



CANARY DIVERS



Canary Divers Newsletter – May 2011

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A Diving We Will Go!

Into May, and the Dive season is underway (hurray!). The Weekend trip to Vobster and NDAC was a cracking weekend and those who attended had a good 2 days Diving!



Despite the weather, we managed to dodge many of the showers and get plenty of good dives in. The Accommodation was good, although the restaurant 'had it's moments'!!



The next trip is Bovisand at Plymouth – which is already filling up! We are taking deposits now in the shop – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Advanced Open Water & Rescue Courses

In this issue we also discuss the 'Advanced Open Water' and 'Rescue' courses that are coming up – if you are interested then REGISTER for your place now – both excellent courses! See the special bulletins later in this issue

GOZO REMINDER – Full payment for this holiday is due at the beginning of June – please help us to help you by getting your balances paid off asap

More 2011 Certifications!

More brave souls have ventured into the water during April:

- **Tony Holt** – Open Water Certification
- **Arron Nutter** – Junior Open Water Certification

Up & Coming Events:

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

Club Holiday 2011
In Planning

– 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 –
May / June 2011
(see special section in
this newsletter)

Rescue Diver Weekend –
25th / 26th June
(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

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



Register Your Interest Now! THIS WILL FILL UP FAST AS WE ONLY HAVE 10 SPACES!

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



Up & Coming Courses

Advanced Open Water Course

We have a number of people now starting their Advanced Open Water, so if you are considering progressing to AOW Diver, then now is the time to jump on board and join the other participants

This course fee is £195, including all learning materials and certification

For those going to Gozo, consider how much more you can get out of the holiday by being qualified for those deeper dives!

Rescue Diver Courses

We have a confirmed date now of the weekend of 25th / 26th June for this course, to be undertaken as usual at Coniston. The accompanying EFR course will be undertaken at a date to be agreed before we go to Coniston

The course fee is £295:00, which includes the EFR course, Rescue Course, all materials, and both certifications

We already have a number of members stating their intention to undertake this course – we'd now ask that you formally register in the shop and collect your learning materials as there is a reasonable element of study involved. Would also be a big advantage if the exam was taken and passed before we get to Coniston!

The course DOES NOT include accommodation at Coniston, which needs to be arranged yet (Camping for the hardy, and B&B for the sane!)



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

**– 25th / 26th 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



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!



CANARY DIVERS 'Pre-Owned Kit' SALE

We have managed to acquire some 'pre-owned' kit for sale at reasonable prices – this is an ideal way for newer members to start building their own kit collection, or for those with full kit to nab some spares!

Item	Details	Sale Price
Waterproof Full Suit & Shortie	Size XL - AS NEW	140.00
ND Drysuit	Size XL - AS NEW	240.00
ND Thermal Undersuit	Size XL - AS NEW	50.00
Suunto Gekko Computer	Almost New	120.00
Poseidon 5mm Gloves	Medium Good Condition	5.00
Typhoon 5mm Gloves	Small - Good Condition	5.00
SMB & Reel	Good Condition	10.00
Tusa Pressure Guage	Fully serviced	15.00
Oceanic Regs / Guage set	Fully serviced	150.00
US Divers Rebel Regs / Guage set	Fully serviced	160.00
Dacor Rebel Regs / Guage set	Fully serviced	175.00
Suunto Compass	Almost New	35.00
Hurricane Fins	full foot fins	10.00
Ankle Weights	As seen	10.00
Hood	Good Condition	5.00
Hood	Good Condition	5.00
IST Titanium Boots	Excellent Condition	10.00
IST Cambelt	New	3.00
Oceanic Dry Suit	New Neck Seal Size 6 Boots	195.00
DMS Hy.Tech Neoprene Dry Suit & Hood	Size 9 Boots	100.00
Typhoon Drysuit	Size 6-7 Boots	135.00
Typhoon Undersuit	Small / Medium	40.00
Mares Vector 840 BCD	Well worn	35.00
Scubapro Ladies BCD	Good Condition	60.00
Northern Diver Vortex Dry Suit	Boots 7/8	175.00

More Stock arriving – check in the shop!

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 **29** members on this holiday, we do have ONE space left (for both Divers and Non Divers) , but this 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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