








BUBBLING UNDER

What's on Calendar		
June	1 st	Compressor Rota: Martin Cook
	2 nd and 16 th	Night Dive 
	3 rd	Compressor Rota: Dave White
	4 th to 6 th	West Wales Trip See: Shaun West
	10 th	Compressor Rota: Ken McDougal
	13 th	Social: Banbury District Show - Spiceball Park See Clare Barber
	17 th	Compressor Rota: Brian Harris
	23 rd	Costal Dash See: Shaun West
	24 th	Compressor Rota: Paul Crooks
July	4 th to 11 th	Red Sea Trip - Whirlwind See: Clare Barber
	7 th and 21 st	Night Dive 
	11 th to 18 th	Red Sea Trip - Cyclone See: Shaun West
	20 th to 22 nd	Isle of Mann Trip See: Clare Barber
August	4 th and 18 th	Night Dive 
	5 th to 9 th	Farne Islands Trip See: Shaun West
	20 th to 22 nd	West Wales Trip See: Shaun West
September	1 st and 15 th	Night Dive 
	5 th	Social: Banbury Open Air Pool Open Day See Clare Barber
	11 th - 18 th	Scillies Trip - Scillonian III See: Louise Wallace
October	6 th and 20 th	Night Dive 
	10 th	Banbury Sub-Aqua Club Annual General Meeting
	30 th and 31 st	DIVE 2010 at NEC Birmingham
November	3 rd and 17 th	Night Dive 
	4 th	Social: Digital Submission Deadline for the Annual Photo Competition See Shaun West
	11 th	Social: Annual Photo Competition See Shaun West
	27 th	Social: Dinner Dance See Clare Barber
December	1 st and 15 th	Night Dive 
	19 th	Scuba Santa's @ Vobster Quay See: Shaun West
September	18 th to 25 th	Scapa 2011 See: Alice Townsend



Dive Fest: (Left to Right) Rob (G), Duane (K), Dave (W), Clare (B)
 Photo courtesy of Robert Gericke

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Party on the Beach

Well it's certainly the dive season... I had a fantastic long weekend at Dive Fest and we actually managed to get into the water this year and completed three days diving.

We had water clarity on the Kanteong Dredger that had to be seen to be believed.

The evenings were filled with entertainment from Dr. Snorkel and his balloon diving equipment to a two-tone cover band and everything in-between.


Thanks to the pestering efforts of Rob and others we managed to get Banbury some publicity on the BSAC Facebook and Web site, see the full article in this month's edition.

June looks like being another busy month with club members on diving trips to the Red Sea, West Wales and Swanage coastal dash. July is equally as packed with further Red Sea trips an extended weekend up in the Farn Islands. Our Diving Officer is hopefully also looking at booking some last minute tripe to Weymouth and Bovisand, fingers crossed.

Safe Diving  Editor *Shaun West*



While you are off on your diving trip remember to jot down a few notes and drop me an article

for July's edition of 

Dive Fest

BSAC out and about at Dive Fest!

BSAC members and branches were out in force at last weekend's Dive Fest 2010.

More than a thousand divers from all over the country descended on Cornwall for a full Bank Holiday weekend of diving and partying at Dive Fest 2010.

Held at Pentewan Sands, Mevagissey, Dive Fest 2010 was a great success, with the weather kind enough for more than 600 divers to get out and under the water to explore some of Cornwall's best dive sites. Topside, there were both day and nighttime activities and entertainment, offering something for all ages.



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BSAC Chief Executive Mary Tetley said the event was a real celebration of all things scuba "It was fantastic to see so many divers in one place making the most of the diving, the conditions and the opportunity to let their hair down."



<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=3937650&id=92113970059>

And the BSAC contingency certainly did us proud - with many club RIBs flying the BSAC flag and getting into the whole spirit of the weekend.

Particular note must go to all those who embraced the fancy dress challenge - including Suunto and the University of Portsmouth Diving and Underwater Club (Superheroes) and ULSAC (Wild West) as well as the plethora of pirates at the Caribbean night, sponsored by Cayman Islands Dept of Tourism.



There was also a constant stream of non-divers having their first taste of scuba with the BSAC-run Try Dive pool, including our smallest try diver, Lucy Kennish from Cornwall.

As well as running try dives and the main BSAC stand, BSAC also held a raffle, which raised more than £800 for local charity Cornwall Hospice Care. Our thanks go to our prize sponsors – Suunto, Apeks, Typhoon, Oceanic, Cressi, Fourth Element and Dive magazine plus everyone who generously bought a raffle ticket.

ED. Lucky club member Robin Clark won one of the top prizes, well-done Robin.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all the BSAC volunteers, members and branches at Dive Fest 2010 who helped make the event such a success.

You can view the latest BSAC at Dive Fest photos now on their Facebook page.

(<http://www.facebook.com/BritishSubAquaClub>)

Over Dive Fest we had two dives on the Kanteong Dredger it was a very good wreck in extremely good visibility both days. So I did a little Internet research on the wreck to give those who dived it a little incite as to why it's on the bottom of the ocean.

Kanteong Dredger (wreck 17m)

The 3500-ton Kanteong was the world's largest tin dredger in her day. She was on tow from the builder's yard in Holland bound for the Far East, her maiden voyage. When she capsized in a storm off the Eddystone. She was abandoned & drifted down the coast where she finally came to rest 1 mile from Fowey Harbour on 8 March 1937.

The wreck settled on the seabed in 2 distinct parts. At low water a huge iron gear wheel can be seen above the surface close inshore. The shallow part of the wreck can be found seaward of this.

Opposite is an example of the tin dredging buckets that could be clearly seen on the seabed on the dives amongst the remaining superstructure.



BSAC Photographic Competition 2010



On the 1st May 10 BSAC Photographic Competition 2010 was launched

Following the introduction of a brand new BSAC Diving category last year and with great prizes up for grabs, the BSAC Photographic Competition will run from the 1st May to 31st January 2011.

We are now inviting monthly submissions for each of the 2010 competition categories. You can enter your photos for this month now by completing the online form at:

www.bsac.com/photocomp2010

2010 categories:

BSAC DIVING

This category enables BSAC members to showcase the very best in BSAC club diving. BSAC branch diving is diverse, social, exciting, challenging, humorous, inspiring, surprising...and so much more. This new category allows the photographer to creatively represent BSAC diving in all its many, varied forms...and to capture the personal or essential essence of what branch diving means to them. (Note: scenic only shots do not qualify for the BSAC Diving category - diving activity, divers or snorkellers also need to be part of the composition)

There are two sections to the BSAC Diving category:

BSAC Diving - Newcomer - open to BSAC members only who are 'newcomers' using digital compacts only. (If you have previously won a prize or sold your work you are not a newcomer)

BSAC Diving - Open.

OPEN - all agency divers - two sections:

Open Newcomers, digital compact only. (If you have previously won a prize or have sold your work you are not a newcomer)

A BSAC member can enter as a newcomer in both categories but each photograph can only be entered once.

BSAC Photographic Competition 2010 prizes

Each month between May and January, we will select the best 3 shots from each of the three categories to go forward to our grand final - and the chance to win one of the following fantastic prizes:

Category: BSAC DIVING - newcomer (BSAC members only)

1st place	Oceanic drysuit
2nd place	APEKS XTX200 regulators.
3rd place	£300 Cameras Underwater voucher

Category: BSAC DIVING - Open (BSAC members only)

There will be a monthly prize winner in this category who will receive a Dive Red Sea book plus the overall winners will get:

- 1st place A three day dive package with Emperor Divers
- 2nd place APEKS XTX200 regulators.
- 3rd place £300 Cameras Underwater voucher

Category: OPEN NEWCOMER

- 1st place Seychelles holiday for two (please note: flights not included).
- 2nd place APEKS Flight regulator
- 3rd place £250 Sea & Sea voucher

Category - OPEN

- 1st place A three day dive package with Emperor Divers
- 2nd place APEKS Flight regulator
- 3rd place £200 Cameras Underwater voucher



Are You Interested In Taking Underwater Photographs?



I am pleased to announce that the Southern Region is running an Underwater Photography Course on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June and will be a 2-day course. This course is aimed to give you basic use of a compact digital camera and housing with little or no knowledge and experience of underwater photography. We are lucky enough to have a professional underwater Photographer as an instructor so a great opportunity to really get the most of this course and really gain some important tips on taking pictures underwater.

The course is open to Sports Divers and above and will consist of Theory and Pool Practical sessions and then on the Sunday the opportunity to take this new knowledge into Open Water where you will have the opportunity to dive the Mulberry's to photograph the marine life and then to review all images afterwards.

The course will be held at Bracklesham with the use of an outside heated pool for the practical sessions and a wetsuit/shortie will be required. The venue can also offer camping for the weekend so if you would like to stay then please let me know so I can advise further details.

The cost of this course will be £55.00 per person which will include the Student Course Pack and the cost for the diving on Sunday (1 dive) plus regional costs. You will also need to have your own underwater camera for this event and an understanding on how it works and possibly a laptop to review your images but not essential.

This course is limited to 10 spaces and so far we have 2 booked on so please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment

if we gain lots of interest then we may look at running an additional course another weekend.

You can book online at <http://southern.bsac.org/SDCPOE.asp>

Jeanette Holder
BSAC Southern Region

Work party at the Boathouse



Duane gives a good rub down
Picture By Dave Singleton

This year's annual Boathouse maintenance had a work party descend on the Boathouse one sunny Saturday morning in May.

Just a hand fall of intrepid club members took to cleaning out the guttering of leaves and rubbing down the doors ready for a fresh coat of paint of green paint. And all finished by lunch and then of for a pint of the best.



Rob and Mick get stuck into painting the boathouse door.
Picture by Dave Singleton

Thanks go to, Mike White, Rob Gericke, Duane Knight and Dave Singleton.



Can you help BBC search for UK's top dive sites?



I need your help. The BBC is thinking about commissioning a series of programmes similar to their series Oceans but focusing on British waters.

They are serious programmes: one of the director-producers has been involved in the recent Planets series so it is all going to be done properly. I need the names and lat/longs of six to 12 absolutely gorgeous dive sites to recommend to one of the producers.

The archaeology side of it has been dealt with, but if you have a spectacular, upstanding wreck in reasonably clear water, or if you know of a special rocky outcrop then can you send the site details to me, I can send them on to the 'man at the Beeb'.

If you want me to add your name and e-mail address then let me know. I can send these on so that the researchers can follow up using your expertise.

Please e-mail me at jane.maddocks@bsac.com

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Fishing fleet working harder for the same catch



The UK trawl fishing fleet has to work 17 times harder to catch the same amount of fish today than it did when most of its boats were powered by sail in the 1880s, according to new research.

MCS and researchers from the University of York used UK Government data on the amount of fish caught and the size and number of boats involved – the fleet's fishing power – to analyse the change in fish stocks since 1889.

We found that trawl fish landings peaked in 1937, 14 times higher than today. The availability of bottom-living fish to the fleet fell by 94 per cent.



“Over a century of intensive trawl fishing has severely depleted UK seas of bottom living fish like halibut, turbot, haddock and plaice”, Simon Brockington, MCS Head of Conservation, says. “It is vital that governments recognise the changes that have taken place. The reform of the Common Fisheries Policy gives an opportunity to set stock protection and recovery targets that are reflective of the historical productivity of the sea.”

The research is published in Nature Communications, the new online science journal from the publishers of Nature.

Things you can do

Make a sustainable seafood choice using Fishonline (<http://www.fishonline.org/>)

Use our Supermarket Survey to find out how well you local supermarket does at sustainable seafood

(http://www.mcsuk.org/what_we_do/Fishing%20for%20our%20future/Supermarket%20survey/Supermarket%20survey)

If you are not already a supporter - help MCS ensure a future for our fabulous but fragile sea life, by joining MCS today for as little as £3 a month.

(<http://www.mcsuk.org/membership/membership.php>)

MCS

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is the UK charity dedicated to the protection of our seas, shores and wildlife

Go Karting



On Saturday 10th April BANSac went Go Karting. We went back to the same place in Leamington called Mr Karting. As last year we were fitted with the beautiful blue overalls that cling in all the wrong places and helmets and sat for a safety briefing.

We were all given numbers and got to do a warm up lap to practise our skills. We were then split into two groups full of people we would be racing against for the rest of the day. We had to compete in 5 different races each taking a turn starting in poll position, achieving points for each race. These points were added up at the end to decided who would race in the final race to decide the winners!

This year the competition was fierce with members really fighting to win each race, there was a lot more cheating, bumping and spinning off last year making it more adrenaline pumping and exciting.

Unfortunately with my karting skills a little rusty I didn't even make it into the final race and therefore lost my reign as karting champion supreme! But a big well done to Simon Wright who won and had fastest lap. The results were as follows:

- 1st Simon Wright
- 2nd Robert Gericke
- 3rd David Spencer
- 4th Duane Knight
- 5th Graham Barber
- 6th Steve Bennett

Clare Barber





Goniodoris Nodosa



Common name: None Montagu, 1808

Phylum: Mollusca
 Class: Gastropoda
 Order: Nudibranchia
 Suborder: Doridina
 Family: Goniodorididae

Description

Grows to 27 mm in length. Body is translucent, with white speckling and bands and tinges of yellow and pink on the dorsum. Patches of transparent skin around the bases of the rhinophores and behind the gills, give the appearance of false 'pores'. A low keel runs down the middle of the back and on either side of this are small conical tubercles; a median keel is also visible on the dorsal surface of the metapodium or 'tail'.

The oral tentacles are flattened and relatively large. Juveniles feed upon both ctenostome bryozoans, and cheilostome bryozoans, but adults feed on ascidians, such as *Diplosoma listerianum*, *Botryllus schlosseri* and *Dendrodoa grossularia*.

Habitat

Thompson (1988) notes that it is a common intertidal and shallow sublittoral species

Distribution

all around the British Isles, down to 20 m, although in southern Norway it has been reported down to 120 m.

Identifying Features:

- Body is translucent, with white speckling.
- Oral tentacles are flattened and relatively large

Shaun West

With a little help from <http://www.seaslugforum.net/>

Next Issue

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 - Another little critter for you to keep a lookout for.

Coming Soon:

- ✓ More "Your new committee"
 - Personalised detail of your committee.
- ✓ Your article?
 - **Something you want to share?**

Chefs Corner

A few practical hints for divers and campers on simple preparation and cooking of selfsh.



To prepare lobster or crayfish:

Halve lobster lengthwise with large, sharp knife. Discard stomach bag lying behind eye sockets, and also the thin excretory tube running the full length of the shell. Sear meat, add a little butter and cook in shell, under grill, for about 15 minutes or until meat is a uniform white.

To boil Lobster or Crayfish.

Drop lobster into large pan of boiling water, making sure it is completely immersed. Boil for ten minutes per pound weight. Maximum boiling time for any size is thirty-five minutes.

Prepare and discard inedible part as before.

Chef Singleton

ED How to kill a Lobster.

Make sure you put rubber bands around the claws that stay on during this process, as you don't want to be dodging the claws while cutting up the lobster. You must first cut it in half down the center. This job is one that is best left to a 10 inch chefs' knife, and one with a good deal of heft.

Step 1. With the lobster sitting where the tail curls towards the table, flatten it out and in one hand grasp the tail where it joins the body.

In the other hand, take the knife's point and aim for the place an inch or an inch and a half from between the eyes towards the tail. The blade of the knife should be facing away from your hand that is holding the tail.

Step 2. Press the point of the knife into the head at that point until the point of the knife goes all the way through the lobster's head to the cutting board, then bring the blade down between the eyes to finish the cut of the head.

This kills the lobster as quickly and painlessly as possible.

