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One from the  
archive: Jean Deas  
in a walkway on the  
coral encrusted  
Umbria (image  
courtesy Walt Deas)



IN THESE dark days of winter when  
dives are short and we all look forward  
to the pub more than the dive, many of  
us start thinking about the coming year.  
For me a return trip to the Moray Firth  
on board MV *Top Cat* is a must. Excellent  
diving with a good skipper, a comfort-  
able boat and what can I say about the  
curried potatoes - they are just some-  
thing else.

I've never been one for New Year  
resolutions, they're like your first  
hangover, never again you say, but a  
week later there you are at the bar  
saying "well OK, just one more then  
home" aye right! But there is something  
about the start of the year that causes us  
to reflect and think about the coming  
months.

What then will 2006 bring for  
ScotsAC? Well at long last the members  
will get to vote on whether we become a  
company limited by guarantee. Some-  
time in January every member will  
receive a draft of all the relevant docu-  
ments; the Memorandum and Articles of  
Association and the bye-laws. Read  
them carefully and if there is anything  
you want to clarify or are not sure about  
then you will have an opportunity to air  
them at an open forum on Wednesday,  
February 1 at 7.30pm. The venue is the  
James Weir Building at Strathclyde  
University (Montrose St. Glasgow).

Alan Grosset who has prepared the  
bye-laws will be present at this open  
consultation to explain the relation  
between our existing constitution and  
these new documents. He will also be  
happy to answer any questions that  
members may have with regard to the  
proposed change and why we should  
become a company limited by guaran-  
tee.



photo courtesy Jim Anderson

## going overboard

In case you have forgotten the main  
reason is to protect the membership  
from financial loss in the case of a  
claim against the club. From there  
we will present a proposal to the  
AGM instructing the committee to  
proceed to incorporation in terms of  
these drafts.

This meeting on February 1 is  
important, it is your opportunity to  
air your views and have your say.  
This gives us time to make any  
alterations needed to the documents  
before the AGM and hopefully the  
vote will be pretty straight forward.  
Full details on Page 38.

Have a happy Christmas and a  
Merry New Year and I hope to see  
many of you at the meeting.

*Jack Morrison*

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