

Organising a dive

1. When is the dive taking place?

(Does it clash with other dives planned?)

2. Where is the dive taking place?

(Check tidal Stream information etc.)

3. What type of dive is it?

(Shore /Rhib/ hard boat Wreck/Reef/Drift/ training?)

4. Who can do this dive?

(Ocean, Sports, D/L, Advanced?)

5. How do I go about organizing a dive weekend or a single day of diving?

(Speak to the Diving officer, if the dive is agreed, speak to the treasurer if deposits for hard boats are required.)

What else is left to do?

When is the dive taking place?

Is there any other diving planned for these dates?

You will need to consider the tides, are they Spring or Neap tides?

Spring tides mean there is the largest difference between high and low water.

Q...Why will that affect the dive choices

A...Spring tides produce the higher high tide and the lower low tide, this will create the biggest tidal movement (Current) it also effects the amount of water actually over the site. This has to be taken into account as part of the dive planning for air requirements and decompression planning. This could also impact on the divers who may be qualified to dive the site.

Q...Is this site exposed to elements?

A...If so try to find an alternative site that provides some shelter if the weather prohibits diving at the elected site.

Q...Where will I find information on tidal streams?

A... This Information is located on the sea chart of the area. It is indicated by a magenta tidal diamond  nearest the dive site. (The club has charts for most of the south coast areas for club diving.) Also look for dive sites in diving publications and the internet has lists of sites with information from divers who have dived there. If help is required in finding this information or bringing it to bear with reference to planning a dive trip The Diving officer, Training officer, Boat officer or any of the senior instructors will be able to take you through this process.

What type of Dive is it?

Q...Are you planning to do a hard boat dive?

A.. If you are you will have to secure places on the boat well in advance. (Many boats will now take bookings of six (6) in advance rather than having to commit to twelve places that may prove more difficult to fill.) If a deposit is required check with the treasurer.

Q... Are you planning a Rhib dive?

A...Diving from the Rhib is very easy as the boat will be placed in the water and recovered for us so this has removed the need for a tow bar to launch the boat. You will have to think about who is qualified to assist you. You will require a Diver Coxswain, a qualified boat handler must also be present.

Q...How many divers can I take on the Rhib at any one time

A...A maximum of six divers, kit and a Dive Coxswain plus an assistant.

Q... What kind of diving can be done from the Rhib?

A... Many dives sites are available for Rhib diving close to Portland or further afield.

Q... how many divers can go on a hard boat?

A...Usually twelve divers can be booked onto a hard boat.

Q...I want to plan a training event who do I need to speak to?

A...The training officer will work with you and provide help to secure the services of instructors and materials that may be required.

Who can do this dive?

Q... who is qualified to dive to what depth?

A...**Ocean divers** can dive to a **maximum** depth of twenty meters. **(20m)**

Sports divers can dive to a **maximum** depth of thirty five meters **(35m)** after a build up of progressively deeper dives.

Dive Leaders can dive to a **maximum** of fifty meters on air **(50m)** after a build up of progressively deeper dives.

Advanced divers can dive to a maximum of fifty meters on air **(50m)**.

How do I go about organizing this dive?

Q...Who do I speak to, for help to organise my trip?

A...If you speak to any of the senior divers they will help guide you through what seems like a big undertaking, after organizing your first trip subsequent trips are always much simpler to do.

What else is left to do?

Q...If I have done the above what else is left to do?

A...The things that make a trip really successful is making sure you have thought about creature comforts. Are there any changing facilities, showers, toilets, what is the availability of food and hot drinks? If the event is over two or more days what accommodation is available? How are your divers getting to the dive event? Do you need to hire a crew bus? (This will impact on costs.) We want divers to car share if possible and try to strongly dissuade driving home alone after diving.

Q...Do you have a trained first aider with you?

A...We have several trained first aiders for divers , and this is a course we encourage everyone to participate in if given the opportunity.

The above information is intended as a rough guide to setting up a dive event.

If you can come up with anything that we may have missed please let us know so that we can include it in the future.