



September 2008

### Dive Conference 2008 – 15<sup>th</sup> November

This year's dive conference is shaping up to be a great day with something for everyone. Whether you are a trainee or experienced diver, a wreck diver, underwater photographer or marine biologist, we promise you will have a great day out. The event is kindly sponsored by Historic Scotland.

The conference will take place in Oban High School on **Saturday 15th November** and will include a wide range speakers a prize raffle and a number of exhibitors. The conference is open to all divers including members and non-members. Registration, exhibition and tea/coffee from 9am with speakers commencing 10am

Tickets are available from [www.scotsac.com](http://www.scotsac.com) priced £8 in advance of £10 on the day. Ticket price includes **full day access to the conference, tea/coffee, buffet lunch, conference materials and SSAC embroidered polo shirt**. Tickets are also available by sending a cheque to SSAC HQ.

The conference will conclude with a prize raffle with top prizes including Uwaterc Galileo Sol dive computer, Buddy Nexus Open Circuit/Closed Circuit Dive Computer and a very special Christmas dinner for 2 onboard a luxury steam train.

### Vehicle Access to Loch Fyne Dive Sites

We are aware of restrictions to vehicle access on the minor road between Furnace quarry and Argyll Caravan Park. This road provides access to dive sites including Kenmore point and Stallion rock. SSAC are exploring these restrictions and will make every effort to restore responsible access for divers. A questionnaire is available from our website to assist in re-opening access for divers.

### What's On

Date	Event / Course	Location
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Regional Instructor Course	Watersports Centre, Cumbrae
9th November	Heartstart & Oxygen Administration Course	SSAC HQ - Glasgow
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Branch Instructor Course	SSAC HQ – Glasgow
15 <sup>th</sup> November	SSAC Dive Conference	Oban
6 <sup>th</sup> December	ITDA Nitrox Course	SSAC HQ -Glasgow

Visit our website for further information or to book your place.

### Conference Programme

The line up so far includes:

- **Martyn Farr** cave diver and explorer talks about his expeditions to the top cave locations around the world
- **John Bantin** diving journalist with Diver magazine on his job and why he loves it!
- **Andy Jackson** brings us some stunning audio visuals on his expeditions to find and identify two submarine wrecks in the Firth of Forth
- **Dr David Wilmot**, SSAC's medical advisor discusses everyday medical problems and their effect on diving
- **Jim Anderson** will host a live photoshop workshop, with top tips on enhancing your underwater images
- **Alex Gallego**, BDO Grampian branch has been diving on a KISS rebreather for many years and will tell us why rebreathers needn't be complicated
- **Philip Robertson** is our conference sponsor from Historic Scotland and will update on latest marine projects including ScapaMap and HMS Campania
- **Callum Duncan** from Marine Conservation Society and Seasearch project brings us his usual fascinating insight into marine life.
- **Sportscotland** will also join us to run workshops on funding your club and valuing your volunteers

### New Website – coming soon!

We are now finalising our new website to bring you a fresh new look and more information on SSAC. Keep an eye out on [www.scotsac.com](http://www.scotsac.com) in the coming weeks.