



CANARY DIVERS



Canary Divers Newsletter – March 2011

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Are You Awake Yet?

Well, we are into MARCH already, and it's nice to see many of you waking up from the winter hibernation and coming to see us in the shop. We are gearing up for the best year yet – and hope more of you will come along and get involved in our courses, holidays, and trips

First the bad news – we needed to cancel the Egypt trip on 13th March due to the political unrest in the country – I'm sure you'll understand that we could not (at the time of needing to finalise) guarantee the safety of our members or indeed guarantee that we could get a flight

Early 2011 Certifications!

A few brave souls have ventured to Capernwray during February, where it's a 'tropical' (I jest) 4 degrees! It's not easy undertaking skills in cold conditions so extra special congratulations go out to:

- **Eric Ashcroft** – Open Water Certification
- **Greg Robertson** – Open Water Certification
- **Steve Roberts** – Advanced Open Water Certification
- **Jad Abouzeid** – Advance Open Water Certification

Anglesey Boat Trip – 13th March **SOLD OUT**

As we anticipated, this trip filled up quickly and we have filled the boat (in fact had to give up all but one of our own places so others could attend)

GOZO HOLIDAY

Please be aware that we need to finalise the Gozo trip. We have now CLOSED entries into the holiday. We do have a couple of spaces still available and will try to fill these upon request, however flight supplements may apply as we have used up our allocated booking with Air Malta

Up & Coming Events:

Anglesey

13th March – Puffin Island / seal dive etc **SOLD OUT!!**

Vobster Quay / NADC

7th / 8th May – in planning (see details in this newsletter)

Stoney Cove

2nd / 3rd July (TBC) – in planning

Bovisand Plymouth

20th / 21st August – in planning (see details in this newsletter)

Gozo 2011

9th – 16th September 2011

See special notice in this newsletter

Anglesey

23rd October – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

– **NEW! EASY PAYMENT OPTION NOW AVAILABLE** – Pay Monthly into the shop (or as often as you like) towards any trip!

Up & Coming Courses:

Advanced OW Weekend –

26th / 27th March

(see special section in this newsletter)

Rescue Diver Weekend –

23rd / 24th April

(see special section in this newsletter)

Members Referral Fee!

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

Up and Coming Trips

- Anglesey (Boat Dive) – Day Trip (13th March)
– **NOW SOLD OUT**
- **NEXT TRIP - Vobster Quay / NDAC Chepstow (Inland Dive)**
- (7th / 8th May) - 30 spaces Max



<http://www.vobster.com/>



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



<http://www.warrensholidayvillage.com/>

Itinerary Overview:

Friday PM:

- Travel to overnight accommodation (Warrens Holiday Village) – Approx 3 hours
- Evening Meal available
- Bar

Saturday:

- Travel to Vobster (approx. 40 mins)
- Diving at Vobster
- Fill tanks before departure
- Travel back to accommodation
- Evening Meal available
- Bar

Sunday:

- Travel to NDAC Chepstow (approx. 30 mins)
- Diving at NDAC
- 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 £25 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!

Up and Coming Trips (Continued)

- **Stoney Cove (Inland Dive) – Day / Weekend (2nd / 3rd July - Date TBC)**



- **Bovisand Plymouth (Boat Dive) – Weekend Trip (20th / 21st August) – 10 spaces only**



- **Anglesey (Boat Dive) – Day Trip (23rd October) – 10 spaces only**



As you'll observe, we are planning these in such a way that we'll try to avoid 'washout' on some of these by combining sea and inland sites

Advanced Open Water Diver **- 26th / 27th March** **GET THE MOST OUT OF GOZO!**

Exploration, Excitement, Experiences. They're what the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course is all about. And no, you don't have to be "advanced" to take it – it's designed so you can go straight into it after the [PADI Open Water Diver course](#). The Advanced Open Water Diver course helps you increase your confidence and build your scuba skills so you can become more comfortable in the water. This is a great way to get more dives under your belt while continuing to learn under the supervision of your PADI instructor. This course builds on what you've learned and develops new capabilities by introducing you to new activities and new ways to have fun scuba diving.

The Fun Part: Your Choice

You'll hone your skills by completing five adventure dives that introduce you to:

- [Underwater navigation](#)
- [Deeper water diving](#) (typically anywhere from 18-30 metres/ 60-100 feet)
- A sampler of three more Adventure Dives of your choice



**PADI ADVANCED
OPEN WATER DIVER**

BUILD YOUR DIVE EXPERIENCES

With the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course you'll gain the confidence, skills and experience for a whole new level of underwater exploration. Choose from a selection of different types of dive eg. Night, Wreck, Drift, Deep, to build your experience in a supervised way. Move beyond the Open Water Diver level and take one step closer to Master Scuba Diver – the ultimate recreational diving rating.

Build your knowledge too with the essential product items that accompany this course.

One reason you'll love the Advanced Open Water Diver course is that you and your instructor choose from 15 types of Adventure Dives to complete your course. You can try your hand at [digital underwater photography](#), [wreck diving](#), [night diving](#), [diving with underwater scooters](#), [peak performance buoyancy](#) and much more.

- Get credit! Each Adventure Dive in the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver course may credit toward the first dive of the corresponding PADI Specialty Diver course.

Book onto this course in the shop NOW!

What You Learn

The knowledge and skills you get in the [Advanced Open Water Diver course](#) vary with your interest and the adventures you have, but include

- Practical aspects of deep diving
- Physiological effects of deeper scuba diving.
- More ways to use your underwater compass
- How to navigate using kick-cycles, visual landmarks and time
- How to better use your [dive computer](#) and electronic Recreational Dive Planner™ (eRDP™)
- And much, much more, depending on the Adventure Dives you choose

For those going to GOZO this is the ideal certification – some of the dives at GOZO are deeper than 'Open Water' certified levels. Whilst not a 'must' this will certainly prepare you !

Rescue Diver Course

– 23th / 24th April
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“Challenging” and “rewarding” best describe the PADI Rescue Diver course. Building upon what you’ve already learned, this course expands on what you already know about how to prevent problems, and how to manage them if they occur.

The Fun Part

The fun part about this course is rising to challenges and mastering them. Most divers find this course both demanding and rewarding, and at the end, say it’s the best course they’ve ever taken.

What You Learn

- Self rescue
- Recognizing and managing stress in other divers
- Emergency management and equipment
- Rescuing panicked divers
- Rescuing unresponsive divers



PADI RESCUE DIVER

THE BEST COURSE YOU’LL EVER TAKE

Prepare yourself to prevent problems and manage dive emergencies with the challenging and rewarding PADI Rescue Diver course. Learn to consider the safety and well-being of other divers and build your own confidence. Many divers say this is the best course they’ve ever taken.



Emergency First Response

Get ready to react to medical emergencies in the Emergency First Response Primary Care (CPR), Secondary Care (first aid) and/or Care for Children courses. You’ll need to have these qualifications or equivalent before taking the PADI Rescue Diver course.

The PADI Rescue Diver crewpak includes all materials required to complete the PADI Rescue Diver course – including a pocket mask. You’ll learn how to think like a rescue diver and preview skills you’ll practice with your PADI Instructor.

This tool box of knowledge and technique will give you the expertise to handle almost any emergency situation.

Book onto this course in the shop NOW!



New Members Service – Canary Divers Email Address

Our latest member benefit is your own 'Canary Divers' email address. We are pleased to be able to offer all members access to their own personalised email address (example your.name@canarydivers.com). We can set this up for you and provide instructions as to how to set up Outlook / Outlook Express to receive your mails

If you would like your own 'canarydivers.com' email address, then send a mail to members@canarydivers.com and we can set this up for you

Spring Special Offers

We have teamed up with our suppliers to try to bring you some special deals on your dive kit. Many divers wait till after the winter hibernation to look at their kit and decide on additions and replacements. Look out for the Spring Special Offers bulletin, which has been issued at the same time as this March Newsletter

Savings Club

Some of you have asked for a savings club where you can pay money in to be used for courses, trips, kit etc. This is now in place, where we have separate accounts for keeping members money away from business money – so if anyone wants to start paying into their members account, then feel free – the ideal way to put cash aside for Gozo?

PADI Mobile Apps Launched



Ever been somewhere and suddenly wondered, "Hey, is there a PADI Dive Shop around here?" Now you can find out in a flash, with the **free** PADI App for your Apple and Android OS based phone or tablet. It lets you use your phone to search by city, state or zip/postal code for PADI Dive Centers or Resorts all over the world—or select your current location and find the closest PADI Dive Center or Resort.

The PADI App gives you the option to view your search results in a list format starting with the closest Dive Centers and Resorts, or map format. Click on the listing and you'll get the center's contact information and PADI Five-Star status (PADI store rating). With some listings you'll even get things like the PADI courses offered at that facility, brands of gear they carry and more.

[Take a Tour of How the PADI App Works](#)

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More features will be developed and added to the PADI App, so stay tuned!

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