

## 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 4TH & MONDAY 5TH MAY 2008

**THE LOCATION:-** PORTHKERRIS - CORNWALL (Shore / Boat)

**THE TEAM:-** TOM MARTIN (S+O Store Manager - Solihull)

**THE COST:-** £76.00 (Exc Accomodation)

After the absolute amazing success of last years Doing It - Porthkerris Trip, we simply had to add it back in again for 2008, giving you another chance to get out there and experience the best that our UK waters have to offer. We will be heading south (along way south), down to Porthkerris for this one. The weekend will be a mix of great shore diving and boat diving, at a level ideal for those of you that have already done a few coastal dips.

On the Sunday we will head down for some shore diving at Drawna Rocks. This well protected site, nestling under the cliffs is an outstanding site. The rocks and reef are split, offering you an almost mini marine-park scene, with depths of 10m in the protected inner reef, and 20m on the outer wall and reef. The life here is prolific, with regular inhabitants including Cuttlefish; Large Balleen Wrasse; Pollock; Bass and Squat Lobsters.

After a good nights rest, the Monday will see us head down to the dive centre to board our "Cat" for a couple of truly great dives. The individual sites will be decided on the day, to take best advantage of weather and sea conditions, but the intention is of course to head out to the world famous "Manacles". Two of the most popular dive sites here are the Vase and Raglan reefs, both of which are pinnacles, stretching up from 42m to 6m, giving all divers access to a depth to suit themselves. An alternative site may be the wreck of the Mohegan, sitting at about 15m to 29m, in a superb condition, with her massive boilers easily visable. With the whole area being fed by the Gulfstream, life her is simply beyond imagination, and will include superb soft coral; John Dory; Lobsters; Anglerfish; Dog Shark; Eels; Urchins and much much more.

If you've already been down to Porthkerris then you will no doubt want to go again, and if you haven't then you really don't know what you're missing, and simply must get on-board with this one.

### 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 DIVE CLUB

## **HOW TO FIND IT:-**

Travelling south you head through Cornwall either along the A30 over Bodmin, (normally the quickest way) or via Plymouth and over the bridge.

Simply head towards Helston coming either route.

You travel towards Helston on the by-pass heading towards the Lizard. You will pass the Helicopter base 'Culdrose' on both sides of the road .

After passing the base you will come to an island turn left here following the road to St Keverne, at the next Island turn right again towards St Keverne you will now travel for 5-10 minutes (speed depending) over "Goonhilly" passed the telecommunications centre.

You then arrive at St Keverne, turn left into the square keeping the White Hart pub on your left then turn left out of St Keverne passed the fire station on your left.

Follow the road towards Porthallow, you will pass some gates on your right with stone eagles at their entrance shortly after this take the next right, (signposted) then next left to Porthkerris dive centre.

Please remember the nearest petrol station is Zoar garage which you will pass on your way to St Keverne, it may be an idea to fuel up here.

## **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):-

~ Parc-An-Grouse - 01326 280 259

~ Halwyn House - 01326 280 359

~ Three Tuns Pub - 01326 280 949

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS / AIRFILLS:-**

Air Fills (clean and standard air) and Nitrox are available on site, through the "Porthkerris Dive 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 may not be returning 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](http://www.eye-magine.co.uk) to find out more !

## **ANY EXTRA INFORMATION:-**

The on site car park, is ideally situated for the shore diving on the Sunday, and costs approximatly £5 (inc. diving fees).

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