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K2

I checked with K2 today (Tuesday 15 January) and was told that the pool is still out of action. The committee will be addressing these ongoing problems urgently, but in the meantime it looks as if there will be no pool training tomorrow (Wednesday 16 January). It is obviously outside our control, but I'm nevertheless sorry for the inconvenience to members. We will keep you updated on what is happening.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 15 January - Ocean Diver Classroom lesson OT7 - starting 20.00 promptly in the club hut

Tuesday 15 January - Meeting to discuss holiday plans - starting 21.00 in the club hut. All members who are or might be interested in coming on a club diving holiday should attend. As we are a diving club, I should have thought this was everyone!

Saturday 26 January - Oxygen Administration course in the club hut (course now closed, but see <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp> for the next one)

Sunday 27 January - First Aid for Divers course in the club hut (course now closed, but see <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp> for the next one)

Tuesday 29 January - Presentation by Tony Backhurst Scuba. Just in case we haven't decided all our holiday plans by then.

Saturday 16 February - Diver Cox preparation - an excellent course for anyone wanting to take the Diver Cox exam. You should already have attended a Boathandling course and had some boathandling experience. See <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp>

Saturday 23 February - Compressor Operation (Kingston). Learn how to use a compressor and get yourself added to our authorised compressor operators list. See <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp>

Sunday 24 February - Outboard and Boat Maintenance Course (Club hut). See <http://www.bsac-se.org.uk/SDCPOE.asp>

What's been happening

A bunch of hardy divers went for a New Year's Day dive at Wraysbury. Thanks to Dave Champion for organising this. Hopefully I can include a short report in the next newsletter - Dave?

We also recently ran a BSAC Gas Blending course which was well attended and we now have a good number of people qualified to provide you with nitrox for your dives - or even trimix should we have any qualified trimix divers and some helium. See more about this below.

I told you that I was going skiing in my last newsletter. I won't be telling you the story of what happened except to say, that if it were told, my left anterior cruciate ligament would feature prominently. Ouch!

Nitrox

All our new trainees are taught the use of nitrox from Ocean Diver level. Update courses are available for Ocean Divers and for Sports Divers and above. Please let me know if you would like me to run one of these for you - I did several last year. These courses or the standard training for new members enable you to apply for a nitrox card to permit you to dive on nitrox. Alternatively you can attend a BSAC Advanced Nitrox course which enables you to use nitrox in a wider range of situations.

Nitrox diving is safer and as we have it available for members, we should be looking to use it on all our dives between about 12m and 40m. We also now have plenty of people qualified to mix gas, and a new list will be appearing soon so you will know who they are. We will make sure there is someone available to mix your nitrox fills before all club dives. You will need to make sure that your cylinder is in oxygen service and is appropriately

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marked as this is required by club rules.

Please let me know if you have any questions about costs or other issues to do with nitrox diving.

Safe Diving

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