderland Industrial Estate NE68 7UP 01665 720059	
Van Hire (inc. notes, did you breakdown, AA cover, tow bar etc.)	Crew Van from H&H van hire: http://www.hvvanhire.co.uk/ (£355.20) Minibus from Ross's Regiment (15 seater) (£100)	

Dives

Dive 1	
Site:	Blue Caps
Max depth:	25m
GPS Marks:	N/A
Brief description:	Wall dive, we went diving mainly for seals but unfortunately there weren't many around and visibility was only about 1m.

Dive 2	
Site:	Big Harcar
Max depth:	25m
GPS Marks:	N/A
Brief description:	Wall dive, again not many seals around and visibility was only 1m.

Dive 3	
Site:	The Hopper
Max depth:	20m
GPS Marks:	N/A
Brief description:	Lots of seal around, due to a tide running we had to limit our dive to between two rocks to avoid drifting. There were lots of seals however due to the bad visibility we couldn't see them underwater however; we did end up just snorkelling with them on the surface, which was still pretty amazing.

Dive 4	
Site:	The Callers
Max depth:	20m
GPS Marks:	N/A
Brief description:	Another wall dive, quite a few seals around but again not that great visibility.

General Details	
<p>We were lucky enough to be blessed with lovely sunshine for the weekend, however due to bad weather a few weeks before the trip, meant the visibility wasn't very good (this is not normally the case). There are plenty of seals around and as we learnt even snorkelling with them is enough to keep a group of divers happy.</p> <p>We ate at The Spice House opposite the coop near the harbour.</p> <p>I would definitely recommend hiring a hard boat as given the long journey it makes things a lot easier. Note: The company we used also has a hard boat for up to 24 people, which is ideal as trips to the Farnes tend to be pretty popular. We also stayed out on the boat between dives so we needed two tanks per person.</p>	