Deep Blue Diving News Letter May 2006

Good evening all,

It's a surprise to find myself typing the May news letter already, seems like only 5 minutes since I wrote the first January one, how the year is flying by.

April has been a fantastic month with the weather being very kind allowing me to catch up with the back log of dives that the crap March weather left me with! I know there are 4 of you out there needing the last 2 days of your Trimix Course to complete so hopefully we can get that finished for you over the next few weeks.

Easter was manic and even though we expected it to be quieter than previous years we were proved completely wrong as the good weather brought down divers from all over the UK. Tomorrow is the start of another Bank Holiday weekend but thankfully I will be on a ferry heading to France for a week of Cave Diving in the Dordogne thus escaping the madness of a Mount Batten Bank Holiday weekend!

Endeavour came out of the water after Easter for a quick spruce up below the water line. We have been very lucky with this boat having had no problems with her whatsoever. We have also finally settled on the gas blending system and will be starting to install it early to mid June if we can get a few days break in amongst he planned dives.

New toys.

Megalodon Rebreather training has been extensive in April with 7 new happy Meg owners taking delivery of their units and completing Module 1 training both here in the UK and in Portugal. Please remember that I have 2 school units as well as Classic Inspirations that we use for divers wishing to 'try before they buy' training. I have 5 more to collect at the end of June, so if anyone wants to get in on this order please let me know ASAP

Inspiration Rebreather wise I have 2 brand new units and 1 brand new Evolution waiting for prospective owners. These are the last 3 of my pre ordered units and after these have been sold it will be back to the 7 month waiting list that AP currently have.

And the last of the equipment news is that 2 more UV 18 Silent Submersion Scooters are being shipped over from Florida during May. It makes a huge difference on the carriage costs if we can ship as many as possible together so if you are thinking of buying please let me know.

Wreck Diving.

Now that the weather is starting to take a turn for the better and the water is a balmy 10 degrees Celcious I am starting to turn my attention to some of the closer inshore deep wrecks that I promised to pay a visit to this year. All the weekends have now been booked on Endeavour so I am thinking of opening up some more midweek dates

for wrecks that lie in what is known as the ‘inner and outer patch’ which are all in 65-75m depth.

Steve Wright who some of you know used to Skipper Loyal Watcher has had some great results this year diving these wrecks and seeing as they are all chartered it’s time to pay a visit to the one’s he hasn’t looked at! I am running some dive dates listed below for diving some of these wrecks that lie about 20 miles from Plymouth:

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd June, slack being at 12.30 and 13:15 respectively price £40 per diver per day

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th July, slack being at 10:30 and 11:20 respectively priced as above.

Once these 2 sets of dates fill up then we can look at offering some more but if you click on this link here you will see all the other dates we have booked on Endeavour this year **{** HYPERLINK "http://www.deepbluediving.org/dive_trips.php" **}**

Cave Diving.

The 2006 season will see a lot more Cave Diving happening both abroad and in the UK. I am planning to run some UK Cave Diving acquaint weekends which will be side mount cylinder based in and around the South Wales area, more information will be available towards the end of the Wreck Diving Season so if you fancy some of this during the Autumn / Winter please drop me a line.

Abroad I have quite a few weeks lined up for France and Florida and the March 2007 Mexico trip is progressing nicely and our best flight options seem to be with Thompson from Manchester Airport. Those of you that expressed an interest please could you get in touch again as I now have more information on this trip.

Warm Water Stuff.

Dave Cooper and myself are running some CCR Mod 1 training weeks early next year from Tekstreme in Sharm plus I have a week now booked starting 14th October from the same place for Inspiration and Megalodon Mod 1 and Advanced Recreational Trimix training. If you are already Mod 1 trained, or an OC diver looking for some easy going Sharm based diving please get in touch as you’re all more than welcome to join us.

And finally…..

It would appear that the Season is now upon us as divers start to make an appearance and dust off their gear. In all the 5 years I have been down in Plymouth I have never seen so much interest in diving and training as there is this year. This means that there will be ample opportunity for everyone to get wet this year. We worked out that Endeavour has 10 days free between the end of May and end of August that she is not out to Sea so there is no excuse for anyone not being able to get wet…see you all down here soon

Also please remember that if you have an idea or plan for a specific dive / expedition please feel free to email me your thoughts as I am always on the look out for new and interesting ideas and projects.

Cheers folks

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