



## Dive Club Newsletter May 2010



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### Specialty of the MONTH

May - Drysuit Diver

PADI's specialty of the month for May is Drysuit Diver. This is an essential course for anyone who is planning to dive in the UK. Being able to dive in a drysuit will make your dives more comfortable and extend the dive season to times when a wetsuit would be just too cold. Whether you have never dived in a drysuit before, or have limited experience but don't feel confident in a drysuit, this specialty is a must for you. Drysuits are great for UK diving, but they require different techniques to diving in a wetsuit and present new challenges when it comes to buoyancy control. In addition, if you wish to hire a drysuit, evidence of experience such as the PADI Drysuit Specialty certification will be required by the centre hiring the suit.

The course consists of a pool training session followed by two open water dives. You will also need to read the Drysuit Diver manual and complete the knowledge review. Pool training sessions will be running in Harrogate on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May and in York on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (both sessions 8-9.30pm). The open water dives will then be completed at Capernwray on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Steve will be running the course.

The course is normally £100 but will be running it at the special price of £80 for club members (manual £20). If you would like to sign up contact us at either shop as places are limited.

As PADI's specialty of the month you are automatically entered into a prize draw with PADI just for completing the course. Congratulations to Amanda who won the student prize and Brendon who was PADI's Specialty Instructor of the Month for March. Next time it could be you!

### June - Peak Performance Buoyancy



PADI's specialty of the month for June is Peak Performance Buoyancy. Good buoyancy control is a critical skill for all divers. It will make your dives more comfortable, you will have better control and be able to get closer to interesting aquatic life and reefs and avoid stirring up the bottom. You will also find that your air consumption improves as your buoyancy control improves.

The course will consist of a pool training session followed by two open water dives. Pool training sessions will be running in Harrogate on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June and in York on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June (both sessions 8-9.30pm). The open water dives will then be completed at Capernwray on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The course is normally £100 but will be running at the special price of £80 for club members. If you would like to sign up contact us at either shop.

## Book of the Month - The Story of the Thistlegorm, Peter Collings

We have selected this months book of the month with the Forthcoming club trip to Egypt in mind. Those of you that are lucky enough to be going will be doing a few dives on the world famous Thistlegorm, so this might be a good edition to your dive library.

Peter Collings is a renowned diver with several international awards to his credit. A well known wreck expert, what he knows about the Red Sea as a wreck diving destination makes him the authority on the subject.

Now Peter has amassed a huge amount of background and up to date information about the most famous wreck of the area: The Thistlegorm. If you have dived the Thistlegorm, plan to, or are just curious about wreck diving then this is a great book to own. Full of interesting facts and information, it makes the wreck more accessible than ever before.



Filled with over 100 pages of photos, plans, drawings, maps, eye witness accounts to the sinking, suggested dives routes, history, and archive documents. This is a definitive reference and great fun to read.

The story of the Thistlegorm is £17.95 and we have limited stocks available in both our York and Harrogate stores.

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### Course Calendar

#### Discover Scuba Diving:

Harrogate: Every Thursday evening  
York: Every Friday evening  
Cost: £20

#### PADI Open Water Diver Course:

Harrogate: Starts Thursday 27th May  
York: Starts Friday 28th May  
£299 for full course, £175 for referral option  
Ultimate Crewpak: £49.99

#### Advanced Open Water Diver

Sunday 30th May / 13th June  
Pool session Thursday 27th May (Harrogate)  
or Friday 28th May (York)  
Cost: £199 plus £29.99 for manual

#### PADI Drysuit Specialty:

Sunday 30th May at Capernwray  
Pool session Thursday 27th May (Harrogate)  
or Friday 28th May (York)  
Cost: £80 to club members plus £20 for manual, £100 to non members

#### Peak Performance Buoyancy:

Sunday 13th June at Capernwray  
Pool session Thursday 10th June (Harrogate)  
or Friday 11th June (York)  
Cost: £80 to club members, £100 to non members

#### PADI Rescue Diver:

Starts: Friday 2nd July, York  
Course will run over five Friday evenings.  
Open water training and EFR to be arranged  
Cost: £299 including EFR, plus £28.50 for rescue manual,  
£10 for EFR Manual and £9.95 for pocket mask

## Trip Calendar

We have a variety of UK trips booked throughout the year. In order to ensure that places are available on some of the trips for people who join the club mid year, not all trips are booking yet. The regular trips to The Farnes, St Abbs and South Shields can be booked 12 weeks prior to the trip, others are booking now. For details of when you can book on the trip have a look at the calendar. Full payment is required at time of booking (cash or cheque only). Places can be booked by phone / e-mail once the trip is open for booking and will be held for 7 days from date of booking. If payment has not been received after 7 days the place will be re-offered. If the trip is cancelled due to bad weather you will receive a full refund. If you have to cancel your place for personal reasons you will only receive a refund if someone can be found to take your place. If you do not have your own dive kit, equipment can be hired for all trips.

Date	Destination	Cost / Booking Details
15th/16th May	Farne Islands. Two days hard boat diving with Farne Diving Services. Two tanks required. Accommodation can also be booked at Farne Diving Services.	Cost: £75
13th June	Capernwray	Entry fee to dive site Bookings being taken
4th-11th June	Northern Wrecks Red Sea Liveaboard	One place available
12th/13th June	St Abbs. 2 days hard boat diving on Wavedancer. St Abbs has some stunning rocky reefs with good visibility and lots of life. One tank only required as boat comes in between dives. Accommodation can be booked at Westhaven Guest House.	Cost: £60 Bookings being taken
20th June	South Shields - Hard Boat Diving on Spellbinder ( <a href="http://www.divespellbinder.co.uk">www.divespellbinder.co.uk</a> ). There are some great wrecks to explore from South Shields, but the diving off this part of the coast has variable visibility, so is suitable for divers with some experience of UK diving. A torch and two tanks is required. Meeting the boat at 12.30pm from South Shields and completing two dives (back about 5.30pm).	Cost: £30 Bookings being taken
26th/27th June	Farne Islands. Two days hard boat diving with Farne Diving Services. Two tanks required. Accommodation can also be booked at Farne Diving Services.	Cost: £75 Bookings being taken
11th July	Capernwray	Entry free to dive site
25th July	South Shields - Hard Boat Diving on Spellbinder ( <a href="http://www.divespellbinder.co.uk">www.divespellbinder.co.uk</a> ). There are some great wrecks to explore from South Shields, but the diving off this part of the coast has variable visibility, so is suitable for divers with some experience of UK diving. A torch and two tanks is required. Meeting the boat at 12.30pm from South Shields and completing two dives (back about 5.30pm).	Cost: £30 Bookings being taken
31st July/1st August	Swanage - Hard boat diving with Swanage Boat Charters. There are some great wrecks and some amazing drift dives here making it well worth the trip. Most people take advantage of the stunning shore diving at Swanage Pier and either head down a day early or stay an extra day.	Cost: £85 Bookings being taken

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8th August	Capernwray	Entry fee to dive site
14th/15th August	St Abbs. 2 days hard boat diving on Wavedancer. St Abbs has some stunning rocky reefs with good visibility and lots of life. One tank only required as boat comes in between dives. Accommodation can be booked at Westhaven Guest House.	£60 Bookings being taken from 22nd May
5th September	South Shields - Hard Boat Diving on Spell binder ( <a href="http://www.divespellbinder.co.uk">www.divespellbinder.co.uk</a> ). There are some great wrecks to explore from South Shields, but the diving off this part of the coast has variable visibility, so is suitable for divers with some experience of UK diving. A torch and two tanks is required. Meeting the boat at 12.30pm from South Shields and completing two dives (back about 5.30pm).	Cost: £30 Bookings being taken from 12th June
19th September	Capernwray	Entry fee to dive site
25th/26th September	Largs - 2 days hard boat diving on MY Clutha. Diving the Clyde there are some of the best wreck dives in the UK, but diving here is quite challenging as it is fairly deep and quite dark. This is a great trip for more experienced divers. A good torch is definitely required.	£75 Bookings now being taken
2nd/3rd October	St Abbs. 2 days hard boat diving on Wave dancer. St Abbs has some stunning rocky reefs with good visibility and lots of life. One tank only required as boat comes in between dives. Accommodation can be booked at Westhaven Guest House.	Cost: £60 Bookings being taken from 10th July
10th October	South Shields - Hard Boat Diving on Spellbinder ( <a href="http://www.divespellbinder.co.uk">www.divespellbinder.co.uk</a> ). There are some great wrecks to explore from South Shields, but the diving off this part of the coast has variable visibility, so is suitable for divers with some experience of UK diving. A torch and two tanks is required. Meeting the boat at 12.30pm from South Shields and completing two dives (back about 5.30pm).	£30 Bookings being taken from 17th July
16th/17th October	Farne Islands. Two days hard boat diving with Farne Diving Services. Two tanks required. Accommodation can also be booked at Farne Diving Services.	£75 Bookings being taken from 24th July
24th October	Capernwray	Entry fee to dive site
3rd - 17th November	Tobago - Dual centre trip with one week in the north of the island and one week in the south, to take advantage of the full range of diving the island has to offer. Contact shop for details	
28th November	Capernwray	Entry fee to dive site

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## Notice Board

Looking for a bargain? Have a look below at the second hand kit that members have for sale. If you have anything you would like to include in the next newsletter let us have the details at the shop.

**Otter ladies 5mm 2 piece wetsuit.** Full suit plus shorty. Black, purple and yellow. Size 12/14. Excellent condition. £50. Private sale. Suit is available at Harrogate shop to try. Can be taken to York if you would like to see/try it. Contact shop for further details.

**Ladies Hydrotech drysuit.** Size ML, Colour: Red/yellow. £120. Private sale  
Suit is currently available at York shop to try. Contact shop for further details.

**Mens Hydrotech drysuit and undersuit,** blue/black membrane. ML with size 8 boot. Hardly used, as new - £300  
Sale due to owner emigrating. Private sale - contact shop for further details

**Dacor Eagle Pony Reg** - £50.  
Private Sale - Contact the shop for further details

**Ladies Typhoon Pro-sport drysuit** Medium large / size 7 feet. Used four times only.  
Suit is currently available at York shop to try. Private Sale - Contact shop for details.

**Pony Cylinder** 232 bar 3 litre cylinder, in test. £50. Private sale. Cylinder is currently at York shop if you would like to view it . Contact shop for further details.

**Oceanic Probe LX BCD, Size Large.** BCD has been used approximately 4 times, but is now too large. Excellent condition. Private sale. RRP new £430, open to offers.  
BCD is currently at York shop for viewing. Contact shop for further details.



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## Next Club Meetings

**York:** Tuesday 11th May, at the shop  
**Harrogate:** Tuesday 18th May, the Park, Hornbeam Park Avenue, Hornbeam Park Drive, HG2 8RA

Both meetings start at 8pm. Come along, catch up with your dive buddies, meet some new ones and have a few beers!

## Club Pool Nights

Thursdays, 8-9.30pm Harrogate Ladies College pool, Harrogate  
Fridays, 8-9.30pm, Yearsley Pool, York

£2.50 entry to club members plus kit hire if required (£7.50 for full kit).

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