

London DIVERS! News

The newsletter of the London Region of the British Sub Aqua Club | Sept 06

Welcome!

With so much going on in the London Region, it seemed a good time to send out information to every London branch. It's a challenging time for dive clubs, and if we are going to survive and thrive in the competitive London environment, we need to stick together!

We have our first London-wide social coming up, straight after BSAC's Diving Officers' conference on Sat 2nd December. It's a great opportunity to chat and socialise with other divers from around London - and to share your views and experiences with people from London Region and BSAC HQ.

The next day - Sunday 3 Dec - is our **London Festival of Diving**. It's a fun-packed event and we'd love to see somebody from every branch present. It will be advertised widely to non-BSAC divers and you are welcome to bring and display information about your branch for recruitment purposes.

Overleaf are contact details, information about courses and meetings, and details of our London-based initiatives. We want to include your news and events in the next issue, so do get in touch!



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> London-wide social! Sat 2 December 2006

7pm - midnight
at the Novotel Hotel,
100 Euston Rd, NW1



Come for a drink at the bar (Free entry)
Come for a 3 course meal : £27 per head

Food | drink | music | entertainment

Book your place or book a table for your branch.

If you're looking for a Xmas party opportunity, you can arrange to make your own branch announcements & presentations. Speak to Louise on 07913 324 341.

Check www.londondivers.com for info

LONDON festival of DIVING

9.30-5pm, Sunday 3 December
at the London Welsh Centre,
157-163 Gray's Inn Rd
London WC1X 8UE

**£6 entry, £5 for
London BSAC members**

◆ **KIT galore!** Stands, prize draws, PLUS
2nd hand kit sale : *bring and buy*

◆ speakers/appearances:

Tim Ecott (author Neutral Buoyancy)

Teresa Telus (expedition diver, Britannic)

Kevin Pickering (www.shipwreckfilms.uk)

Mark Ellyatt (depth records, HMS Victoria)

Martyn Farr (cave diver and author)

◆ **Underwater photography &
videography** workshops. Exhibition and
screenings

◆ **Membership!** How to attract and keep
new members, plus info and advice about
BSAC's new Direct Debit scheme

◆ **instructor workshop** - discuss your
experiences, find out how to advance your
skills and get involved. We need YOU!

◆ **decompression** - workshop on the latest
practice

Check the latest on
www.londondivers.com

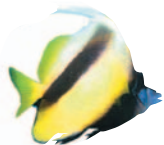
organised by London Region BSAC



Skills development courses 2006

30 Sept	Oxygen Administration
21 October	Practical Rescue Management
11 November	Chartwork and Position Fixing
19 November	Advanced Diver Theory
25 November	First Aid for Divers

For details or to book your place, contact Nick Jones (details below) and visit www.bsac london.org.uk for up-to-date info



London divers support Dahab London Region's international initiative wins support

> **July 7 2005** terrorist bombs killed 52 people in the city of London and injured hundreds more.

> **April 24 2006** terrorist bombs killed 22 people in the small town of Dahab, Egypt and injured 150

Dahab is a small, friendly town in Sinai, on the Egyptian Red Sea. Residents make their livelihood from tourists - mostly from scuba divers and people learning to dive.

After the London bombings in July 2005 Londoners continued with their daily routine, refusing to be intimidated by acts of terrorism. London has a population of almost 7.5 million and its culturally diverse citizens are protective of its freedoms.

The loss of life and damage in Dahab has resulted in a drop in tourism upon which local businesses depend for their livelihood. We believe that it is in the interests of people in London and in Dahab to stand together against this modern threat.

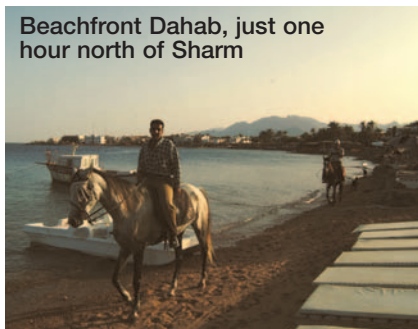
We encourage all Londoners and all London divers, to continue visiting Egypt, the Red Sea, and our friends in the beautiful town of Dahab.

Divers from London Region visited Dahab in July to present the Mayor Dahab with letters of support from Marcus Allen, BSAC's Chair, and Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London

We're planning ongoing links and support for environmental projects in Dahab. If you or your branch are interested in getting involved contact louise@betterbsac.com

Details of the initiatives and about how to visit Dahab are on www.londondivers.com

Beachfront Dahab, just one hour north of Sharm



* We want YOU!

London Region is always looking for people with enthusiasm and skills to help make our region the very best in the country.

Why not come along to one of our meetings and find out how you can get involved? The next meetings are Monday 16 Oct, 13 Nov, 27 Nov 7.30pm at the Student's Union, Imperial College. Contact Roy Sherwin (details opposite) if coming.

Instructors ahoy!

We are particularly keen to hear from instructors who would like to develop their skills and run some of our regional courses. Come along to our special recruitment session at the **London Festival of Diving on 3 Dec** (details overleaf) to discuss your ideas and experiences, and meet the team. Your skills are vital to help both your branch and BSAC to survive and thrive, so we'd love to hear from you.

Useful London contact details

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