Good Afternoon!

Summer is officially here I hear you all cry! At last we seem to be making progress after what must rate as the worst 6 months of weather I have seen in UK diving. March weather was so awful I didn't even bother to type a news letter as there was nothing to talk about!

April however has got off to a great start with a very un-seasonal 11 degrees Celsius water temperature and reasonable vis considering the recent conditions. Last Thursday saw the end of the 2nd back to back Trimix course with a dive on the Claverly that turned up some interesting finds. For years I have been using the Claverly on Trimix courses as it is a great wreck in good vis but the Stern section has always been a mystery to me as I could never understand why the prop seemed to be in the wrong place. Dan Stevenson filmed the dive last Thursday in HD-V and the prop turned out to be the spare one and not the one at the blunt end! In addition to this Steve off Seeker mentioned he has sounded a lump off the main wreckage so hopefully soon someone will confirm that this 'lump' is the missing stern section.

Unfortunately not all my courses have been Ocean based this year and since the end of January I have spent 22 days in quarry's, not something to brag about but without these fresh water training sites I would have been in dire straits with a load of unfinished training.

Training completions.

I haven't updated any training completions since the end of January so here goes for the last 2 months, congratulations to…..

Owen Thomas, John Kyp and Darren McDonagh for Inspiration / Evolution Module 1.

Moray Brown, Ed Kearton, Mark Lakes, Jim Werney, Paul Murphy, Dave Stone, Ray Wallis, Rich Maund and Rich Wakerfield for Megalodon Module 1.

Jack Moon and Paul Bullen for KISS CCR module 1 and Ray Reeves for PSAI KISS Module 1 CCR Instructor

Randy McNally and Chris Timms for Full Cave Diver

Darren Bremner, Pete Huckin, Lesley Hawkins and Steve Zanni for IANTD Advanced Recreational Trimix training

Matt Downer, Rich Clark, Stefanos Mylonas, Graham Booth and Stephen Koch for CCR Module 2 and Module 3 Trimix training

Apologies to Jason Dharma, Simon Gregory and Mark Sarton who battled through 3 of the 4 days required for Advanced Wreck Training to be blown out on the last day, I hope we can get you chaps through it soon.

Endeavour News.

Endeavour wasn't chartered over the Easter weekend which is a good job as she needs a few things doing for her mid term survey plus there is a starting problem on the port wing engine that hopefully will be resolved ASAP. If you have chartered her for the 2007 season you will be getting a set of joining instructions on email very soon letting you know all the essential points to make sure your charter runs smoothly. If you have any questions about her please drop me a line or give me a call.

Wreck Diving South of France.

I have 2 spaces left for diving alongside a Module 3 CCR Trimix course starting Sunday 28th April for 6 days. We are based at **{** HYPERLINK "http://www.europeandiving.com/" \o "blocked::http://www.europeandiving.com/" **}** which is run by a friendly chap called Alex. The diving is good and if you are feeling frustrated at the lack of diving so far this year then this

could be your chance! Accommodation is based right on the beach and very reasonably priced at 150 Euros per person for the week, diving is off a RIB but is comparable in price to UK diving plus it's a big RIB with a good ladder.

Rebreathers and even more Rebreathers..

To think that in 1997 no one had really even heard of a CCR it's amazing to see how technology has advanced. Now there are so many more units available that it really is a buyers market. I have realised this myself and now at the dive centre there are Inspirations, Evolution, Megalodon, Classic KISS and even a Boris! On the way over is the AH1 which is an RB80 PASCR clone, Revo CCR and hopefully the new CIS Lunar Mk 6 from Poseidon. What I am trying to do is offer choice and the ability for you to 'try before you buy'. Not every unit is suitable for every diver and half an hour spent chatting through the different options could save you a load of time and money.

As the year goes on I will be running 'rebreather experience' days where you can see all the units in the flesh and then try the ones you like in our 4m deep pool or Open Water. This is the best way to find out what really is the best unit for you and if this interests you please let me know. I am running a 'Rebreather Experience day in Vobster on the 23rd June and NDAC on the 24th June. Places are limited to 4 on each day and you get to try 2 different units during the day plus see all the others in the flesh.

Dave Cooper who is our Boris Instructor will be running Boris Courses for me and we will both be exhibiting at the NEC show on the 13th/14th October so if you are thinking of coming along we'd love to see you there. We will also have some good show offers on selected units too for the Winter training period in 2007 and early 2008.

Wreck and Cave Diving 2007.

Last Year was a great year up until the middle of September so hopefully we will have a better year right through this Season. I have 3 new targets in 85m to explore this year off Plymouth and these will all be 35 miles plus offshore and are potentially very exciting and un-dived wrecks. I have made a plan with Steve of Seeker to dive these wrecks in May and June but we will be doing so based on weather windows. This makes it very difficult to fill the boat as in most cases we may only have 3 days notice. But if you can get time off midweek without too much notice I would like to hear from you so I can put you on a separate email list that will go out when the tides and weather are perfect. Steve is now getting 14 knots on Seeker so we should be out there much quicker than we would on Endeavour and as these days are long ones, speed is essential.

Cave Diving is also looking good for the year ahead. Our trip to Mexico in March was very enjoyable, the cenotes were quiet with divers so we pretty much had the place to ourselves for the week. I am looking at organising another week out there early on in 2008 and there are lots of trips booked this year to France and Mexico if you fancy tagging along for some good cave diving.

That's pretty much it for now folks, please let me know if there is anything that interests you and I look forward to seeing you all this Summer

Cheers

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