

DOING IT ...

Here it is the "Doing It ..." Factsheet, for another session of great Adventure; Discovery and Exploration. As every single diver out there will testify, there is simply only one way to get Good, and that is to get out there "Doing It ..."

So here's your chance to be out there "Doing It ..." and gaining that all important experience, and of course enjoying a some great diving. Of course as with all our "Doing It ..." events, our training team will be right there with you, just in case you need a little bit of extra help or guidance along the way ...

THE DATE:- Sunday 23rd / Monday 24th March 2008 (Easter)
THE LOCATION:- Plymouth - RIB Diving - Mountbatten Centre
THE TEAM:- DAVE SIMKISS (S+O Store Manager - Newcastle)
THE COST:- £109.00 (Exc Accomodation)

As a season opener, this Doing It Weekend, should be 'cracking' (excuse the Easter pun !), and sees us head down south to Plymouth for two days of great offshore diving, from the Kara-C RIB.

With so many great dive sites and wrecks to choose from, we really will be spoiled for choice. Our potential targets over the two days include the famous wrecks of the James Eagan Layne (24m), a US 'Liberty Ship' sank in 1945; the Persia (29m), a Belgian steamship which sank fully laden in 1945; the Maine (30m), a British steamship that sank in 1917 bound for Philladelphia; the Oregon (30m), which finally sank after being repaired in 1890; and of course the incredibly popular HMS Scylla (21m), which was recently decommissioned and sank as the UK's first artificial reef in 2004. So if its wreck adventure and exploration you're after then this ones a must do "Doing It" adventure.

The wrecks however are just half the story, as this area is famous for having some of the best reef type diving anywhere along the south coast, with key areas including Hand Deeps and Eddystone Lighthouse. The walls at Eddystone range from 10m, down to 60m and are renowned for their superb visibility, sometimes up to 20m, and life is prolific with all manner of species to be seen.

Whether on the wrecks or around the reefs and walls this "Doing It" should be a great one for the "fishy-hunters" amongst you. So with cameras at the ready, you would definatly expect to be seeing:- Jewel Anemones; Lobsters; Crayfish; Dogfish; Wrasse; Star Fish; Sea Urchins and maybe even Smooth Hound Sharks.

Our boat for this trip is the well known Kara-C, a 7m RIB with diesel inboard motor, and capability of running out at 25 knots. She is fully rated for offshore use, up to 20 miles, and with Riche Locke at the helm we couldn't be in better hands. It is with his help that your "Doing it" Dive Leader will decide on the actual dive sites for the day, to take best advantage of the tides and currents, to give you the best ever dives to start the season !

DIVER LEVEL:-

This Doing It ... is suitable for divers with PADI ADVANCED / BSAC SPORT DIVER qualification, with minimum 20 LOGGED DIVES, and is unescorted.

As with all "Doing It ..." events our team will be on hand to offer you all the help and support you could require. So if this is going to be your first (of many) UK diving trips then relax, we still remember what its like to take your first few steps away from your Instructor, and our team will be right there with you. Of course if you're already happy to look after yourself then no worries, we won't interfere, and this is just another chance for you to meet some new buddies and enjoy a great days diving ...

Ok, you've got the details, and you know the date so all you need to do now is give us a call, let us know you're going, and (if you need it) book your hire equipment. After that you just need to get yourself ready to get out there "Doing It" !

THE DOVE CLUB

HOW TO FIND IT:-

Head South - Directions from the A38

Turn off at Marsh Mills and head for city centre (beware of the speed cameras). Stay in right hand lane heading for Kingsbridge on the A379. You will end up going over a bridge and passing a shop on the left called CDS. From this point follow the signs for Mount Batten it is very well sign posted!!

Further to these directions put the following post code PL9 9SJ into your satnav or www.multimap.com for a full map and directions from where ever you are traveling from.

The Pontoon and car parking

The pontoon is located directly in front of the Mount Batten center, there are unloading bays at the top of the gangway to the pontoon. There are several car pars in the area the Mount Batten centre has a car park as well as a free public car park across the road.

ACCOMODATION:-

We've tracked down a few options for you in the local area, just in case you don't fancy the long drive down (or back):-

- ~ Borringdon Arms: Popular pub with divers located in Turnchapel Tel: 01752 402053
- ~ Royal Oak: Located in Hooe Tel: 01752 512900
- ~ Clovelly Bay Inn (New Inn): Located in Turnchapel Tel: 01752 402765
- ~ Mount Batten Centre: Located right by the In Deep Dive Centre Tel: 01752 404567
- ~ Mount Batten Hotel Tel: 01752 405500

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS / AIRFILLS:-

Air Fills (clean and standard air) and Nitrox are available on site, through the "In Deep" dive centre, also located within the Mountbatten Centre. We do of course suggest that you arrive with your cylinders pre-filled for the first days diving. As this is offshore it is of course necessary to bring two cylinders along for the days two dives, as we maynot be returnign to shore between dives.

All normal personal diving safety equipment, ie. Knife; Whistle etc applies. The marine life here makes an underwater camera a great piece of extra kit, especially now the eyeMAGINE 2008 cmopetition has been released. If you fancy your hand at trying to win one of the top prizes then log onto www.eye-magine.co.uk to find out more !

ANY EXTRA INFORMATION:-

The diving on this "Doing It" will be planned to ensure the best experience for all, and is not a tech-based trip. Maximum dives time limits will be applied, to not exceed 1 hour.

DIVE-CHECK TO ALLOW FINAL CONFIRMATION OF WEATHER AND TIDES BEFORE ANY COASTAL "DOING IT" PLEASE CALL US FOR "DIVE-CHECK" 24 HOURS PRIOR !