



# CANARY DIVERS



## Canary Divers Newsletter – January 2012

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# Happy New Year !

And here we are into yet another new year – welcome to 2012 (does it really seem 12 years since we all celebrated the Millennium!)

Alan, Stuart, Mick and Stewart hope you had a cracking Xmas, and not too many headaches / hangovers ☺

As we start to gear up for another fun filled year, its time for us all to really get into planning the year ahead – we are in for our biggest year yet, with an unparalleled number of trips and holidays to get through

Whilst there is not a lot ‘new’ to report since last December’s newsletter, we do need to push a few reminders your way – so important that we do so in this newsletter

There is also a new trip (non diving) in February to Accrington Fire Station – where you can bring your kids to see the real ‘Fireman Sam’ (or Fireman Mick ☺ ) See later in this newsletter for details

### Holiday Payments

To help everyone plan ahead, here’s a quick overdue as to when your holiday balances will be due:

**Gozo Holiday** (19<sup>th</sup> May) – Full balance to be paid 10 weeks prior to holiday – therefore the latest date is **10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Liveaboard Holiday** (24<sup>th</sup> Aug) – Full balance to be paid 12 weeks prior to holiday – therefore the latest date is **1<sup>st</sup> June**

Can we remind everyone that you don’t have to wait to the final date to pay balances – We do have our savings club where you can pay money in to be used for courses, trips, kit etc. This is an ideal way to put money away for the Gozo and Liveaboard holidays without having the pressure on final dates to find the balance!

### Up & Coming Events:

**Hyperbaric Chamber Visit**  
29<sup>th</sup> January

**Accrington Fire Station Visit**  
12<sup>th</sup> February

**Vobster / NDAC Weekend**  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Anglesey Boat Dive**  
13<sup>th</sup> May–Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

**Club Holiday (1)**  
May 19<sup>th</sup>– Gozo (and Malta)

**Anglesey Boat Dive**  
10<sup>th</sup> June –Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

**Club Holiday (2)**  
August 2012 - Red Sea Liveaboard

### Up & Coming Courses:

**Advanced OW –**  
Spring 2012 – Register your interest NOW!

**Rescue Diver Weekend –**  
Spring 2012 – Register your interest NOW!

**Emergency Oxygen Provider Speciality –**  
February 11th

**Enriched Air Speciality –**  
February 25th

**Members Referral Fee!**  
Earn yourself **£20 in vouchers** for goods in the shop for every referral you make resulting in an OW Course

### **Capernwray Winter Opening Hours**

Don't forget, the winter opening hours at Capernwray are:

<b>MON, TUE, WED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OPEN 10.00AM TO 5PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OPEN 10.00AM TO 5PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OPEN 09.00AM TO 5PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OPEN 09.00AM TO 5PM</b>

### **Liveboard 2012**

We are now down to only ONE space available on the Liveboard – see 'Trips' Section if you are interested

### **This Month's Certifications**

Congratulations go out this month to:

<b>Student Name</b> [First/Middle/Last]	<b>Cert. Date</b> [dd-mmm-yyyy]	<b>Certification</b> Level
Craig Sharman	08-Dec-11	Open Water

### **New Look Website**

The Canary Divers website took on a new look and feel over the Xmas period – much clearer, brighter layout and opens up capability for an on line store – check it out at [www.canarydivers.com](http://www.canarydivers.com)

### **Canary Divers On Line Store**

The long awaited 'On Line Store' is nearing completion, and will go live in the next couple of weeks – nothing new for our members as you can already buy everything within the On Line Store from the shop – however what it WILL do for you is effectively give you your own complete catalogue of our products! The on line store will also expand the Canary Divers name to others.....remember as a member you get 10% discount on most products in the shop (some we cannot unfortunately give a discount as we sell them at little markup), but these discounts won't be available on the website – so for members its best to order in the shop rather than on line!

Watch this space for more 'Go Live' news!

### **Advanced Open Water & Rescue Courses – Spring 2012**

Our programme of Advanced and Rescue courses will pick up again in Spring 2012 – but its not to early to register for these courses and collect your learning materials from the shop

### **Emergency Oxygen Provider Course – 11<sup>th</sup> February**

This is a 'must have' course for all DM's and Rescue divers (and anyone else who MAY be in a position where they need to provide oxygen to other divers)

Cost of the course will be £60 (assuming we can get 8 attendees) including all learning materials and certification (standard price - £90) – **Book Now!**

### **Enriched Air (Nitrox) Course – 25<sup>th</sup> February**

For anyone attending the Liveboard, this is a must have – given that we have FREE Nitrox all week which will benefit everyone. Cost of the course will be £70 (assuming we can get 8 attendees) including all learning materials and certification (standard price - £110) – **Book Now!**

## **Up and Coming Trips**

### **CLUB TRIP – Hyperbaric Chamber (Wirral) – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 ONLY 2 PLACES REMAINING**

#### **Details:**

Those who have been to the chamber before will verify what a fun day this is!

The day consists of a short presentation on the work carried out at the **recompression** unit. Diving safety, decompression illness and the basic management of a patient suffering from DCI. You will then be briefed on the safety aspects of the **recompression chamber** and introduced to the chamber environment where you can experience the effects of nitrogen narcosis as we 'dry dive' to 50m.

You must possess a self certification, and be able to provide evidence that on the day that you are medically fit to dive. We also require proof of a diver qualification. Bring your log-books to obtain a verification stamp and check the accuracy of your dive computer.

Minimum age 16 years.

***Cost is £25 per person, plus shared transport costs. We are limited to 26 spaces, so reserve your place now at the shop (with a minimum £10 non refundable deposit)***

### **CLUB TRIP – Accrington Fire Station Visit – Sunday 12th Feb - Limited to 40 Places! Book Now!**

#### **Details:**

This trip is a chance to see the genuine 'Fireman Sam' in action

Excellent day out for the kids, but unfortunately limited to children over 6 years accompanied by parents

Cost of the trip - £1 per person! as a donation to the firestation funds

Book your place in the shop NOW!

### **CLUB TRIP: VOBSTER / NDAC WEEKEND – END APRIL 2010 (20 Spaces Max)**

Those who came on this weekend last year will be aware what an excellent weekend we had! So we are repeating the trip!

#### **Itinerary Overview:**

##### **Friday PM:**

- Travel to overnight accommodation (Warrens Holiday Village) – [www.warrensholidayvillage.com/](http://www.warrensholidayvillage.com/)
- Evening Meal & Refreshments available

##### **Saturday:**

- Diving at Vobster (approx. 40 mins) – [www.vobster.com](http://www.vobster.com)
- Travel back to accommodation
- Evening Meal & Refreshments available

##### **Sunday:**

- Diving at NDAC (approx. 30 mins) [www.ndac.co.uk](http://www.ndac.co.uk)
- Travel Home

Price is expected to be approx. £90 (£60 non divers), which will include 2 nights B&B, and Diving at both sites (Not included will be shared transport, tank fills, evening meal). Non refundable deposits of £40 will be needed – and spaces will be on a first come basis

***Spaces will be limited – and this will fill up fast for this excellent weekend, So don't get caught out and register your interest in the shop now! No Deposit needed until final date (end April) is confirmed, but we DO need to get numbers together!***

## Up and Coming Trips (Continued)

**CLUB TRIP - Anglesey (Boat Dive) – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, ~~SOLD OUT~~, 8<sup>th</sup> July ~~SOLD OUT~~ 5<sup>th</sup> August 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November**

### Details:

Cost - only £55 (Shared travel costs will also apply)

\* 1 days Boat Diving

**Book places NOW – Allocation will be shared amongst members so everyone has a chance to go!  
(£30 Non Refundable Deposit Required)**



## Club Holiday: GOZO 2012 - 19th to 25th May 2012

**For those who couldn't get a place on the Liveboard, or who are looking for a cheaper option, or want to go on both!**

**Such has been the demand for other holidays, we have arranged a further holiday next year, back to Gozo again. This year's holiday was such a success that people want to go again!**



### Details:

This will be a 1 week diving holiday. Those who have been before will know that this is an excellent venue and we are pleased to be offering this again

As usual we will be using the facilities of 'Gozo Aquasports' for the provision of our Tanks & Weights (own kit needed - can be hired from Canary Divers if needed)

This diving holiday is suitable for everyone from Open Water upwards, as there are suitable dive sites for all levels of experience, and non diving partners are also welcome

£570 per person (members) £600 per person (non members)  
(Ask for prices for non divers)

### Includes:

- \* 6 days Unlimited Shore Diving
- \* Scheduled Air Malta Flights (inc on board meal)
- \* Shared Self Catering Accommodation
- \* Shared Jeep Hire & Car Insurance
- \* All Transfers across Malta, Ferries etc (does not include transport to / from Manchester Airport, which will be arranged at an additional group cost (price tbc))
- \* 'Dry Room' facilities at Gozo Aquasports

**This is filling up fast – book your places NOW! – ONLY 3 PLACES REMAIN!  
(£150 Non Refundable Deposit Secures Your Place!)**

## **2012 Canary Divers Club Holiday – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – ONE PLACE ONLY**

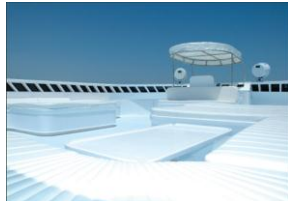
Due to an unfortunate cancellation, we now have **ONE PLACE remaining** on next years club holiday – a week ALL INCLUSIVE on the much acclaimed MY Blue Horizon – Winner of 'Liveaboard Of The Year' for 3 years running (only the best for Canary Divers Members!).



### **The Itinerary – A mixture of Wrecks and Reefs!**

This itinerary follows a North and Brothers route and during the week, divers will experience the excitement of diving famous wrecks of the Red Sea, including the SS Thistlegorm, Carnatic, Ulysses, Ghiannis D and the Dunraven. This allows divers who love wrecks to dive just that, so anyone who has an active interest in wreck diving will love this itinerary. However, it is also interesting to bear in mind is that many of these Red Sea wrecks have been underwater for a very long time and have formed 'artificial reefs', teeming with life. This itinerary would therefore be enjoyed by all divers

To reserve these final places - a £200 non refundable deposit is needed (Total holiday price is £1200)



**NEW** Submit your comments for publication in the newsletter!  
**NEW** Submit your trip suggestions (no promises but let's see what can be accommodated!)  
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