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Fan shaped
Gorgonians

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I HAVE received hundreds of complaints from one or two people about comments I made in the last **SCOTTISH DIVER**. Good this means at least I have a few readers.

The offending remarks were about; well I'd better not repeat them in case someone takes offence. However it was nice to catch up with Craig Emond who phoned to tell me the reason he could not attend the AGM was because he is a busy BDO and had a batch of keen trainees who were eager to enjoy their first dive. That's fair enough after all getting new divers in the water is what we are all about so carry on the good work Craig and we look forward to receiving your proposal again next year.

On the other hand the inhabitants of 'The Scottish Divers Forum' have been taking me to task for my comments about a former chairman and some of his branch joining another organisation. Their rather serious comments reminded me of the young lady at Divewise who was looking for volunteers to take part in a study. She has a theory that diving affects the human balance mechanism and that all divers have impaired balance and she would like to find out what causes this. I can tell her, alcohol.

Anyway it made me realise another human trait that seems to be affected by diving is a sense of humour. Divers at least those who use forums have lost the ability to recognise a joke when they read one. So to make it easier for them from now on when I write something I think is funny the sentence will end with the symbol (j) for joke. (j) Of course the Society for the Come Uppance of Morrison, or SCUM for short will not be amused. (j) Scum will be actively preparing a tirade of abuse aimed at me to be posted on Billy Brown's forum as soon as they read this.(j)

I think I'll put up a prize for the most imaginative and funny post I read, perhaps I'll offer the winner a lift to next year's



Going overboard

AGM to boost the numbers. (j) I know what the prize will be, a copy of Eats Shoots and Leaves since grammar is not a priority for members of SCUM. (j) I might even enter myself since no-one on forums uses their real name I could call myself Ed, too obvious for a pseudonym. (j)

PS, to Billy Brown, I'm only writing this because your forum has been a bit dull lately and I know you love to slag us off. (j)

On a serious note the forum is a good place to meet buddies, arrange dives and generally keep up with what is happening in diving and you run it well.

Jack Morrison

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