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Banbury Sub-Aqua Club Newsletter

February 2010

What's on Calendar

February	3 rd and 17 th	Night Dive 	
	4 th	Compressor Rota: Dave Merry	Pool Marshal: Clare Barber
	11 th	Compressor Rota: Clare Barber	Pool Marshal: David Spencer
		Social: Club Night Talk - from the Shark Trust Starting @ 20:00 See Clare Barber	
	18 th	Compressor Rota: Duane Knight	Pool Marshal: David Singleton
	25 th	Compressor Rota: Dave White	Pool Marshal: David White
March	3 rd and 17 th	Night Dive 	
	4 th	Compressor Rota: Ken McDougal	Pool Marshal: Duane Knight
	11 th	Compressor Rota: Brian Harris	Pool Marshal: Shaun West
	18 th	Compressor Rota: Paul Crooks	Pool Marshal: Alice Townsend
	25 th	Compressor Rota: Martin Cook	Pool Marshal: Graham Barber
April	1 st	Compressor Rota: Shaun West	Pool Marshal: Mick White
	7 th and 21 st	Night Dive 	
	8 th	Compressor Rota: Rob Gericke	Pool Marshal:
	15 th	Compressor Rota: Mike White	Pool Marshal:
	22 nd	Compressor Rota: Dave Singleton	Pool Marshal:
		Social: Club Night Talk - from the Whale and Dolphin Society Starting @ 20:00 See Clare Barber	
	8 th	Compressor Rota: Graham Barber	Pool Marshal:
May	1 st to 3 rd	Dive Fest - Pentewan Sands, Cornwall See: Clare Barber	
	5 th and 19 th	Night Dive 	
	6 th	Compressor Rota: Axl West	Pool Marshal:
	13 th	Compressor Rota: Dave Merry	Pool Marshal:
	20 th	Compressor Rota: Clare Barber	Pool Marshal:
	27 th	Compressor Rota: Duane Knight	Pool Marshal:
June	1 st	Compressor Rota: Martin Cook	Pool Marshal:
	2 nd and 16 th	Night Dive 	
	3 rd	Compressor Rota: Dave White	Pool Marshal:
	4 th to 6 th	West Wales Trip See: Shaun West	
	10 th	Compressor Rota: Ken McDougal	Pool Marshal:
	17 th	Compressor Rota: Brian Harris	Pool Marshal:
	24 th	Compressor Rota: Paul Crooks	Pool Marshal:
July	4 th	Red Sea Trip - whirlwind See: Clare Barber	
	7 th and 21 st	Night Dive 	
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	
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	

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"Blowing things up under water, sharks and treasure! "



The children give me full attention- and look either excited or wonder what their mum has signed them up for... then they look really grumpy when I add for the benefit of dotting parents- "And we will do some biology, history and physics too!"

Teaching snorkelling involves all of these and more. I have really enjoyed building up a repertoire of games and exercises to teach snorkelling to children. If it does not work- they let you know- and we try another way. It's very different from the (very) short exercise many SCUBA instructors give adults- translating the skills into games for children requires a different mindset.

In the 5 x 1.25 hour sessions I run as a weeks school holiday course at Spiceball (15mins is poolside to brief and sort kit) I cover basic skills, which gets them the BSAC certificate. I present this at the end- they don't know they are being assessed and are really chuffed to get a certificate as a bonus. (If someone in the club could run be off a printed certificate that would be great- my home PC ink is always running out!!). They learn what kit to buy, how to fit their kit, basic fin strokes, clear mask and snorkel including underwater mask clearing, duck dive, a "star dive" (feet first in the water), forward and backward in water rolls, rescue entry (" Chest first belly flop entry"), forward roll entry ("dead man's roll") and stride entry ("Mr Bean entry"), rescue skills with pistol grip hold and use of snorkel vest on a buddy. So it covers a lot of what SCUBA instruction covers.



It's cold out of the water!

Well its not often that Stoney Cove is warmer than the car park but it is a pleasant experience this time of year.

Now is the time to sign up for the 2010 Dive weekends or better still start planning your own Dive weekends, we still have some spaces in the Dive calendar and weekend events to Weymouth or Bovisand are always well supported by the club.

As a club we have two weekends to West Wales planned along with two extended weekends, one to take part at Dive Fest 2010 (More details on page 6) and one to Northumberland, spending some quality time with the seals hopefully.

There is still a slim chance you can sign-up for either the weeks liveboard trip in Egypt during July or the Scillies trip in September Contact Clare Barber or Louise Wallace respectively for more information, but make it quick!

For slightly longer term plans how about pencilling in Sunday the 19th of December to join Axl and Myself raising some money for the RNLI while joining in the 2010 world record attempt of "Scuba Santa's". If you can't join us please note all donations gratefully received.

See the article on this year's event on page 4 of this month's edition.

On the 11th we have another talk organised this time from the "Shark Trust", for more details on them and an overview of the great work they do see page 5.

Safe Diving  Editor *Shaun West*



The fun bits are all mixed up along side the skills:

- o **Treasure hunt** - team game picking up all my kids' old free toys from MacDonald's etc from the surface and bottom. (Any spare toys gratefully received- Simpsons toys often don't come back!)
- o **Obstacle relay** - using swimming hoops under water to fin through.
- o **Egg and spoon relay** - plastic spatulas and ice hockey pucks- also teaches buddy skills.
- o **Building towers** of swimming blocks and hockey pucks under water - until they fall over.
- o **Blowing up a diving lifting bag** with weight belt and snorkel attached. This teaches lung capacity (biology), compressed air at depth, and weight of water 1KG=1 Litre air at surface (physics) , and I show them pictures of German WW1 Fleet and use of lifting bags on cannon (history). They manage to use a lung full of air in a snorkel tied to the moth of the lifting bag taking turns until the 10-12Kg weight lifts off the bottom and the lifting bag is a huge balloon half submerged but moveable in the water.

- **Gentle games** - using the Frisbee, shark and toypedo between pairs and through hoops.



Toypedo

- **Underwater tennis** - getting a soft ball through a diving hoop using a bat (in fact these are Victorian Butter pats but what is of little interest to them!). Its like table tennis with no table and the ball goes down to serve not up!
- **Rough game** - Underwater hockey - Octopush.

Any ideas you have for games- let me know, as long as they don't drown!

As with many things in our club, I know Ginge used to do this for many years at Spiceball. I am grateful to her and the many kids I have now taught. A few have moved on to SCUBA in the club too, and some parents have sent me postcards from holidays abroad where they got to see marine life they didn't know before they learnt from their kids that they could snorkel too.

I have occasionally run Scout or Guide sessions- and ran my first snorkelling birthday party while the AGM was on so I had the whole pool. Any extra kit- fins size 2-6, and smaller masks and snorkels are really needed.

Any one who wants to help out with these sessions or take over is very welcome-and i can lend you any BSAC materials and manuals I have. It's rewarding, it pays the club in hard cash (or remittance on our pool costs) and there is more demand than I can manage.

Louise Wallace
BSAC Snorkel Instructor No. A81200



Octopush Basic Rules:


1. Players must wear correct snorkelling equipment and protective clothing.
2. A whistle is used to start the game and a gong or buzzer is used to stop the game.
3. Players must be touching the end of the pool (end line-out) before play begins and must do so any time the game is restarted after a goal or half time.

4. Players must avoid standing on the bottom.
5. Players must not attempt to play the squid with anything other than the playing area of their pusher.
6. Whilst a match is in play players must enter the water safely by sliding into the water either feet first or head first with one hand on the side of the pool.
7. For a match, teams consist of 10 players - with 6 players in the water at any one time and 4 substitutes who sit on the pool side behind the end line.
8. When substituting, a player may only enter the water once the player they are replacing has completely left the water at their own end of the pool.
9. At a tournament, a team of 10 players may be chosen for each individual game from a squad of 12 players.
10. Players must avoid touching the squid with their fins or any part of their body.
11. Players must not obstruct an opponent in any way whilst not in possession of the squid.
12. During a game only the team captain, who should be identified by a marking, is allowed to communicate with the referees.

For further details see:

<http://www.gbuwh.co.uk/>
<http://www.britishoctopush.org/rules/index.html>

Who is?

Name:	David White	
Position:	Diving Officer	
Qualification:	Dive Leader & Open Water Instructor	
When did I start diving:	2000	

What got me interested?

Always fancied having a go and after chance meeting and chat with someone, found out about BANSac. Turned up on a Thursday and by chance had a try dive on same night. Got bitten by the bug and that was that!

Most memorable dives to date:

- :SS Breda near Oban (Best UK viz)
(**Ed. See Dave Singleton's article in the next edition**)
- Taking Ross on First Sea dive (James Egan Layne).
He had such a great dive it was good to give someone an intro to UK waters & have such a good dive with loads to see and good viz.
- First encounter with seals in the Farnes, Fantastic!
- Gozo 2009, great dives, great company and Kennath (great restaurant)

What's next?

Looking forward to 2010 in the new sports centre, possibly using the facilities to aid disabled diver training. Training, pushing toward encouraging youngsters, advanced instructor training? Maybe.

Lots more trips hopefully

More diving and different sites. Anyone fancy river dives?

Dave White

Snorkelling feedback

Its great to get feedback, it lets us know weather we are going in the right direction and doing things correctly and those areas its possible for us to improve.

Its nice when we get letters and e-mails of praise for the the work we do as a club. For those who are not aware Louise spends a lot of time every year, and has done for many years organising and running snorkelling events for Spiceball on behalf of the club. Spiceball in return give us a healthy discount on our pool hire fees. It's mainly down to this kind of fundraising that your club fees are as low as they are.

Louise forwarded me the unprompted e-mail below:

From: David Kettell
Sent: 02 November 2009 20:53
To: Louise Wallace
Subject: RE: Tonight?

Hi Louise

The kids all enjoyed the party (I think!) - Some found it more of a challenge than others (but I think it depended on how confident they were in the water). Luis enjoyed it & is still keen on going scuba diving at some point (preferably with sharks!). I think you did a good job organising the party & the kids definitely learnt a few new things. The only improvement I could think of would be to get a few more kid size masks!

Thanks

David

The work Louise does for the club is greatly appreciated and she will always have our thanks but it's nice to know that Louise's efforts are appreciated outside the club as well. When was the last time you purchased a cup of hot chocolate for the diving instructor spending their time and money teaching you how to dive safely and for the bargain price Banbury charges?.....Just a thought....

Shaun West

Scuba Santa's



Scuba Santa's are a group of UK scuba divers brought together through a diving forum called Yorkshire Divers (YD). Each year around Christmas time we dress up in Santa costumes to raise money for a charity.

2007

In 2007 we raised a few hundred pounds for the RNLI with 8 participating Santa's, a Viking, a snowman, and a fairy. Last year we have at least 5 times the numbers and each day the list grows! The event will be held at an inland dive site called Vobster Quay in Somerset. Last year the inland dive site were great supporters of this event and for this reason we return with happy memories.

Scuba Santa's will be diving in Santa outfits and, if we get the go-ahead, will be aiming to break the world record for the

largest number of simultaneous scuba diving Father Christmas' at one time!



Not only is this a great advert for British scuba diving, it provides much needed funds for the volunteer life savers at Christmas, and despite the freezing temperatures puts a smile on some otherwise very grumpy people's faces! Again this year it has been decided by members of YD to support the RNLI for all the good work they do each and every day of the year.

2009

Another successful year of scuba Santa's led to a new world record being set! Our new record gives us a total of 153 simultaneous scuba diving Santa's, smashing last years record of 84.

To date (21st December 2009) we have also managed to raise a total of £4,885 for the RNLI, with more donations still to arrive!

2010

The 2010 event will take place at Vobster Quay on Sunday 19th December and its hoped se can get as many members of Banbury Sub-Aqua Club in attendance as possible. We all know the importance of the work undertaken by the RNLI and this is a fun way of getting a world record and collecting sponsorship money to support them.

Rules for World Record Attempt

Guidelines For "Largest Gathering Of Underwater Santa's"

In order to make a world record attempt the following rules/guidelines must be followed:

1. All participants must be wearing real Santa costumes (red with white fur trim), along with fake beards, matching hats, black belts, etc.
2. All divers must be qualified and sufficiently equipped to perform the dive in question
3. Children are welcome to participate as long as they are also in full Santa attire and are qualified to make the required dive
4. Mrs. Santa outfits are also acceptable as long as the attire is just as elaborate as Mr.Santa.
5. All participants must be underwater simultaneously and remain so for a minimum period of 10 minutes, all divers must be at a depth of greater than 3 metres at the beginning of the record attempt. Any divers returning to the surface will be discounted from the official count.

- Timing will commence once the last diver has achieved a depth of 3 metres or more and will terminate at 10 minutes from this time.
- Two timekeepers must time the attempt with stopwatches accurate to 0.01 seconds.
- All participants must wear the costume for the entirety of the attempt.
- The attempt must take place at a single location
- The name of the organisation, company or person(s) making the attempt must be given, along with the date and place.
- Attendance numbers must be accurately confirmed by means of registration into a logbook.
- The two witnesses must confirm the exact and final figure of total participants
- Please ensure that with scuba equipment is safe to use with Santa costume worn, e.g. cut holes for dry suit vents, etc

Axl and I have already order out Santa outfits. Who will be joining us?

Shaun West

About the Shark Trust

Conservation through awareness



The Shark Trust works to advance the worldwide conservation of sharks through science, education, influence and action.

The Trust works together with the general public and a wide range of specialist groups including divers, boat owners, politicians and fishermen. The Trust is in favour of sustainable managed fisheries and works with both commercial and recreational fishers and their representative organisations in a bid to secure a future for elasmobranch stocks.

The Trust is the UK member and secretariat to the European Elasmobranch Association and is a founder member of Shark Alliance.

The Shark Trust:

- Works to deliver effective UK, EU and International wildlife protection and fisheries management.
- Is a well-respected authority for sound shark management and protection.
- Delivers innovative and engaging public outreach, awareness and recording schemes.
- Collaborates with Shark advocates, scientists, government and industry towards sustainable domestic and international catch limits and protection for sharks, skates and rays.

Shark Trust Projects

The Shark Trust delivers its remit through a range of projects and campaigns. Current projects include:

Countdown 2010

A major conservation project aimed at halting biodiversity loss by 2010. As well as raising awareness of this target, the key objective for this project is supporting the recovery of those species and habitats in England requiring priority conservation.

Shark Sightings & Photo Identification

We now have a new sightings database to record all of your shark sightings online. All recorded sightings are full of important information and provide us with a good idea about how shark numbers have changed over time. The Basking & Whale Shark Photo-ID Projects continue to deepen our knowledge of these sharks. Extensive information on these species can be found on their respective websites.

Recreational Anglers

The Shark Trust supports & encourages well-managed catch & release schemes for elasmobranch species & has recently developed a new Skate & Ray Identification Guide. We work closely with recreational anglers & a number have committed to recording their catches to help us better understand the population & morphological dynamics of British sharks, skates & rays.

Skate & Ray Identification Guides

To assist in new legislation requiring species-specific landings of skates & rays by fishers the Shark Trust has created detailed ID guides check them out here: www.sharktrust.org/ID

Shark Identification Guides

To improve species specific identification and aid compliance with latest legislation or simply enabling shark enthusiasts to identify their sightings - the new British Shark Identification Guides will be launched on the website in early 2010.

The Great Eggcase Hunt

We continue to encourage you to hunt for shark, skate & ray eggcases both along the coastline & under the sea. Many of the results so far have been mapped & are showing good indications of the distribution of British elasmobranchs.

Education & Information

The Shark Trust has developed a vast array of resources & activities for teachers to use & children to get involved with. From curriculum-linked work sheets & picture cards to number & word puzzles, educational games & creative activities.

Shark Trust Campaigns

The Shark Trust welcomes public involvement in a range of campaigns, the focus of which varies throughout the year. Visit the campaigns section to see how you can get involved.

Policy

The Shark Trust is an effective advocate for sustainable shark management and works with stakeholders and Ministers at a UK and European level. The Trust contributes to a number of government level working groups and has worked hard to develop a solid reputation for the provision of fact-based information. The Trust takes a pragmatic approach towards fisheries and endeavours to work with sectors of the commercial industry and other interested stakeholders.

<http://www.sharktrust.org/>

Divefest 2010

The new year is finally here, so now's the perfect time to beat those January blues and book your tickets for DIVE FEST 2010. Taking place at Pentewan Sands Holiday Park in Cornwall over the May Bank Holiday weekend 30th April – 3rd May 2010, diving's biggest party is looking bigger and better this year with all sorts of things going on. (Hopefully some diving... Ed)



What's on?

Diving, of course, will take centre stage, with hard boat diving available from nearby Mevagissey and RIB diving at Pentewan Sands. Book your diving through Sal Diving www.saldivingcompany.co.uk, BSAC will be on hand with help and advice throughout the weekend. There's also BSAC try-dives in the new indoor swimming pool, a wildlife recovery demonstration by British Divers Marine Life Rescue and lots of interesting talks and films in the brand-new clubhouse.

You can also checkout the latest destinations and equipment in the DIVE HUB and enjoy a BBQ meal on the Saturday night. Bands will be playing throughout the weekend in the main marquee, where you can have a drink and a dance.

For the adventurous among you, why not get involved in some of the circus skills and dance workshops taking place throughout the weekend. Dance group Flava from Britain's Got Talent will be performing and you can see the amazing Poi Passion displaying their fire dancing skills.



Kids and adults will all enjoy the Pirates of St Piran who will be entertaining the masses with their sword-fighting re-enactments and traditional sea shanties, and there'll be a special prize for the best dressed festival goer – keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.

To keep you busy while you're underwater there will be a special treasure hunt – find one of the brass coins and exchange it for a top prize.

If underwater photography's your thing, then check out the amazing images from this year's British Underwater Image Festival and have a go yourself with the on-the-day Splash In

To book tickets see **Clare Barber**

www.divefest.co.uk



Safety Talk



Fresh Start to the New Year

As a New Year starts there is time to look forward to the coming year and the diving opportunities it offers. In doing so it helps to reflect back on past experiences and aim to build on the previous highs we have already enjoyed.

In addition learning from the less than perfect events can also help us prepare for the coming year to avoid making the same or similar mistakes. Even if you haven't had significant problems yourself it is still possible to prepare by taking account of the problems encountered by others.

The Annual Diving Incident Report for 2009 is now available to download from www.bsac.com/incidents The report details all incidents that occurred in the UK that have been notified to BSAC either directly or through the Rescue agencies including the MCA, RNLI and UK based diving organisations including SAA, SSAC and PADI.

The Incident Report not only provides a summary of the incidents that have been reported but also summarises the trends that are identified. Once again the same trends are identified in that most incidents could have been avoided if divers had taken some very simple steps including following their training, staying within the limits of their qualifications, following Safe Diving guidance, being up to date and in practice and exercising common sense. Please take time to read the reports and take careful note of the messages contained within the report.

Have a Safe Diving year in 2010.

Jim Watson
BSAC Safety & Development Manager

The best way to approach any incident is to avoid it happening in the first place. Diver Training and related activities are all geared towards this aim and as noted above taking some simple steps can significantly reduce the chances of an incident occurring in the first place.

Occasionally, despite our best efforts sometimes an unfortunate accident does occur. At such times our reliance on the emergency services comes to the fore and now is a good time to consider what services they offer and what help they may need from us as divers.

RNLI

As an entirely voluntary service the RNLI relies completely on funding from public donations and their fundraising activities. A quick look at the RNLI Website indicates that their primary message remains one of 'Prevention' rather than their having to respond to incidents. Divers are clearly identified as one of their target groups and as such they provide a range of resources relevant to helping us improve

our safety on and under the water. For example the RNLI Seacheck helps clubs and individuals have their boats independently checked. Other resources such as the 'Sea Safety Guide' and 'Serious Fun' DVD promote safety messages targeted at specific sports, including diving.

MCA

The Maritime and Coastguard agency are the coordinating body for Search and Rescue activities in the UK. Many assume that this is entirely reliant on a full time workforce but this only applies to the Coordinating Centres. The majority of the Coastguards you will meet on site or travelling around the Coast, involved in shoreline searches or cliff rescue are volunteers. In addition the MCA face significant challenges such as the arrangements for funding helicopter Search Operations which are due to change in 2012. You can read more on this topic at www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/uksar.pdf

Hyperbaric Services

In the UK all hyperbaric treatment is currently funded by the NHS. However, you should be aware that dependencies such as the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man are not classed, as part of the UK and so do not qualify for funding of treatment through the NHS. Previously reciprocal agreements existed that allowed for such funding but these have now ended. If you are travelling to dive in either of these locations you should make sure that you hold adequate Insurance cover to ensure that if necessary the cost of any treatment can be met.

Think SAFE – Dive SAFE



Thanks to Clare for organising this months talk from the Midlands Diving Chamber a very interesting talk enjoyed by all. Below are a few details.

Midlands Diving Chamber

Hyperbaric services at the recompression chamber

The Midlands Diving Chamber, a Hyperbaric decompression chamber offering NHS funded recompression to divers with Decompression Sickness (DCS) together with other Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) treatments.

Midlands Diving Chamber specialises in Diving Medicine and provides a 24-hour centre with everything a diver could need from a medical facility.

What they do:

- NHS funded recompression
- Fit to dive, BSAC and HSE diving medicals
- Free consultation if you think you have DCI (the bends)
- Dry diving
- Phone advice
- Hyperbaric and PADI recompression chamber courses

DCI ADVICE LINE: 07940 353 816

Clare is also hoping to arrange a “**Dry Dive**” at the facility – Dates to follow, details below:

What is it?

Dry diving is exactly as it sounds. A hyperbaric chamber is the perfect environment to test a diver's ability at depth, but in a safe and water-free environment.

Decompression illness DCI can result from a diver's inability to handle nitrogen narcosis.

If a diver is underwater the first time they experience narcosis, they can panic and risk DCI.

A dry dive can prepare a diver mentally for what can happen underwater.

What Happens

Two dry dives are available: to a depth of 40 metres or 50 metres.

For the 40m dive:

The divers fill in a self-declaration medical form. Any questions ticked YES must be covered by a Dive Doctor's clearance form. (These can be done at MDC with enough notice).

Divers change into scrubs (provided).

After a briefing, divers (maximum of 10) enter the chamber accompanied by an MDC supervisor.

The chamber is compressed to 40m.

After maximum bottom time is reached, decompression begins.

At the end of the session there is a post-dive briefing plus time for questions and logbook stamping.

For the 50m dive:

The divers fill in a self-declaration medical form. Any questions ticked YES must be covered by a Dive Doctor's clearance form. (These can be done at MDC with enough notice).

Divers change into scrubs (provided).

After a briefing, divers (maximum of 10) enter the chamber accompanied by an MDC supervisor.

The chamber is compressed to 50m.

After maximum bottom time is reached, decompression begins.

Divers decompress on 100% oxygen.

On coming out of the chamber there will be a post-dive briefing and time for questions and logbook stamping.

Nudibranch of the issue



Limacia clavigera



Common name: None

Muller, 1776

Phylum: Mollusca
 Class: Gastropoda
 Order: Nudibranchia
 Family: Polyceridae

Description

Limacia clavigera is easily recognised by its colour and cerata-like papillae around the mantle edge. Basically white in colour with yellow-orange tipped processes (outgrowths) and can grow up to 2 cm in length. The front processes have a rough texture with feathery ends and are held horizontally, whereas the processes at the sides of the body are smooth and normally curved over its back. Slightly raised orange spots can be found on the slugs back. Two sensory tentacles (rhizophores) can be found on the back of the slug's head that are tipped with yellow. Three feather-like gills are situated towards the rear of the slug on its back, which also have yellow-orange tips.

Habitat

Limacia clavigera can be found on encrusting bryozoans in the shallow sublittoral down to depths of 80 m. . In Europe it can be found feeding on sea mats (Bryozoa), preferentially on Electra pilosa.



Distribution

It is commonly found in sublittoral algae belts along the Atlantic coast of Europe, including the British Isles, and from Norway to the Mediterranean. It is also found along the South African coast from Saldanha Bay to Port Alfred.

Identifying Features:

- o •Long, yellow or orange tipped outgrowths all around the edge of the mantle.
- o •Three small feather-like gills.

Shaun West

Next Issue

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Coming Soon:

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

