

DOING IT ...



Here it is the "Doing It ..." Factsheet, for another months 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 great days 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:- SAT 12TH JULY 2008 - FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2008

THE LOCATION:- SCAPA FLOW, SCOTLAND (LIVEBOARD)

THE TEAM:- WILL HUSKISSON

THE COST:- £399 (Inc "Doing It Kit Bus" / Exc Personal Travel)

Its here at last "Doing it ... Ultimate", and this one is simply the best, especially for any members who like their "metal" cool and wet, yes we're off to "Scapa Flow". This is a special week long "Doing it ..." Event, and is a full UK diving liveboard, aimed at giving the more experienced "Doing It'ers" something to get their teeth into ...

On Midsumers Day in 1919 the German Admiral in charge of the 74 German Ships anchored at the Orkney Islands ordered them to be scuttled, to avoid them being later used by the allies. Although many of the ships were recovered for salvage, the many remaining ones are what make Scapa Flow the wreck diving capital of the UK ...

This "Doing It ... Ultimate" will involve some careful logistical planning on the part of everyone participating, and as the diving itself is also of a more demanding nature we have stipulated PADI Rescue / BSAC Dive Leader (with 50 Logged Dives) as a minimum level. It of course goes without saying that having your own equipment (appropriate to the event), including drysuit is a must ...

To make the most of the time in Scapa your diving will commence early on the Sunday, after a hearty breakfast, and continues through to your final dive on the Friday. Your potential dive sites include:- The Zarefah; The Tennessee; The Loch Maddy ; The Tomalina and of course the famous Brummer; Karlsruhe and Dresden, with actual schedules being determined by the tides and weather ...

Your home, and dive boat, for the week is "The Sunrise" a 70ft heavy and very stable boat that has been operating diving trips in the area for over 20 years, with dedicated kitting up areas; large salon; six twin berth cabins (bring your own sleeping bag); nitrox blending facilities and compressor ...

The daily plan is to set off early, for a great days adventure, and then return to harbour each evening to track down some local hospitality and dinner. If you require breakfast and lunch onboard, the crew will happily prepare it for you, at £50 for the week.

THE EQUIPMENT:-

All divers must be fully self sufficient, and have all relevant UK Offshore Safety Equipment (DSMB / Reel / Knife / Strobe etc), and be totally competent in their use. There are 12L cylinders, and weights available on board for use free of charge.

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:-

As the title suggests, this really is a “Doing It ... Ultimate” experience, and therefore requires an amount of independence and self reliance from its participants, although here’s the basics ...

Equipment:- Your “Doing it ... Team” (Will Huskisson) will be travelling up by road, with all of the groups Dive Kit and Luggage. This will both reduce the weight and bulk in each of the “Doing It’ers ...” Cars, and also enable you to car share more effectively, thus reducing / splitting the costs of fuel and ferry fees ...

How Far:- In simple terms, a “bloody long way” ... It is approx 570 miles to Orkney, and according to our best estimate that should take approx 16 - 17 hours ... If you want to check it out, drop this postcode into your Sat-Nav / RAC.Co.UK - KW15 1TD ...

Ferries:- There are several ferry options to choose from, however we are opting for the “Pentland Ferries” (www.pentlandferries.co.uk) option ... This is the slightly more ‘spit and sawdast’ operation, but we are assured the better (and more cost effective) of the available options ...

Buddy Travel:- To help everyone reduce their travel costs as much as possible we are proposing all “Doing It’ers” on this event car share ... If you would like us to share your contact details with others please let us know when you book your place ... In addition, if you are stuck without a lift, or just fancy taking it easy, there is one place available with Will in the “Doing It ... Kit Van” ... The place with will, including ferry fees, would be at + £100, and payable at time of booking ...

MINIMUM DIVER QUALIFICATION:-

As this is a full Offshore UK diving trip, in a remote area and in variable sea states the minimum diver level for this “Doing It ... Ultimate” is PADI Recsue / BSAC Dive Leader (with 50 Logged Dives) ...

In addition we would strongly recommend that, due to the demanding and repetitive nature of the dives that being Nitrox certified would be advisable ... If time allows the potential to gain the full IANTD Advanced Nitrox qualification, from our Techpursuits.com team, beforehand may also be a big advantage in terms of safety and ability to explore ...

ANY EXTRA INFORMATION:-

There is a Breakfast and Lunch option onboard, at £50 for the week (paid locally) ... It is possible to hire 15L Cylinders / 7L Stages onboard, at £20 per week ... Nitrox is charged at 1p per litre, with minimum charge of £5 ... Divers must supply their own Sleeping Bags and Towels ... Due to the length of the return leg, at the end of the week we would strongly recommend staying an extra night on the mainland before driving home ... This “Doing It ... Ultimate” has already received huge interest, so if you fancy diving into this one we would suggest paying you £100 deposit asap ...