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Expeditions et al

Some people are busy planning various trips for the coming year – why not join in and plan your own to fill out the calendar? Failing that join one or more the existing ones! Catherine has also been busy dreaming up events for the social side of the club and her current list of events is reproduced inside.

For the trips – both social and diving – *please* register your interest with the organisers. There's nothing more disheartening than wondering if the effort is going to be worth it. By the time you say "yes" you may find it has been cancelled (or alternatively full).

David Parkinson,
Communications Officer

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Caribbean Fanworm



Trumpet fish

Expeditions

It is that time of the year when we try to sort out the diving program for the coming season. This is essentially down to you (the membership) to organise what you want to do. The Expeditions Officer is there to persuade you to organise something and to provide help and advice over the organisational details. Remember there are two aspects to a trip: accommodation, transport etc and the diving. You do not necessarily have to be able to run the diving (eg being able to Cox Calypso), other (qualified) club members will do that for you - usually with very little/no encouragement if you're dealing with all the other logistical aspects.

For those of you thinking about going on trips that appear in the Diary please let the organiser know that you are interested. I know that it is not always easy to plan exactly what you'll be doing six months away, but it does provide them with the encouragement that their efforts will not be wasted.

If you have any questions about any trip or wonder if it is suitable for you – speak to the organiser. Also don't forget past issues of SubScript – they are all there on the website. You'll often find descriptions of past trips that will give you some idea of what to expect.

Now over to Dawn:

As Expeditions Officer it is my job to interest you lot in as many up-and-coming dive trips as possible, so here goes;

Who else fancies a jolly trip down to Dorset? We are doing a long weekend, taking in the bank holiday at the beginning of May. We'll be staying at the Durdle Dor caravan park, which is lovely and has central heating (very important). I'm not a caravan person, but I was extremely impressed by the quality, size and warmth of the accommodation. This is primarily a trip to get the new trainees out in the sea, but available dives range from easy (Swanage pier, Portland square block things), to slightly more challenging, (drifts, various pretty bays), to deep dark wrecks that some people seem to enjoy (weirdos!). We'll be taking a boat and there are plenty of local shuttle services, so the permutations are endless!

I have booked three caravans and the club has put down a deposit, so an idea of the level of interest would be handy. You don't have to come for the whole thing, people travelling by car can just drop in and out to suit themselves. If you're tempted, but not sure about what's involved, why not speak

to one of the happy band from last year? Craig enjoyed it so much that he's taking his whole family this time, so it must be good!

So far, takers include myself and Rob, Catherine, David P., Eric, Karen, Ken and family, Craig and family and one of the next intake and his family. Even though I haven't taken the trouble to learn his name, I can see that this man has the dedication and optimism which will make him a credit to the club!

If you do feel very keen after reading this, then please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Please note that I am away until Wednesday the 10th of March on the organisational nightmare that is the whistle-stop tour of NZ and Australia.

The next major trip will be Craig's Gozo Extravaganza. This is a very good trip to go on if you're married to someone who becomes resentful about all the time you spend away from home, hanging around with other rubber-wear freaks on a cold beach. The dive schedule is so relaxed that you can drop in and out as you choose, or even be back by lunchtime! The weather is lovely, the beaches are safe and fun and there are plenty of other activities within easy reach. Several other diving widows/widowers will be there, so there's plenty of opportunity to swap notes, get drunk and have a good time. The diving is also very good, but you might want to push the other aspects.

Lyme Bay is coming up in June, a trip that was so popular last year that the dive boat was booked again for this year before we got home! The diving was fantastic and the skipper was polite, friendly and efficient, (a combination previously unknown!) and the cows on the caravan site didn't complain about the snoring at all! The diving we did last year was wrecks at 20- 25 metres and some scenic drifts at 10-20 metres. We saw dogfish, cuttlefish, conger eels, enormous crabs and lobsters and a whole range of pretty little stuff, well worth the trip!

Also on the calendar we have:

Dover. Pete has arranged two trips diving from Taurus at depths around 30m. One is in May and the other in July. At the last count there are spaces in May, but July was almost full. However, as always, things change so speak to Pete.

Farnes. I very much enjoyed this trip last year and so, to ensure it happened again, am organising one this year. As it is a fair distance to travel I've gone for a long weekend with diving Friday to Monday. The club has paid a deposit on

Wavedancer – a boat we've used before. Accommodation hasn't yet been booked. Last year we booked into a caravan site a little way away from Seahouses. The woman who was booking in at the same time as Gary collected the key described it as "...a little bit of heaven". I think our description was more along the lines of "...a little bit of Ok". The only change this year is that the Harbourmaster has apparently restructured his charges and there is additional £50 cost in the hire of the boat should we wish to return to the harbour between dives. As to the diving; whilst there are some interesting 30m dives there are also plenty of shallower alternatives.



Frolicking with a seal!

I've said Ocean Diver upwards for the trip (not wanting to exclude anyone) and I'm sure we can structure the diving to suit the mix of divers on the trip. It also provides a year-end(?) target for Ocean Divers (and trainees) to reach Sports Diver.

Local: Although there is nothing on the calendar yet there will obviously be local diving off Felixstowe and Norfolk during the summer when conditions are suitable. Keep your eyes on the calendar or your ears open in the Lord Nelson.

Links:

<http://www.sunstar.org.uk/trips/> and click on "UK trips" or "World trips".

Ok, to make life easy for you here are some SubScript references:

Dorset: October & November 02.

Gozo: May 03, August 03

Lyme Bay: September 03

Farnes: September 03, October 01, July 99.

The Dover trip is with:

<http://www.taurusdiving.co.uk/>

Social

Catherine has been busy. Here's the latest list of things for you to sign up to:

TBD: RNLi speaker, free though donations welcomed.

27th March: 'Go Ape'. Adventure morning/afternoon in Thetford forest. £17 adult, £12 child. Height restriction of 4ft 7". If we got a large enough group we could negotiate a discount. The same place does bike hire amongst other things, so if people not interested in flying through the air they could still join the group for a meal etc afterwards.

8th May: Vineyard tour. I am looking into both Shawsgate and Bruisyard. This should be an entertaining tour and is only £4 per person (at Shawsgate) food extra. Apparently May is a good time to see the vineyard as the blossom is on the vines.

23rd May &/or 19th September: Sailing on Norfolk broads. Same set up as last year.

19/26 June, 16/23/30 July, 6/13 August: Evening races at Newmarket. Opportunity to win some money to spend on all that kit. Evening races include a band afterwards and are good fun. I written all the dates above as the bands (vary from Sugababes to Jools Holland to Status Quo normally) haven't been confirmed yet. Prices vary from ~£10 to £25. Get discounts for groups. Worth spending a little more.

11th September: BBQ/Dance. Thought we could have an evening that is club organised. I heard that there are some good instrument players amongst the members! Evening could include sporting events etc. The more people who come, the better the event! Pete suggested joining with the sailing club on this one (as with Norfolk sailing trip) which might be a really good idea.

2nd October: Adventure day. Yes, another one. This one would include either:

1) Dirt karts, clay pigeon shooting, 4x4 and quad bike. Take whole morning/afternoon. £49.50 (per person) to all four events. Can do any combination, but that is £20 per event, except shooting which is based on no. of clays.

Or 2) Karting tournament. £40 per person. Includes 4 heats, semi-finals and final (doh!) winner gets a trophy.

TBD: Christmas do.

If anyone wants to say yeah or nay please let me know.

Norway 2003

Svolvaer to Brekke

Words: Pete Young

Photographs: Helen Johnstone

This is the second article in a series of 3 describing the voyage of the Loyal Watcher from Narvik to Bergen in July 2003.



Does my bum look big in this?

This part of the story begins with an early (8.00 am!) dive on the wreck Hamburk in the harbour at Svolvaer, fishing and cruise-liner capital of the Lofoten Islands. Hamburk would probably be an impressive wreck too if it had been visible, but the visibility was 3m and the water had a brownish tint, not unlike the Wallachia in the Clyde. The wreck lies on its side and the wooden deck planking is intact. The deafening thunder of marine diesel engines, caused by large ships moving about in the harbour, added to the general discomfort but at least the water was noticeably warmer than in Narvik. After the dive we continued South for 6 hours to Bodo, sea state slight, overcast at first but not enough to detract from the stunning scenery. Good job Slartibartfast, no wonder he got an award.

Second dive of the day was a wreck called the Rabat, a steamer lying in 40m in the harbour at Bodo. I decided to give this one a miss due to ear problems. Bill also gives it a miss: he's been suffering with a cold for a few days and didn't dive this morning either. Helen and Simon dived

it and came up enthusing about 'Disney wrecks', whatever that means. Today was Bill's birthday, so Eleanor the cook baked a magnificent chocolate cake with a number of candles.



I know it's here somewhere!

We awoke next morning to the sound of hammering and crashing noises, occasionally punctuated by fluent Anglo-Saxon asides. A sea-water cooling line in the engine room had fractured and Steve the skipper was removing it along with much of the skin on his knuckles. When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping and we made our way to Polardykk, the dive shop in the middle of Bodo. The guys at Polardykk were very friendly, and showed us an unbelievably scary video of some hardcore Norgies drift-diving a 23-knot tidal rapid called Saltstraumen. This is the only dive site Steve refused point-blank, on the grounds that he didn't fancy going at 13 knots in reverse.

Eventually the murky gnomes emerged from below with their badly-corroded trophy and headed off to find an engineering shop. This meant we had some time on our hands, so Helen and I went out in the Watcher's tender to dive the Rabat to a resounding chorus of "we don't do squidgies" from Bill and Simon. More fool them. This time I'm sporting my brand new Scandinavian Model 3-finger mitts and looking forward to warm hands. Rabat turns out to be a total Disney wreck, with intact and upright masts, superstructure, rigging, air intakes and even a funnel. We did the circuit of bow, including cabins, stern and back to shotline at midships. At the stern Helen befriended a large friendly ling. The forepart of the wreck is completely covered with strange red and green anemones, that I only saw in Bodo. We ascended the line to find what looked like a piece of waster line tied to it: this turned out to be a bright orange Worm Pipefish. At 35m this was our deepest dive of the week and it was very pleasant to be able to ascend to much warmer water to carry out our 5 minute decompression stop.



Arctic Circle

Next morning the new part arrived and Steve had it fitted and working by lunchtime. We decided to do one more dive on Rabat and then steam past the Arctic circle and down to Alesund in one go. This will give us 4 days diving the excellent wrecks in the Bergen area, and also means that we will have a 24-hour period with no diving, no bad thing on a 2-week long trip. We stopped on route at the Arctic Circle to play tourists, and the more adventurous souls embarked in the dinghy to visit an island where there is a large globe-like sculpture to mark the Arctic Circle. Some time later, the sun went below the horizon for a couple of hours, the first sunset the Watcher's crew had seen for several weeks. The Loyal Watcher then headed out to sea and we spent 2 nights and one day sleeping, eating, watching movies, fettling gear and fruitlessly scanning the horizon for whales. Bill is a secret gadget fiend, and had rigged up a GPS receiver on the roof of the cabin which communicated via a wireless link with his iPAQ. This displayed our position on a 3-D image of Norway, so we were able to follow our progress throughout the trip with some style.



Hanging around by the Karl Fisser

We arrived in Alesund on the morning of July 13th after one day and 2 nights at sea and an uneventful voyage in good conditions from the Arctic circle. Watcher's new DVD player and sound-surround system had been thoroughly

tested. As we neared the harbour, we were treated to the spectacle of a large coastguard cutter leaving port, followed by an Armada that seems to include every floating craft in the harbour. Every craft that is except a small dory with an impressive Norwegian fisherman, who starts fishing the wreck and pulls out several cod, much to Steve's disgust!

We eventually dived the Karl Fisser, sister vessel to the Martha Fisser of Narvik. This is a truly magnificent wreck, largely intact and lying on a slope with her stern in 20m and her bow in 45m plus. The voyage has given me a bit more time to get busy with the soldering iron, and Helen and I now have rebuilt 50W canister lights which provide much better light and don't leak. Behind the bridge there are many interesting-looking passages but no clear exits, so we stayed outside the wreck and moved towards the bow, dropping into the odd hold on the way. At the bow we were swimming at a depth of 36m, some 10m above the deck. The whole outline of the bow sweeps away from me, and my light finds no bottom in the companionways. A max depth of 38 m on 28% nitrox means that my total dive time of 51 minutes includes a 10 minute stop at 3m.



How's my Donald Duck impression?

Following this very pleasant dive, we were boarded by an officer of the Norwegian coastguard, escorted into Alesund by a very large ship and tied up to the quay. The coastguard were joined by the police and we found ourselves

interned on the foredeck of the Watcher for 2.5 hours while an extensive search was carried out. It turns out that the local divers in Narvik have been making accusations that divers from the Watcher have been disturbing the wrecks and removing items, and this is what the search was about. Needless to say they found nothing, since there was nothing to find.



Our escort!

Leaving Alesund is no wrench and the next evening sees us in Brufjord preparing to dive the Welheim. This is a big collier, a classic 'Bergen' wreck with her bows in 12m and her stern in around 80m on the rock pillar with which she collided. We are not really up for a mix dive so drop down a shotline on the midships to the port rail and head down past the bridge to 40 metres. All too soon the no-stop limit approaches on my Aladin, so we turn and head back to the bridge to examine the anti-aircraft gun towers mounted there. It's possible to swim all the way into the forward holds, so I do. Besides the odd lump of coal I find a tiny squat lobster right at the bottom of the hold. As we ascend to the top of the bow the visibility becomes noticeably worse than the 15m we had on the bottom, due to haloclines. Because of the comparatively short time spent at depth, our 44 minute dive duration includes only a couple of minutes on the bow at 12m plus a minute at 3m.



Salt Cod

After a night in the holiday village of Askvoll, we are ready to dive one of the great classic Norway wreck sites in the Krakhell sound, the Ferndale and Parat. These two wrecks lie, one behind the other, on a steep rocky slope. The Ferndale starts at 20m and her stern rail is at 40m. Parat takes over and continues down to 80m or so. We follow Bill and Simon down the shot to 30m and descend to the stern handrail of the Ferndale, intact at 40m. We then make a brief tour of the bow of Parat, swimming out at 43m over the foredeck past a deckhouse, mast and hold until we are level with the bridge. The deck is now some 12m below us but still clearly visible. We return to the stern of Ferndale and begin our ascent by bypassing a deckhouse and entering the rear hold. We ascend the ship through the hold. As we get closer and closer to the bow, the wreck becomes more and more broken up until at 20m it becomes a kelp forest with only occasional bits of wreckage visible.

Between dives we head south, stopping occasionally to fish for supper. Helen had a first go with the traditional Norwegian hand line that she bought in the chandlers at Bodo, and almost immediately caught a good-sized Saithe. Beginners luck!

The second dive of the day is the Inger Seks, chiefly remarkable for the large number of Lions Mane jellyfish around the line and in the water. We max out at 40m and try and keep the decompression to a minimum. For a bit of variety we leave the wreck at 25m and continue our ascent up the rocky shore. Following the dive we head into Brekke for the night, where the bar has a traditional Viking-style living grass roof. This looks great and keeps the rain off, but I think it must be very difficult to mow. The views from the terrace of the sun setting over the Sognefjord are very spectacular, a great way to round off a day's diving.



To be Continued.

BVI – 2003

David Parkinson

This has been sitting around unfinished for some time and as I'm off the Caribbean again I thought it about time that it got finished!

Last year, as the year before, we had arranged to spend a week on a yacht with my brother and his wife in the British Virgin Islands. We had had such an enjoyable time before on Quest with Steve and Valda that we had booked her again.

As usual the question arose as to what to do in

the area for another week. This time the various travel companies I contacted weren't as helpful as the previous year and I finally gave up and took the easy way out and booked flights and accommodation through Harlequin Travel for 9 days in Leverick Bay at the north end of Virgin Gorda. This put us a short ferry ride from where we were picking up the boat on Tortola. The flight back (via Antigua) was on a Wednesday which meant we also had a few days to fill between the end of the yacht charter (Sunday) and the flight. I ended up booking a few additional days on Cooper Island. Harlequin were also happy to switch the flights from BA to BWI. (On our first visit to the BVI we went with BA – it was the most uncomfortable long haul flight I have ever been on, a true “cattle” class).

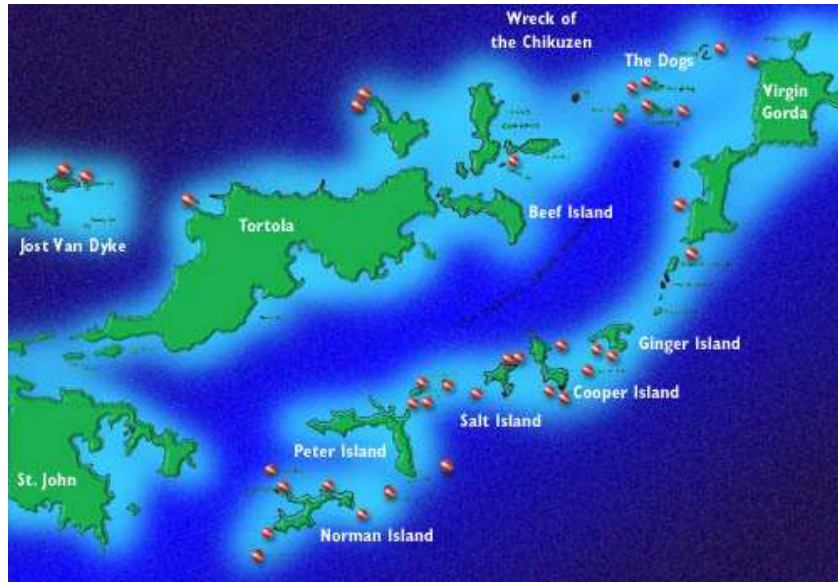
In January we heard that there was a problem with Quest. They had had a small fire on board and, as the boat was going into the shop, they'd decided to have a full refit. Unfortunately things were progressing on “Caribbean time” and the boat wouldn't be ready for our charter. We had a few weeks of chasing around whilst a replacement was arranged – the first one offered being unsuitable as there was no diving included. We finally got it all sorted and then it was just a matter of getting out there and enjoying ourselves....

Things didn't start too well as, after we'd checked in at Heathrow, we discovered that the plane was still in Tobago with a technical fault. A 12-hour delay was expected. To give them their due BWI

were very good in the circumstances. They shipped us off to a nearby hotel where they provided us with a room and food and also kept us fully informed as to what was going on. At 2pm, as promised, we were told that the plane was in the air headed for the UK and that we would be leaving ~10:30pm. (Note: With BWI you get

some legroom and the seats do recline significantly more than the few inches you get with BA – a far more comfortable flight!).

Once we were in the air we discovered that, to catch up time, the flight was heading straight to



Tobago rather than via Antigua (our destination). So we ended up in Tobago at 2am, were transhipped to a flight to Antigua that had been held over, and finally arrived in Antigua at the crack of dawn. We twiddled our thumbs for about four hours before we could catch an onward flight to Tortola. This arrived just too late for us to catch the noon ferry to Virgin Gorda. A few hours later we finally arrived at Leverick Bay about 20 hours late having been through six “international” airports in total!

We had lovely room on the hillside that overlooked North Sound. The only downside was that without transport we were locked into Leverick Bay – not too much of a problem if you were after relaxation and not doing very much, but it did rather limit our choice as to where we could eat. One day we hired a jeep for \$50 and toured Virgin Gorda (doesn't take long!). We stopped off at “The Baths” (scene of my brother's dislocated elbow on the previous trip) for some snorkelling and lunch. From one point on the road near Leverick Bay a 40 minute trek up through the trees takes you to an observation platform on the top of the island from which you get panoramic views of the island and more.

Another day we hired a small boat plus outboard and wandered around North Sound visiting places like the Fat Virgin Café, Biras Creek and Bitter End. Reflecting the style of the place this basic

boat cost us \$75 for the day – 50% more than the jeep hire!

I had arranged my first week's diving with Dive BVI who operated out of Leverick Bay. My typical day started with a few minutes walk down the hillside to the pier and the dive boat for an 8am departure for a two-tank dive. (Jet lag helps here!). I got back in time for a late lunch with Lesley after which we would do some swimming/snorkelling in the bay.

After last year Lesley prepared for this trip by having some snorkelling lessons from Dave Tonge. Dave's excellent instruction meant she had a very enjoyable time, both in Leverick Bay and when we were on the boat. At first glance the Bay did not seem too promising for snorkelling, but we managed to find (amongst the other things) a small Moray eel in the sand, Baracuda, Flounders and a small Nurse Shark that was lurking under a boulder.



Porcupinefish

The diving was typical Caribbean diving; warm (26°C) blue water, excellent viz and depths around 20m. There were a mixture of wildlife and coral dives. I revisited various of the sites I'd done the previous year but also managed to dive a fair number of new sites.



**No walking around with heavy tanks on.
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Naturally a repeat dive was the wreck of the 2738 ton RMS Rhone, a site made famous by Jacqueline Bisset in the 1977 film "The Deep" with Nick Nolte fighting off man eating moray eels.... The Rhone sank in a hurricane in October 1867. It lies in two sections just off Black Point on Salt Island. It is always done as a two-tank dive, with the deeper (23m) bow section being dived first. The bow section lies on its side and the mast provides a nice gathering point for a variety of fish life. You can enter the hull through an open hatch and there is a simple swim-through to emerge through the broken hull.



Squirrel Fish under the mast of the Rhone

After a 45 minute(!) surface interval we were back in the water to do the stern. This is much more broken up than the bow and the majority of it lies at around 11m. You always get shown the "sights" of the dance floor, tool set, signalling canon, teaspoon and porthole but there is plenty more to see if you keep your eyes open. As with any wreck there is plenty of wildlife around to entertain.



Parrot fish on the Rhone

I did a night dive on Seal Dog Rock (a pinnacle next to Seal Dog) which turned out to be excellent. We did a gentle circumnavigation of the pinnacle at ~12m. The major find on this dive

were two (large) sleeping turtles. Unfortunately my photography did not work out well on this dive as there was a certain amount of suspended matter in the water.

Another repeat dive was the 268ft Chikuzen, a genuine wreck of a Japanese refrigeration vessel lying on a sandy bottom at 22m in the middle of nowhere and so a magnet for the local fish life. We were lucky again in that the sea was completely flat. A week and a half later, listening to the weather forecast in the taxi on the way to the airport, I gathered the waves there were about 3m high precluding any diving. We completed two circuits of the wreck. It was an enjoyable dive but there weren't the huge shoals of yellow tails there had been on my previous visit. I still haven't seen either of the two large jew fish that are rumoured to inhabit the wreck.



A few yellow tails on the Chikuzen

The final dive with Dive BVI was The Devil's Kitchen off Cooper Island. Here we followed a reef at around 16m which was absolutely stuffed full of lobsters and the odd Moray. I came across a large green Moray which unfortunately refused to be tempted to emerge from its hole. Just before the return along the top of the reef we also came across some large Tarpon.

The diving with Dive BVI was ok, but the briefings did lack any form of visual aids. (I can't remember but they might have dug something out for the Rhone).



Green Moray

Coming up: Diving from Seahorse Seeker and then Sail Caribbean Divers from Cooper Island.

Club Officers

These are the current club officers you should contact if you have any questions or suggestions with regards to the club.

Post	Holder
<i>Chairman</i>	Robert Spray
<i>Diving Officer</i>	Vacancy
<i>Training Officer</i>	Craig Snowling
<i>Assistant TO</i>	Sarah Miller
<i>Secretary</i>	Eric Nelson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Duncan Jay
<i>Expeditions Officer</i>	Dawn Watson
<i>Communications Officer</i>	David Parkinson
<i>Minibus Officer</i>	Vacancy
<i>Boat Officer</i>	Chris Nixon
<i>Equipment Officer</i>	Paul Unsworth
<i>Social Secretary</i>	Catherine Bacon



ORDERING OF SUNSTAR



SUB AQUA LOGO GARMENTS

If you've seen members walking around sporting garments with the club logo and wish to make an order then you need to see me, FrancEs Cook. I am usually down at the pool/ Lord Nelson pub on Monday club nights. I have only one catalogue book to show but it is worth looking through its extensive range of garments, hats and accessories.

Ordering is quite simple. Just choose garment type, size, colour (garment and logo) and let me know. For an extra charge of £3 you can even have variations of the logo eg. Sunstar logo on one side of the garment and the lettering of *Sunstar Sub Aqua* on another side.

Prices seen on the price list does not include VAT or postage and packing. I share out the cost of P&P between those who have placed an order.

It can take up to a month to receive your garments as the company has to order the garments in and they are also slow in sending an invoice so please be patient. But as many members will tell you it's well worth the wait.

The garments are good quality and wear and wash well. So do come down on a Monday and fix yourself up with some clothes that will make you proud to be a member of Sunstar Sub Aqua.

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Come and Join Us!

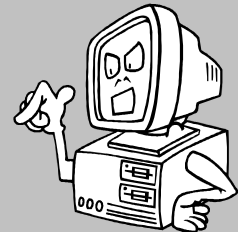
If you like what you've seen in this month's newsletter, why not think about joining Sunstar? Divers of all levels and persuasions are welcome! The club has great facilities for all kinds of diving, and offers a wide range of training and courses. We also organise loads of diving trips each year, both in the UK and abroad. Check out our website at <http://www.sunstar.org.uk/> to see what facilities we have (Minibus, Boats etc), what we do and what we have done (back issues of *SubScript*).

We have several schemes you could join under - varying from complete beginner to first-class diver. New Trainees normally pay ~£230 for the year (includes BSAC training materials and use of club equipment), whereas experienced divers pay ~£140 p.a. (inc BSAC subscription) with some discount available if you work at BT and already pay ATLAS membership. Please contact **Eric Nelson**, club secretary for Membership forms and the exact payment details on 01473 606592 or info@sunstar.org.uk.

Alternatively come and meet us on Monday nights in Ipswich at the Fore Street swimming pool (8:30-09:45pm) or afterwards in the Lord Nelson Pub.

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If you've been up to something interesting or would like to publicise something in relation to the club please contact me.



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Sunstar Diary 2004

February

1 - 28	New Zealand - Top to bottom. With bonus Australia <i>All of New Zealand</i>	Rob Spray	
23	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	training

March

1	Octopush <i>Fore Street Pool</i>	Eric Nelson	
1	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	training
8	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	M
15	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	training
20	BSAC Boat Handling Course <i>Felixstowe</i>	Graham Titley	training
22	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	training
27 - 28	London Dive Show	Craig Snowling	M training
29	Ocean Diver Training <i>Fore Street Class room & Pool</i>	Craig Snowling	training

April

2	Ocean Diver Training <i>Colchester pool.</i>	Craig Snowling	training
16	Ocean Diver Training <i>Colchester pool.</i>	Craig Snowling	training
24 - 25	Ocean Diver Training <i>Alton Water</i>	Craig Snowling	training club sport
30 ^{Apr} - 3 ^{May}	Dorset - Swanage Pier, Portland & more	Craig Snowling	M C training club D

May

15 - 16	Dive Charter, Taurus <i>Dover</i>	Pete Young	M sport D
28 ^{May} - 5 ^{Jun}	Gozo A Go Go!	Craig Snowling	M training club sport D

June

5 - 6	Lyme Bay <i>South Coast</i>	Steve Wright	M sport D
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July

17 - 18	Dive Charter, Taurus <i>Dover</i>	Pete Young	M sport D
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September

16 - 20	Farne Islands <i>Northumberland</i>	David Parkinson	M club sport D
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B	Buzo	sport	Only suitable for Sport Diver upwards
M	Minibus	dlplus	Only suitable for Dive Leaders and upwards
training	Training event	Full	Fully booked