

Ideal Intro To Nautical Archaeology

DIVERS IN Scotland have the opportunity to find out more about the archaeology of the marine environment. The Nautical Archaeology Society has organised a one day course at their Scottish training office and this provides a one-day 'introduction to archaeology on the foreshore and underwater'.

Many of the major aspects of archaeology are presented in a series of illustrated talks and practical sessions, which include:

- What archaeology is and how it is carried out on the foreshore and underwater;
- The type of sites that are investigated, e.g. harbours, sunken settlements shipwrecks, etc;
- The detective work - the principles of science and deduction that underlie the whole subject;
- The survey methods used on archaeological sites to record structures and finds, etc;
- Maritime finds, what to do? The law and how it affects you;
- The contribution survey projects can make to the National Monuments Record.

All of these aspects are presented using examples from local projects and others around the world, many of which are in progress at the

moment.

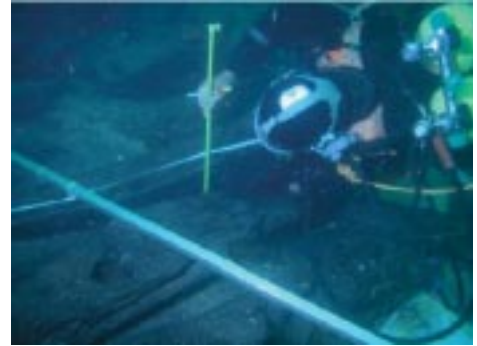
A major part of the course is the practical survey session which can be held in a swimming pool. Non-divers are given equivalent tasks on the surface. The surveys are then drawn up afterwards in the classroom.

As the courses are for relatively small groups, they are informal and relaxed and hopefully an enjoyable way to spend a day!

All participants are issued with a NAS training record card, an internationally recognised certificate. The course is recognised by BSAC and SAA as a 'Diver Skill Development' and some courses are recognised by PADI as a 'PADI Diver Speciality', and by ScotSAC.

The introductory course costs £50 (includes all local costs, a training record card and a CD Rom training manual). Membership of NAS and the training manual are available at extra cost.

If you would like to participate on this course, please send a



A diving archaeologist recording a wreck in the Sound of Mull

deposit of £25 (by cheque made payable to Morvern Maritime Centre) to the address given below. On receipt of your deposit, you will be sent joining instructions and a programme for the course.

If you are interested and would like to attend get yourself along to St Cuthbert's High School in Johnstone on Saturday, January 28, the course is a full day affair and runs from 9am to 5pm.

For more information tel: 0131 552 5795 or email: philiproberson893@btinternet.com or visit www.nasscotland.org.uk Send cheques to: NAS Training in Scotland 12 York Road Edinburgh, EH5 3EH

Open Forum **Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at 7.30pm**

THE PURPOSE of this consultation is to discuss the Draft Memorandum and Articles of association and Bye-laws for the proposed change of status to The Scottish Sub-Aqua Club, a company limited by guarantee.

Prior to the meeting you will receive a copy of these documents. Alan Grosset who has prepared the Bye-laws will be present to explain and answer any questions you may have in regard to these documents, and about why we should become a company limited by guarantee.

The meeting will be held in room M420 on the fourth floor of the James Weir Building, Montrose Street, University of

Strathclyde, Glasgow. Enter the building via the main entrance and proceed to the second floor. Room 226 is located at the far end of the building and signs will lead the way.

This is your opportunity to find out more about the future direction of the Club and whether you think it is the right one. Please attend this meeting if you have strong feelings either way about the change. This is where we want to have a detailed discussion which will save a lot of time at the AGM in March when we put it to the vote.

There is never enough time at an AGM so that is why it is important we get a good

attendance at this open forum. I know some of you have concerns about this so here is your opportunity to have your say and hear an expert give his answers.

Parking is on street and free after 6pm. Queen Street train station, Buchanan Bus Station and Buchanan Underground station are all within 5-10 minutes walk.

If you cannot attend the meeting, then please submit your queries via ScotSAC HQ.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alan Marshall and John Sharp of Inverclyde Branch on obtaining their Sport Diver award.

ScotSAC Committee Nominations 2006-07

NOVEMBER 30 MARKED the deadline for the nominations of members to the ScotSAC General Committee and National Diving Council for 2006-2007.

The following positions have been elected unopposed:

Vice Chair

Norman Mitchell (West Lothian)

Treasurer

Diana Webb (Carlisle)

Editor

Alison Fish (Ullapool)

The following positions have more than one nomination and will require a ballot election:

Chairman

Jack Morrison (Clydebank)

Ken Smith (West Lothian)

NDO

Kevin Miller (Strathclyde University)

Kevin Webb (Carlisle)

Secretary

Bill Beattie (Larkhall),

Andrew Murray (Strathclyde University)

In addition, the following four members have been nominated as ordinary members of the General Committee

Joe Campbell (Hamilton)

Graeme Clark (Kelvin)

Frank Connor (Hamilton)

George Mc Burns (East Coast Divers)

7 members have been nominated for positions on the National Diving Council. An election shall take place in order to select members to hold the 5 available positions. The nominees are:

Marion Brown (Forth Valley)

Tony Carter (Larkhall)

Graeme Forsyth (Johnstone)

Robert Hugh Fraser (Pentland)

Martin Henderson (Coatbridge)

Bert Smith (Reivers)

Kevin Watson (Pentland)

Profiles of the above nominees, along with a ballot paper are enclosed with your magazine.

If you no longer have your ballot paper, please contact ScotSAC HQ for an additional copy. All votes must be received at HQ by January 31, 2006. Successful candidates will take post from the AGM in March.



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