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### COVER PHOTO

Shoal of Red Sea banner fish,  
*Heniochus intermedius*, on El  
malachi, Fury shoal. (Jim Anderson)

FIRSTLY, AN apology and a correction, in the September/October edition we published a new emergency number for reporting diving emergencies. It turns out that was wrong. The NDO informs us, (and he should know as he is an auxiliary coastguard) the number we printed is in fact an internal coastguard number and not a new emergency number at all. So it is a case of as you were. If you have a suspected DCI then you should ring 999 and ask for the coastguard. This applies whether you are at sea, on the beach after a dive or even back home when symptoms appear, call 999 and ask for the coastguard. They are the ones who will co-ordinate the emergency services and get your patient to the right place for the right treatment.

I recently spent the day at a lifeboat station and they confirmed this procedure, call 999 and ask for the coastguard. There I've repeated it three times that should be enough reinforcement for even the dullest brain to understand, but just in case, in an emergency call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

The progress towards becoming a company limited by guarantee is creeping slowly forward. By now we hoped to have all the relevant documents available for members to comment on and be holding an EGM to vote on it by November. However this has proved to be an over ambitious target, we are now realistically looking to present it at the next AGM in March.

The other major thing the ScotSAC General Committee has been up to is writing a new three year plan. Why three years and not five as is normal? Well mainly because it's a bit more flexible; the world changes quickly nowadays and what may be relevant goals to set today, in two years time may be irrelevant.

One of the things that came out of our management audit and our weekend with



photo courtesy Jim Anderson

## GOING OVERBOARD

sportscotland was a need to respond to the needs of the members. I know this has always proved difficult in the past but with modern methods of communication it might be easier now. So this three year plan starts with us attempting to find out from branches and members just where we need to concentrate our resources to give them best value.

We on the General Committee and the National Diving Council need to find ways of becoming more pro-active instead of re-active in the future. So look forward to filling in a questionnaire sometime in the new year. In the meantime if there is anything you think should be included let us know we will be delighted to hear from you.

*Jack Morrison*

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