



# HQ Has Moved

AFTER MORE than five decades in Glasgow, ScotSAC headquarters has moved east to Edinburgh.

The new office is located in Caledonia House, the former headquarters of sportscotland, and now their East of Scotland 'hub'. Caledonia House is also home to 12 other governing bodies and sporting organisations and provides ScotSAC with modern, fit for purpose premises for the future.

Welcome to Kate Jenkins, who has joined ScotSAC as our new Administration and Finance Officer to carry out the day to day duties at HQ. This new full time position replaces the previous part time positions in Glasgow. Thanks to Sharon



Mckenzie who left ScotSAC in September shortly before our relocation, and Huw Thomas who assisted with the relocation and establishment of the new office.

New Address: Scottish Sub Aqua Club, Caledonia House, 1 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ

## Volunteer Vacancy

THE SCOTTISH Sub Aqua Club is currently seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Company Secretary on the Board.

This is a highly rewarding role, where you will have the opportunity to make an impact on the future of ScotSAC and develop your own skills. Directors of the Board are responsible for strategic direction and decision making as well as day to day operational activities.

The post is open to all members with suitable skills and experience, and is not dependent on diving experience or qualifications. Interested members should register their interest by contacting the Chairman: chairman@scotsac.com. The successful volunteer will be co-opted to the Board until the 2010 AGM.

ScotSAC is run entirely by volunteers and relies on mem-

bers of all levels and experience to contribute to our aims. Our Development Plan 2008-2010 identifies a number of key projects to enhance ScotSAC, delivering the needs of the Members, Branches and partners. This role may be conducted remotely, including online video conference participation at meetings.

Now is your chance to be part of the team to make a difference.

## Rescue Updates for Instructors

FROM OCTOBER 1, 2010, all Members delivering diver training or assessment at any level in ScotSAC must demonstrate their competence by carrying out a simulated rescue every three years to the satisfaction of their Branch Diving Officer (BDO) or other Instructor qualified to do so. Instructors who

do not complete this requirement will be deemed inactive and unable to train or assess until such time as they do so. Restoration will be automatic and immediate upon completion of the exercise.

Instructors are required to conduct a rescue to their highest diving grade, up to Master Diver level. i.e.

■ Instructors holding up to Sport Diver award conduct a Sport Diver rescue (assessment 10).

■ Instructors holding a higher diving award conduct a Master Diver rescue (assessment 9). The skill should be assessed by the BDO (if sufficiently qualified in terms of level) or any other Instructor qualified to assess to the appropriate level.

All Instructors will be recognised as hold 'active' status until

October 1, 2010. On this date, all Instructors must meet the requirements of rescue refresher outlined above. For most, this will require a rescue refresher to take place prior to October 1, 2010, unless they have previously completed the required rescue within the previous 3 years.

The aim of this new requirement is to ensure all Instructors have up to date rescue skills to uphold the proven track record of safety in the sport. In addition, this requirement seeks to ensure Instructors delivering and assessing training are doing so in line with current ScotSAC practices.

The National Diving Council encourages Instructors to conduct their refresher at the earliest opportunity. Full details and FAQs are available from our website.

## AGM Update

AT THE 2009 AGM, members voted in favour of a change to the date by which the AGM must take place. The latest date is now October 1 each year. It is now planned to hold the 2010 AGM in September with further details to be confirmed nearer the time.

As a result of this change of date, it is also necessary to change the date by which nominations for positions on the Board and NDC are due; currently November 30 as detailed in byelaw 4.2. A new deadline will be announced in spring/summer 2010.