



CANARY DIVERS



Canary Divers Newsletter – March 2012

Canary Divers, 184 Burnley Road, Blackburn, BB1 3HW Tel: 01254 696690

Website: www.canarydivers.com eMail: info@canarydivers.com

It's Dive Time!



Hurrah – we are into March and HOPEFULLY we will start to see the water temperatures begin to rise and the enforced hibernation come to an end. We will shortly be commencing our 'backlog' of new students going through their Open Water and Advanced certifications at Capernwray. At the time of writing however, the water temperature is still only 4 degrees – so we have a little way to go yet. As you know, we don't like taking new students into water that cold – as we want them to ENJOY their first diving experiences! We are eagerly watching the water temperatures moving up a little – and then away we go

As can be seen from the picture above (taken 26th Feb) some brave souls have started to venture out and try the clear waters at Capernwray – are YOU one of them ☺

A 'safety' reminder for everyone – remember that your kit may not have been in the water for some time – may be worth a trip to the pool to ensure all is functioning correctly before you start to venture out!

On a separate subject, can we remind everyone going to GOZO that their balances are due to be paid by the **10th of this month!**

For anyone interested in attending our next RESCUE DIVER course – we are currently tentatively planning this for the weekend of 2nd / 3rd June at Coniston – see separate item later in this newsletter

Up & Coming Events:

Vobster / NDAC Weekend
27th April 2012

Anglesey Boat Dive
13th May – Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

Club Holiday (1)
May 19th – 26th - Gozo

Anglesey Boat Dive
10th June – Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

Anglesey Boat Dive
8th July – Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

Anglesey Boat Dive
5th August – Day Trip – Puffin Island / seal dive etc

Club Holiday (2)
August 2012 - Red Sea Liveaboard

Bovisand Plymouth
Sept? – Weekend trip - (In Planning)

Vivian (North Wales)
October – Day trip - (In Planning)

Up & Coming Courses:

Advanced OW –
Spring 2012 – Register your interest NOW!

Rescue Diver Weekend –
2nd / 3rd June – Register your interest NOW!

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

Accrington Fire Station Visit

This trip was a roaring success (no pun intended) – with about 30 people coming along. The kids all had a fun day and the trip proved very informative as well. Our thanks go out to Mick for arranging this and to Tania (Penny) for supporting us on the day.

Shame that Fireman Sam, Elvis, and Station Officer Steele were all on a day off.....



Holiday Payments

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

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

Liveboard Holiday (24th Aug) – Full balance to be paid 12 weeks prior to holiday – therefore the latest date is **1st 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 Liveboard holidays without having the pressure on final dates to find the balance!

Canary Divers On Line Store

The long awaited 'On Line Store' is now compete and is 'live', – 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! The shop is available at www.canarydivers.com/canarystore.htm

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

New Feature – Photo Of The Month

Just for fun, a new feature is our 'Photo of the month' – simply upload your diving (or club) related photo onto the Facebook page – once a month we'll select one to feature

To get us started....Thanks to Alan Foster for this superb submission.....



Liveboard 2012

We still have ONE space available on the Liveboard – see 'Trips' Section if you are interested

This Month's Certifications

Congratulations go out this month to:

Student Name	Cert. Date	Certification Level
Warren Hope	11-Feb-12	Oxygen Provider
Alan Holden	11-Feb-12	Oxygen Provider
Mick Knowles	11-Feb-12	Oxygen Provider
Simon Lund	11-Feb-12	Oxygen Provider
Eddie Thorne	11-Feb-12	Oxygen Provider
Alistair Norman	25-Feb-12	EANx (Nitrox)
Jordon Williams	25-Feb-12	EANx (Nitrox)
John Fletcher	25-Feb-12	EANx (Nitrox)
Matt Fletcher	25-Feb-12	EANx (Nitrox)
Mark Maddock	25-Feb-12	EANx (Nitrox)

Special Offers

January WEIGHT Offer

We managed to obtain a little additional weight from our supplier and will extend the offer to the end of March. As your own weight is an absolute must, then this is an offer not to be missed!

Weight Blocks - £4.50 per Kilo (normally £7 per Kilo)

Weight Shot Bags - £5.00 per Kilo (normally £7.50 per Kilo)

This means that a typical 12kg weight pack can be yours for only £54 rather than £84!

February / March 'Shortie' Wetsuit Offer

SAVE 40% ON RETAIL PRICE ON WATERPROOF LIBRA 5mm SHORTIES!

This month we have negotiated a special deal on 'Waterproof' 5mm Shortie Wetsuits – Ideal for the warmer waters for this years summer holidays (e.g. Liveaboard)



- 5mm Over-Vest.
- Step-in Over-Vest with extra long zipper for easy dressing.
- DUPONT Microcell Neoprene.
- Double-cup stitched for more waterproof seal.

Normal Retail price on these suits are £88.95 – however for the next month members can save a massive **40%** - as these can be yours for **JUST £55.00!** Most Sizes available

We have limited supplies at this price – when there are gone, they are gone!

Stop Press: We have also LIMITED SIZES of FULL Semi-Dry suits available ('Waterproof' 5mm Libra & 7mm Aries)

5mm Libra Full Suit – RRP £198, available in limited sizes for only £125

7mm Aries Full Suit – RRP £218, available in limited sizes for only £149

ASK for details of available sizes!



Up and Coming Trips

CLUB TRIP: VOBSTER / NDAC WEEKEND – END APRIL 2010 ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT!

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/
- Evening Meal & Refreshments available

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

- Diving at NDAC (approx. 30 mins) 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

CLUB TRIP - Anglesey (Boat Dive) – 13th May (1 place remaining), 10th June, (SOLD OUT), 8th July (SOLD OUT), 5th August 16th September, 7th October, 14th 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)**



Now also in planning:

Bovisand Plymouth

Sept? – Weekend trip - Watch this space

Vivian (North Wales)

October? – Day trip - Watch this space



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.

Advanced Open Water Diver

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

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

**– 2nd / 3rd June?
Coniston**

“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!



CLUB HOLIDAYS

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 now CLOSED for entries. We MAY be able to obtain additional places – however flight supplements WILL apply

2012 Canary Divers Club Holiday – 24th 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!)
NEW Submit your Classified Ads (for Sale etc)
members@canarydivers.com

Follow Us On Facebook!

Click Here to View Our Facebook Pages



To unsubscribe to this newsletter, email us with the word 'unsubscribe' in the Subject Heading