

Closer to home diving events and training continued during May with instructors and trainees coming together to progress through their trainee's diving syllabus at Ellerton Lake and at South Gare. Well done to James and Gilly for your commitment to your training.



There is also good news with regards to repairs to the boat and trailer. It is expected that the boat will be ready for its sea trials in the next 2 or 3 weeks. In preparation for its return to South Gare Marina, Derek has tidied up the club's boat berth, many thanks to Derek for doing this. Once at the marina the boat will be available for local wreck, scenic and training dives. The boat is booked for a number of training dives from July to October, usually on a Saturday so please check the club's web site for other dates for boat availability.



There is more good news to tell, as something a bit different is happening during the month of June. Following the May break and the return to pool training the club has now extended its experience / training programme to include a 'Try Snorkel, Experience' This has become possible because John Lampett successfully passed BSAC's 'Snorkel Instructor,' course and is now qualified to teach both practical and theory snorkel skills. A big '*Congratulations John,*' well done!!!' John has a passion for snorkelling, (as well as scuba diving,) that he wishes to pass on to those who may find scuba diving a step too far. John is offering 'Try Snorkel Experience,' sessions throughout the month of June. These sessions are aimed at novice snorkelers or for a confidence building session for people who snorkel on holidays. It is intended to offer BSAC snorkel training courses and snorkelling events to anyone wishing to take up snorkel membership of our club. So far the uptake of 'Try Snorkelling Experience' has been very positive with a number of snorkelers have received their 'Try Snorkelling,' certificates.





The club's last pool session before the summer break will be on Monday 1st July 2024. This session is a 'Come along and practice your underwater photography skills.' There will be an array of interesting underwater items offering would-be marine photographers the opportunity to test out their cameras and their photography skills. Photos will be displayed at a later date.

Hopefully the current unseasonal weather conditions will soon improve for our up and coming events which are:

- June 21st – 24th Camp and Shore Diving weekend at Beadnell Northumberland Contact John Lampett
- July 27th Durham Heritage Coast dive. Contact Smithy
- July (TBC) Greenends Gully dives with amazing marine life, Berwickshire
- September 27th Farne Isles, swimming with seals. Contact Ia
- Autumn (TBC) Return to Appin for a weekend of Sea Loch Diving
- Plus local diving throughout the year.
- Social events, TBC Cleveland Divers Racing Night, summer barbecue/picnic and autumn gatherings to be confirmed

Lets' enjoy the summer's diving season.

Take care everyone and dive safe.

June

Cleveland Divers Secretary.