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**COVER PHOTO**Moon Jellyfish,  
*Aurelia aurita*  
taken in Loch Fyne.Image courtesy of  
Gordon MacSkimming

LAST YEAR the General Committee (GC) of ScotSAC conducted a member survey, the results of which you can see on the website. Of course what you see there is just the raw data, over the coming months we will have to analyse this and modify our plans to reflect the member's wishes. It is only when you get the questionnaires back that you realise that in some areas you haven't asked enough questions.

Take for example **SCOTTISH DIVER**, we only asked one question, "How did you rate SD as the club magazine?" Over 50% rated it very good or good, but 35% were unsure. Clearly we would like to know what they mean by unsure so perhaps we should have asked more questions.

When you ask people what they would like to see in the magazine the answers are usually, more Scottish articles especially about dive sites. We try very hard to achieve this but as you will see from this edition clubs seem to find it easier to write articles about their club holiday than their weekend to Skye or Ullapool. Not that articles about club holidays are not welcome, they are and keep them coming as they give other clubs ideas about where they can go other than the Red Sea.

I think there are two things that put people off writing about the dives they do here, first they think no one will find them interesting because everyone dives these sites so there is nothing new to say about them. That's not necessarily true you might just know a little bit more about the site than others.

For instance you may be interested in marine life and be able to tell others what they can see on a site which they might not have noticed before giving them something new to look for next time they dive it. Second they think: "I can't think

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## going overboard

of enough to say about one dive site to fill a whole article". No problem we would love some shorter articles ones that would fit a page, about 400-500 words which is just a few more than you put in your log book and a couple of photos. Digital cameras have revolutionised photography and there is one on almost all dive sites these days. Photos don't have to be taken underwater either, we like to see our fellow divers enjoying themselves and the views at dive sites can be quite spectacular, you can interpret that any way you like.

And it's not just about dive sites, what about those memorable dives good or bad, how about your first, fiftieth or hundredth - all landmarks and worth sharing. So dig out your log book and pick a dive and let everyone know why you can't wait to go back and dive it again, even if it's just to find the torch you dropped the last time.

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