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Azure vase sponge  
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ONCE UPON a time long, long ago the general committee embarked upon an epic journey to become a company limited by guarantee. An admirable task designed to protect the membership from financial ruin. Like all epics it just never seems to end! First we had to go through the valley of the M&A's, a tricky path dotted with hazards and the only guidelines had been written by a solicitor - not an easy read.

Next came the enchanted forest of the rules and bye-laws, easy to fall asleep in here where there is little light and awoken with the roots wrapped tightly round your feet stopping you from moving forward.

After that was the barren desert where time stands still while you await the ink to dry on all the paper.

However our intrepid adventurers have almost reached their goal. All this time being stalked by a wicked wizard who takes great delight in putting obstacles in your way.

Soon, very soon, we hope, (because we are all getting fed up by now and want our ice cream and hot dogs, after all this is just the interval) documents will be produced and circulated to all members. These sacred and magical documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Bye-laws.

After you have read them you will be welcome to make any comments or ask any questions. There will be an open forum attended by the solicitor who produced the bye-laws where he will explain why they are as they are and make any alterations deemed necessary by you the members.

From there these sacred documents will be presented for acceptance at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Thus



photo courtesy Jim Anderson

## going overboard

(hopefully) we will turn into The Scottish Sub-Aqua Club a company limited by guarantee where the members can live happy and productive lives safe in the knowledge that should the excrement come in contact with the blades of the fan they will only have to fork out a quid in compensation.

Meanwhile I'm going to nip out early just before the break because there are only three choc-ices left and I want one of them. Just realised this will be the last time you will have to suffer my delirious drivel in this column. I am looking forward to a different slant on things from the new editor.

*Jack Morrison*

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