

RATAE SAC



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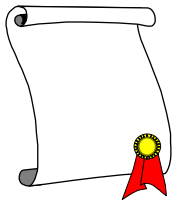
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Not a lot to report this month.

QUALIFICATIONS



Phil, Nick Sadler, Steve Tolley and Anee Lewis have passed their theory and are ready for their first open water. Nick has already been in open

water and the other three should be getting wet within a week or two.

Scott Wheatley, and Peter Hennessey have passed their Ocean Diver. Bryan Spence has completed his Advanced Diver.

Catherine Spence, Rod Hill, Alex Kirk and Rob Cuss all completed the Dive Planning and Marshalling course at Pembroke.

Congratulations to all.

Trips



Anglesey is the next trip in mid-August.

Situations vacant.

I have let the committee know that for various reasons I no longer want to continue as club secretary. I am duty bound to stay in post until the AGM – I

see no reason to call a pointless EGM mid-summer. However, the secretary role is easiest to pass over to someone else who shadows what I do, preferably taking over before the AGM. If you are interested then let me know. I will continue to be a diving member of Ratae and expand my diving experience also with my other club.

Trip Write-ups

Plymouth – Rob Cuss

No one else has sent me a trip write up, so you're stuck with my accounts of the weekend.

As part of Dive Leader, I volunteered to be Marshal for the Saturday and did all the required prep in the week leading up. The weather forecast was not good with high winds forecast, but by the Friday morning it was all go.

Once we got on board Roger Webber's Excalibur (with it's new engine that still doesn't make it any faster!) we got the bad news, a Force 6 due sometime today. We all wanted to dive the Scylla, so we headed out in moderate seas to check the site out – it was good enough so we all went in. The Scylla is a cracking dive, bit like a massive Stanegarth! There was a surprising amount of life on board already, especially the fry in the helicopter hanger. After a really enjoyable 25m+ dive, we headed for sheltered water – a

few were sick on the way! It's not often you get to watch an airshow during the surface interval, thanks to a Tornado.

The second dive was a shallow reef affair – good dive with a few interesting relics being brought up. Dog Fish and Cuttle Fish were seen, although not by me.

That evening we spent in the Drakes Drum after we couldn't get in the Royal Oak.

I sat out Sunday as I was on antibiotics that were giving me really bad indigestion. But I've been told the James Eagan Layne and another reef were dived.

At the end of the day we all got to see a helicopter lift at close range as a diver on another boat was having difficulties – interesting seeing it first hand!

I must say it is a real shame that this trip was not filled. Only 9 divers went and three of them were not from Ratae. This is by far the best club trip I've been on and the Scylla makes it even better!

Rob Cuss

TRIPS CALENDAR 2004			
14 - 15 th August 2004	Anglesey	£70	Ian Petchey
30 - 31 st October	Farnes	~£100	Rod Hill
1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Stoney Cove	BBQ	Mark Hessey