



# going overboard

dive clubs are good examples.

Branches have compressors, RHIBs and lots of other things that we as individuals either haven't the space, money or even need for. Who would have thought that in this day and age the one thing that we now have to think carefully about is the cost of filling our cars with fuel.

We're back to the days when we have to at least double up in cars to share the exorbitant cost of going diving. I know there are lots of branches who practise this anyway but there are branches where everyone travels alone to and from dive sites.

Privacy or not having to spend hours trapped in a car with someone you don't particularly like can be difficult. Those long uncomfortable silences looking out of the window hoping there is not going to be any traffic to delay the torture. Then to break the monotony the driver says 'let's have some music' and horror of horrors he or she turns out to be a country and western fan. Enough to

put you off diving.

However look on the bright side as the words of one country and western song goes: 'A stranger's just a friend you don't know', pass me the sick bag please. Yes this happened to me I once spent the journey from Clydebank to Lochaline listening to the driver sing along, badly, to a mixture of Patsy Cline, Jimmy Rodgers and other depressing drivel. Only the thought of good diving in the Sound of Mull kept me sane, and trying not to think of the road back.

On the other hand with fuel prices this high, fishermen are beginning to ration their time at sea which can only be good for fish stocks and conservation. In the meantime I suggest for long journeys take along a few of your own CDs or a razor to slash your wrist with if the driver is a Leonard Cohen fan.

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A CLUB IS a group of people of like minded interest getting together to take part in and enjoy an activity that individually they might not be able to afford. By sharing the cost they can meet the costs of facilities and equipment that as individuals may be out of their reach. That's a pretty old fashioned way of defining a club but then I'm old and as for fashion well least said the better. However the principle is right and

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