

Introduction

Welcome to the 1999 Cornwall Expedition Pack.

This year will see us basking again (with the sharks?) in the Cornish sunshine for the CRABBSAC 1999 Club holiday. We will be diving the many and varied reefs and wrecks around the Eastern side of the Lizard. Our diving operations will be based at Porthkerris where we will be keeping the boats. Accommodation is at the Sea Acres Holiday Park (address further down).

I will be in overall charge, except of course for the DO, but it is not my intention to dive every day. As with last year I will be appointing a team of marshals each day to spread the load and give everyone a chance at marshalling (whether they want to or not!)

We will be taking the Tornado and Club Alpha with us. The more numerate of you will be able to work out that even if we put 10 people in the Tornado and 6 in the Alpha, on some days there will still be those who have to swim behind. I am negotiating with Porthkerris for the user of their Rib but this is still in the planning stage. We may have to have morning and afternoon shifts.

Finally, please try and remember that this is a HOLIDAY. We are there to have fun doing something we all enjoy. This means that if we share the responsibilities and work we will also share the rewards.

Porthkerris

Porthkerris Dive Centre is based in Porthkerris Bay. It is a privately owned set up geared up for diving. They have a shop and restaurant providing excellent snacks, enormous breakfasts and meals all day long. They provide air in a variety of mixtures and will be providing local information about tides and times for us. It takes about 25 minutes from the camp site to the dive site. Parking is plentiful.

The Porthkerris Web page for those that understand these things is at <http://www.porthkerrisdiver.demon.co.uk/>

Boats

We will be taking the Tornado, towed by Frank, and the club Alpha, towed by Mike Woodcock. My eternal thanks to both of them - I know what an aggravation it is.

Boat Prep will be on **Tuesday 25th May at 19:00.**

Boat washing will be on **Monday 7th June, also at 19:00**

Please make sure that you attend at least one of the above. I know washing the boats and kit is a shitty job but it has to be done and many hands make light work.

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Who Is Going

Listed below are the names of everyone who is going - I think. The Y means that they will be in Cornwall that day, not necessarily that they will be diving every day, the Y means they are marshal for that day. I would recommend that those down for the whole week take at least one day off to go sight-seeing and de-gas.

		Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	
Dave Cox	AD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Liz McConnell	AD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Roger Bonnici	AD	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mark Nicholls	DL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Frank Jeffery	DL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Tornado Tower
Ray Miller	SD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Shaun McConnell	AD	pm	Y	Y	Y				
Mark Mumford	FC		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Steve Elliott	FC		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Debbie Berkeley	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Linda Messenger	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pete Messenger	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pete Miller	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Pete Smith	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Alan Perrett	AD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
John Piper	DL		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mike Woodcock	SD		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Alpha Tower
Sam Falconer	SD		Y	Y	Y				
Steve Baker	AD			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Karen Gargani	DL			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Gerry Barham	SD			pm	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jude Lunt	SD			pm	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Keith Webster	AD								
Carol Hazlerigg	DL								
Simon Bradwell	SD				Y	Y	Y	Y	
		6	18	20	23	20	20	20	
		Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	

Prices - Porthkerris

Boat parking overnight £3:00
 Launch & Recovery £10:00 (I don't remember it being this much last year)
 Car Parking £2:00

(Porthkerris Price List attached).

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Prices - CRABBSAC

I will divide the cost of towing down the boats down to Cornwall and parking them equally between each participating diver.

Launch and fuel costs I will total up and then divide by the numbers of man days diving done to get a daily figure.

E.G. Each diver will pay £x:00 for towing and £y:00 for each day they dive.

Confused ? You are meant to be!!!

Air

Porthkerris run a free cylinder collection service from the beach during the day (thank God). Their prices are :-

Air Fill £3:00
Pony Fill £2:00
Cylinder Hire £10:00

Nitrox < 40% £6:00
Nitrox < 70% £7:00
Nitrox < 100% £9:00

Marshals

I have appointed three marshals for each with a range of marshalling experience. If you are down to marshal on a day when you have made other plans, please do a swap (and let me and your fellow marshals know).

Sat 29 th May	Mark Nicholls	Dave Cox	
Sun 30 th May	Roger Bonnici	Shaun McConnell	Ray Miller
Mon 31 st May	Mark Mumford	Liz McConnell	Frank Jeffrey
Tue 1 st June	Steve Elliott	Pete Smith	Mike Woodcock
Wed 2 nd June	Liz McConnell	John Piper	Simon Bradwell
Thu 3 rd June	Steve Baker	Karen Gargani	Alan Perrett
Fri 4 th June	Pete Messenger	Gerry Barham	Jude Lunt

Dive Records

These must be completed by the Marshals each day and given to me THAT DAY. I will have my trusty laptop so will be entering them in each evening. (I can take dictations for a small fee if required).

Dive slates need to be cleaned once the info has been removed and passed onto the next days marshals.

Social

I am planning to arrange a meal at the campsite restaurant again either Sunday evening or Monday evening, much as we did last year,. I will be circulating with a menu during the weekend.

I think Karen is planning a Poisoned Pimms Party again towards the end of the week.

Last year the Dive Centre had a theme night on the first Saturday. This involves them frying up one of the ostriches in some authentic sauce. Last year it was Chinese and very good too - if one overlooked the still to be consumed ostriches watching from the field. Those arriving before Saturday or those who get there early Sat might like to try this. Booking is required but I can book a table if a group wish to go.

For the non divers there are myriad entertainments for children of all ages all round this part of Cornwall. If the weather is really dire, I can organise a trip round Goonhilly to see the little green men watching us.

Any offers to organise other activities gratefully received.

Frank has informed me he is taking his banana to Cornwall - not quite sure if this is meant to be general knowledge!!!!

Fuel

Porthkerris do not have any fuel facility. Last year we set up a tab with the (only) local garage and settled up at the end of the week. The garage is on the road between the caravan site and the dive site (there is only one road) but they didn't open until about 8:30 as far as I remember.

Accommodation

Sea Acres Holiday Park
Kennack Sands
Nr Helston
Cornwall

0800 393474

Dive Sites

See attached list.

I will have two charts of the area, a Dive South Cornwall and tide tables for those budding marshals who want to know when slack might be.

I am quite keen to try something a bit more adventurous this year. Thoughts included perhaps picking everyone up from the beach near the campsite - someone will have to go and get the boat and drive it round from Porthkerris. We could then try the west side of the Lizard or the rocks and caves at the tip of the Lizard. Or we could try a night shore dive and barbecue at Kennack Sands beach.

Last year we were restricted by inclement weather, lousy tides and inexperience. This year we can be a bit more daring. I also suggest we use the Portkerris local knowledge as much as possible.

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High and Low Tide Times For Falmouth

Date	Time	Depth		Tide
Sat 29 th May	04:27	4.9	GMT	
	11:16	1.0	GMT	
	16:47	5.0	GMT	
	23:33	1.0	GMT	
Sun 30 th May	05:03	5.0	GMT	
	11:51	1.0	GMT	
	17:21	5.1	GMT	
Mon 31 st May	00:07	1.0	GMT	SP
	05:39	5.0	GMT	
	12:22	1.1	GMT	
	17:58	5.1	GMT	
Tue 1 st June	00:38	1.1	GMT	
	06:18	4.9	GMT	
	12:51	1.1	GMT	
	18:33	5.1	GMT	
Wed 2 nd June	01:08	1.1	GMT	
	06:55	4.8	GMT	
	13:20	1.2	GMT	
	19:08	5.0	GMT	
Thu 3 rd June	01:38	1.2	GMT	
	07:31	4.7	GMT	
	13:50	1.4	GMT	
	19:41	4.9	GMT	
Fri 4 th June	02:10	1.4	GMT	
	08:06	4.6	GMT	
	14:23	1.5	GMT	
	20:17	4.8	GMT	

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Mark Nicholls	
Mike Woodcock	07803 231498
Porthkerris	01326 280620
Roger	
Shaun	0973 185637
Simon	0498 703286
Steve Elliott	0410 909948

Local Coast Guard is Falmouth coastguard

And Finally....

Please direct any questions to me and I will try to answer them. As I said at the beginning this is a holiday, lets all enjoy it.

Liz McConnell