

# Reading Dive Planner 2017

Welcome to The Diving Club RDP, 2017



## A few gentle reminders :



- Can all members please re-read and refresh themselves on the club rules and guidelines for trips.
- Please can all members update their qualifications and dive experience in their profile (email Jim Godsell - [membership@thedivingclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@thedivingclub.co.uk)). This is important as it helps the committee to plan better trips for you to enjoy.
- Note that this year to ensure charters are full, trips will be exclusive to club members for a set time. After that trips will be opened out to other clubs and divers.
- If you have any questions please ask your friendly dive organisers

## Plymouth – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March

Winter Warmer weekend package deal with South West Diving



Spaces: 10  
Ropes off: TBC  
Cost: £69

Boat  
B&B: £25 pppn  
(2 sharing)

Min Qual: OW  
Max Depth: 18m  
(plymouth sound)

Join us for 4 dives, inc hot pasties, drinks and sausage rolls on the boat.

Staying at the Mountbatten centre.

Still a good deal although no longer includes food.

Dive sites :  
Primary diving sites are within Plymouth sound. If the weather permits then £5 per person fuel surcharge gets us to Scylla & JEL



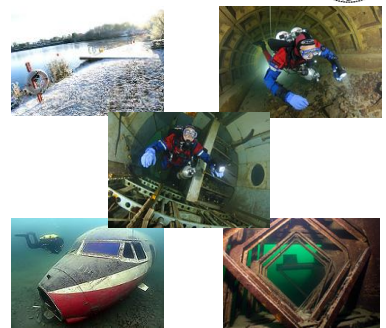
## Vobster - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Our inland new season kick off trip



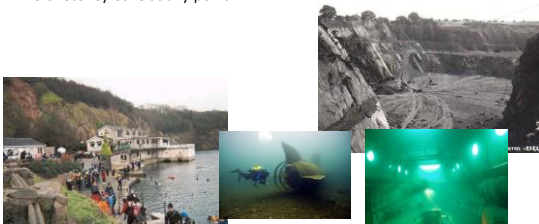
Spaces:  
Unlimited  
Ropes off: 8:30-16:45  
Cost: £18 entry  
Min Qual: ALL  
Max Depth: 30m

**Dive sites**  
Tunnel  
Aircraft  
Boats  
Armoured personnel carrier  
Crushing works  
...and lots more



## Inland diving days - 2017

The club are happy to help co-ordinate some inland diving days throughout the year. These are intended to help scratch those Diving itches and keep people diving, so please contact one of the dive organisers if you are interested in a trip to Vobster, NDAC or Stoney Cove at any point.

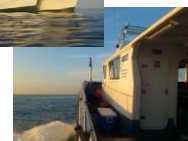


## Poole – 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Rocket**  
12m Cat

Spaces: 12  
Cost: £44 (inc food)  
Deposit: £10  
Min Qual:OW/AOW  
Max Depth: 18/30m

- New charter to us
- Deal for early season and first time
- Provides BBQ lunch
- Quayside parking / dive centre
- Many familiar dive sites but some closer from Poole than Swanage/Weymouth
- Easily commutable in a day, but also a nice place to stay



Wreck options:  
Betsy Anna  
Venezuela  
Valentines Tanks  
Scenic:  
Lots of scenic options,  
Possibility of sea horses




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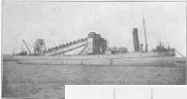


## West Bay – 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Ruby J**

Spaces: 10  
Cost: £52  
(inc hot dogs)  
Deposit: £10  
Min Qual: AOW  
Max Depth: 30m



Wreck options:  
Heroine (wooden barque)  
St. Dunstan  
HMS Landrail (31m max)  
Scenic:  
Lanes ground, High Ground,  
Sawtooth Ledges

## Pembrokeshire – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> to Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May

Spaces: 12  
Ropes off: TBC  
Cost: £40 per day  
Accom: £16pppn  
**3 Day Trip**  
Deposit: £TBA  
Min Qual: AOW  
Max Depth: 30m





We have booked the available accommodation – Cow Shed - 10 people, Granary 2-3.

**Dive sites – mostly scenic**

**The Islands**

- The Smalls lighthouse
- Skomer Island
- Skokholm Island
- Hats and Barrels and Grassholm

**The Coast**


- Solva area
- Jack Sound
- Hoopers Point
- St Anne's Head
- Milford Haven








## Tango of Weymouth – 24<sup>th</sup> June


Spaces: 12  
Ropes Off: TBC  
Cost: £47/day  
Deposit: £20  
Acc Cost: From £10/night!!  
Qual level: AOW



Boat Facilities:  
Lift  
Toilet  
On board accommodation!

**Itinerary may include (weather & tide dependant):**  
Wrecks – e.g. The Alex Van Opstel, The Binnendijk, The Elena R, The Aeolian Sky  
Scenic/Drifts – e.g. Shambles Bank, Portland Ledges, Stenis Ledges, etc

The Alex Van Opstel Max Depth 30m	The Binnendijk Max Depth 27m	The Elena R Max Depth 30m	The Aeolian Sky Max Depth 30m
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large passenger/cargo vessel.</li> <li>• Bow intact 7m high.</li> <li>• Only safely dive-able at one state of the tide.</li> <li>• Good bad weather dive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Benny went down after striking a mine.</li> <li>• Wreck is well broken but still substantial.</li> <li>• Often dive-able when most other sites are blown out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greek cargo ship.</li> <li>• Stands 6m in places but constantly buried and uncovered by shifting sands.</li> <li>• This has sand blasted and highly polished parts of the wreck.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very large wreck.</li> <li>• Lies on port side and stands some 12M.</li> <li>• Much evidence of her cargo within the wreck and strewn across the seabed.</li> </ul>



## St Abbs – 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Dive St Abbs**

Spaces: 6 or 12  
Ropes off: TBC  
Boat Cost: £177pp for 2 days diving + acc  
Deposit: £40 (Weekend booking only)  
Additional: Monday diving £20/£40  
Min Qual: OW (Deeper dives available)





**Reef Dives**


- The Barnyard
- Big Green Carr
- Black Carrs
- Cathedral Rock
- The Horn
- Pettico Wick
- Weasel Loch



## Eastbourne – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Sussex Shipwrecks

Spaces: 12  
Ropes off: TBC  
Cost: £48/day  
Min Qual: AOW (Optional Deep)  
Max Depth: 30m




1 x Wreck on slack and 1 drift, either on Wreck or scenic.

**Lots and lots of options for wrecks:**

*Well known: Alaulonia Oceana, Duchess, Argonaut, but also lots of lesser known ones.*

The skipper has great knowledge of the area, all the way from Dungeness to IOW. Option to try an unknown wreck if we wish.

Compressor can be made available on boat to avoid travelling for air fills.  
(If someone has nitrox blending qualifications he will provide an O2 cylinder at cost or bring your own)



## Tobermory – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Lochaline Boat Charters**

Spaces: 10  
Cost: £385 for 5 days  
Deposit: £90  
Min Qual: AOW  
Max Depth: 30m

3 Dives per day  
Air fills available on boat

**Popular dive sites:**  
Hispania, John Preston, Rondo, Thesis, Shuna, Swan, Ardtornish Point, Pennygown Quarry, Tapti, Nevada, General Consul, Aurania, Ardmore Point, Auliston Point, Calve Island, Bo Fasadale, Danny's Buoy, Elizabeth Rock, Loch Sunart and the diving around the Isle of Muck.





**Accommodation:**  
Bad Daraich House  
5 Bedrooms (double and twins)



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## Swanage – 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Shuttles from the pier – or full boat charter available

Spaces: 12

Ropes off: tbc

Cost: approx. £50 (dependent on shuttle costs)

Deposit: £10

Min Qual: OW/AOW

- Kyarra,
- Peveril Ledges
- Old Harry Rocks
- Clan McVey
- Valentine Tanks, etc



Or just amuse yourself under the pier ☺

## Lymington – 23<sup>rd</sup> September

### Wight Spirit

Spaces: 12

Ropes off: TBD

Cost: £47 (TBC)

Deposit: £10

Min Qual: AOW

Max Depth: 30m



2<sup>nd</sup> dive:  
Christchurch Ledge drift  
or Rocken End Reef  
or War Knight



### Possible Dive Sites :

Venezuela (28m)

730 tons French steamer, torpedoed

March 1918

Spyros (30m)

387 tons Greek steamer sunk 1920

Tank Landing Craft (28m)

D-Day sunk on return (no tanks)

Asborg (30m)

•Norwegian Steamer, 2751 tons,  
torpedoed Jan 1918



## Joint Dives with RBSAC

We will aim to organise a couple of joint dates with RBSAC to go out on the RIBs if anyone expresses an interest

Dates will be organised nearer the time to fit between existing bookings

Day trips: Travel together from Reading on the day, travel costs shared between divers. Total cost of day approx £45



Sites chosen based upon conditions on the day  
Relaxed pace to the day  
RIBs enable access to sites not available from hard boats  
Let dive organisers know if specifically interested



## Non-Club Trips

Paul Fiander – Tango - Easter Bank Holiday Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> Apr

Sue Mitchell – St Marys IOS – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – 6 Spaces



Enjoy diving in 2017!

