



CANARY DIVERS



Canary Divers Newsletter – April 2011

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Time To Go Diving!

April already, and the Dive season is underway (hurray!). At Canary Divers we have already completed our first trip (Anglesey) and a terrific day was had by all who attended. As this is the second time this venue has been successful we'll repeat this later in the year

Early 2011 Certifications!

More brave souls have ventured to Capernwray during March, where temperatures are on the rise – now up to 7 degrees! It's not easy undertaking skills in cold conditions so extra special congratulations go out to:

- **Mark Holland** – Open Water Certification
- **Martin Dillon** – Open Water Certification

GOZO HOLIDAY – A FEW 'CANCELLED' SPACES AVAILABLE

Although formally closed, the club holiday has a couple of spaces left (due to an unfortunate cancellation).

If anyone is interested in taking up a 'last minute' space then please advise in the shop urgently

See also special Bulletin in this newsletter for travel arrangements etc

VOBSTER / NDAC TRIP FILLING UP – Book Now!

In May we have the next trip, to Vobster and NDAC on 7th / 8th May

These are both Inland dive sites, so no chance of a wash out – and safe for all certification levels!

The hardest part of trip arrangements are the accommodation – we need to finalise this shortly, so PLEASE – if you are considering attending – do let us know urgently in the shop

Up & Coming Events:

Anglesey

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 –

April 2011 (date TBC)

(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

- **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



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 – Rearranged for April **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

– 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



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!



Gozo Holiday – Planning Information

As Air Malta have amended the flight times (beyond our control) , I thought I'd write out to everyone to confirm the current plan and provide some further details in order for everyone to make holiday arrangements at work etc

Flights:

Flight out: Manchester to Malta Luga (KM0139) departs Manchester 09:00am arrives Malta 13:25pm

Return: Malta Luga to Manchester (KM0138) departs Malta Luga 05:25 am, arrives Manchester 08:00 am

Transport to and from Manchester: We will leave the Canary Divers shop at 05:45 am – **PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP WHETHER YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH US OR MAKING YOUR OWN WAY TO THE AIRPORT**

On the return trip we'll be collected from Manchester and expect to be back at the shop by 10:30 am

Baggage Allowance: Passengers travelling on Air Malta flights in Economy Class are allowed 20 kgs free checked-in baggage weight. Each passenger is allowed to carry 1 piece of hand baggage. The dimensions should not exceed 18 cms x 45 cms x 50 cms and it should not weigh more than 8 kgs

Additional Diving Baggage: THIS IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY AND IF NEEDED NEEDS TO BE BOOKED WITH AIR MALTA SEPERATELY – YOU MAY FEEL YOU CAN GET YOUR KIT INTO YOUR 20K ALLOWANCE

Air Malta gives you the flexibility to purchase Sports Baggage vouchers to cover the carriage of your sports equipment at only € 20 per piece per flight. Booking can be made up to 24 hours prior departure by using the booking form below.

However, see this statement currently on the Air Malta Website

“Air Malta is waiving the applicable Sports Baggage Fee on Diving Equipment. During this offer, there is no need to purchase any Sports Baggage Voucher for Diving Equipment. Simply show up at the airport and Air Malta will carry your diving equipment for free. Offer valid up till end of May 2011.

Waiver applies to one separate bag containing only personal diving equipment not exceeding 32 kilos”

You MAY be as well holding off until closer to the time, before booking additional baggage, as Air Malta MAY extend this offer if we are lucky.

This is the link to book additional sports baggage: http://www.airmalta.com/page_x.aspx?!=1&p=1672

Don't forget to print your Sports Baggage Voucher and to present it at check-in, as passengers with no voucher will be charged € 30 per piece per flight.

We currently have 25 members on this holiday, we do have a few spaces left (for both Divers and Non Divers) that we MAY be able to add others, but these may be subject to an additional flight supplement as flight process are now increasing the closer we get to the date

Pre-Holiday Meeting:We WILL be having a pre-holiday get together to confirm anything you are not sure of, and to complete the necessary diving paperwork – we'll arrange that much nearer the time

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)

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