

# Crud - Spring 1978

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**EDITORIAL** APRIL 1978

by Paddy Boyes

Well, this edition of CRUD has taken an all time record of squeezing and badgering to get any articles out of our 90 strong members, but we've finally made it! I had to resort to setting John Beha amongst you to see if he had any more success than I did. He did luckily. I don't know what he's got that I haven't. There's some useful stuff here to take with you on the Club Holiday - what am I talking about?! You should take it with you anyway. It's all good stuff.

With over a year since the last edition, the Club has continued to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. The Club has now purchased a Domino inflatable boat kit which is well on the way to being built in the pool basement. I think thanks should go to the pool staff for making these building facilities available - more inside about the boat!

The Harrison 1978 dance went off with a swing again - an all time record of tickets sold. It's his last year this year so volunteers please!

The last season saw many new members, and the hard-core divers of the Club visiting sites from as far apart as the Scilly Isles in one extreme to Stoney Cove in the other - still a valuable inland water training site

The main activity that has aroused a lot of interest away from the coast is the entry of St. Albans into the Octopush ladder. Anyone that has tried it at the pool will agree that it helps keep you in shape while at the same time providing some great entertainment. We've been presented with our first trophy (see inside), its only a pity we can't display it anywhere.

This really leads me on to my last note - thank goodness? But with the Club growing steadily, and gaining more and more members with useful areas of 'know-how¹ and contacts, what about using this magazine - or the Club notice board - to exchange this information. It all helps the world go round and with 90 members now in the Club, its very hard to know how useful or not we all are to each other. So far the next magazine - when you're badgered for articles again but you're shy or illiterate - or can¹t be bothered even, then think on these lines and we may include a useful column or two.

That's all for now Happy reading! ED

### **OCTOPUSH**

Just a short note about the St. Albans Octopush Team and their tremendous effort this season, As you all probably know from the notice board, this team made it all the way to the Semi-Finals, and were only pipped at the post by an unlucky draw.

The outcome of the Semi-Finals put St. Albans at No1 1 in the ladder - not bad for a new team eh? West Wycombe have since presented St. Albans with the 'Most Improved Team Trophy', of which Dennis Price is currently the custodian.

Since that Semi-Final a few changes in the ladder, but here is the Top 15 (16th April):-

1.	HARLOW	6.	SLOUGH	11.	CROYDON
2.	WEST WYCOMBE	7.	NORTH WARWICK	12.	TOTTENHAM
3.	SOUTHSEA	8.	BIRMINGHAM	13,	ST. ALBANS
4.	READING	9.	BRENT PISCES	14.	ISLINGTON
5.	BRISTOL UNIVERSITY	10,	HAMPSTEAD	14.	CARDIFF

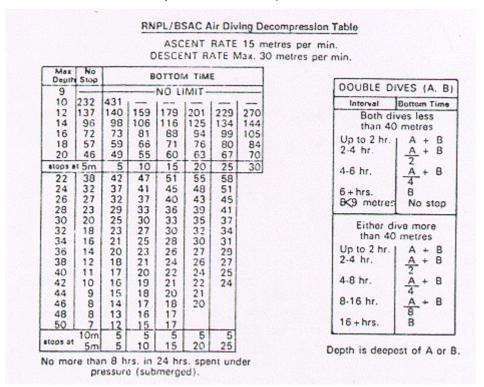
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### **DECOMPRESSION TABLES**

by Brian Heywood.

The decompression tables we are required to use changed 2 years ago, but the Diving Manual did not reflect this change until the new edition, now being issued to new members.

The table given here is the one that should cover all our diving requirements. Some of you will have seen it in a previous issue of CRUD. It has been repeated for the benefit of newer members who have the older diving manuals, and others who may have lost their copies.



This table allows a second dive to be modified to take account of the time that has elapsed after the first. It is to be appreciated that the modification rules apply only to two dives in one day. If more than two dives are done, the rule <u>is:- ADD ALL DIVE DURATIONS TOGETHER AND USE THIS TIME TO DETERMINE THE REQUIRED DECOMPRESSION STOPS AND TIMES</u>.

To recall this event is' something of a miracle for me as it is now a long time ago (24th May 1970 to be precise). The weather I remember, only because of the notes in my logbook, was perfect for this momentous occasion, a strange orange ball of flame suspended in an azure sky (wot poetic crap this is, I hear you say).

On arrival at the dive site which was a bridge between Portland Harbour and The Fleet, I first of all had to gain control of all my faculties as my poor abused body was just not used to the strain of being made to work before dawn. I knew early starts would be necessary for me to indulge in this somewhat masochistic sport, but this was bloody ridiculous.

Right! now to the well practised art of donning all my equipment, I had practised just once a couple of weeks before on my first dive which was at Stoney Cove, This operation was completed smoothly and efficiently in 3/4s of an hour. I did feel though that all the abusive comments from the 2 or 3 more experienced members of the party were neither called for, or on the whole, very accurate.

Now the moment that I had been waiting for; had spent hours and months preparing for was upon me. What's it going to be like? will I like it? The questions that you ask yourself when you do anything for the first time. My knee-caps were trembling with anticipation, which reminded me of another first time, but you wouldn't be interested in that. Now in the water I donned my fins, checked my air and followed my dive leader towards the Deep. Visibility was excellent, so what wondrous sights were my mincers about to behold, and etch themselves into my memory for all time. Swimming to the deepest part, all of 20 ft, I found that I was a bit on the light side, so I grabbed a passing rock to help me out. Moving toward the legs of the bridge, we came across a large rock, and peering around it I saw a large pinky cream coloured form with two eyes staring straight at me. After persuading my stomach to return to its rightful place, it dawned on me that I had come face to face with my first deep sea pigs head. The rest of the dive was relatively uneventful, apart from the fact that, while we were still down the tide had started to race out, and this caused the unusual reaction of the cheeks of my backside grabbing hold of the inside of my wetsuit, thus preventing a major disaster. Hanging on to a leg of the bridge, I was told by my dive leader to surface. Then he advised me that to facilitate an easy return, I should stick my brand new knife into the sandy bottom whilst finning, and pull myself back. This we did and it did save me the dubious pleasure of viewing the entrance to Portland Harbour, from close to. Being made of sturdy stuff, this introduction didn't stop me from diving in the afternoon but that's another story.

#### AND MY MOST RECENT

By Roy Harrison

This was ( at the time of writing) 2 weeks ago on Sunday January 8th. The purpose of the dive was to go bottle hunting in a river somewhere north of here. This once again necessitated an early start, though not

too early to be unrealistic, purely to be finished in time for opening time upon our return.

Unlike my first dive the weather did not supply any inducement at all. In fact it was summed up quite concisely by one of this small merry band of idiots as, " a bleedin stupid idea". Never the less we all changed fairly smartly, as even the slightest breeze at this time of year around your exposed areas can bring tears to the eyes.

Once changed it was a matter of

he who finds anything keeps it, though for some reason there was not a mad rush to get in. I tested the temperature by letting water creep up the legs of my suit and thought "well thats not as cold as I expected". So I walked further in and when the water reached to just below waist level, I called out, in voice 2 or 3 octaves higher, "I don't need a dive that much, I'll wait 'till summer". I was assured that the worst part was over, so like a mug carried on.

Well, it really wasn't that bad once down so I stayed grovelling in nil to 3 ft visibility for 1/2 an hour and found about a 3lb. lump of lead piping and a small perfume type of bottle. Another chap found a Hamilton type, which for the uninitiated is a bottle with a pointed bottom (Hmm,Nice). One of the other intrepid divers found 3 really priceless artefacts, and after researching we discovered that were called 1/3, 1 pint and sterilised milk bottles, made as long ago as 1976. It is a great coincidence, that the finder is in the milk distribution business and was heard to say "Can It bloody well get away from work can I?

After we had all thawed out, we left for the warmth of a hostelry, where we refreshed all the parts that only a proper English beer can reach.

## BREED TO DIVING (OR HAVING A MADMAN AS A FATHER)

by ANON

I was about eight years old when Dad came in - all excited, saying he was going to be a diver. Only a week previously, I had been teaching him to swim, but, he seemed quite confident. From here on, he went trotting along to the swimming pool once a week. Every so often, I would go along with him and watch all the splashing around and carrying out of all sorts of silly manoeuvres. For instance, one chap

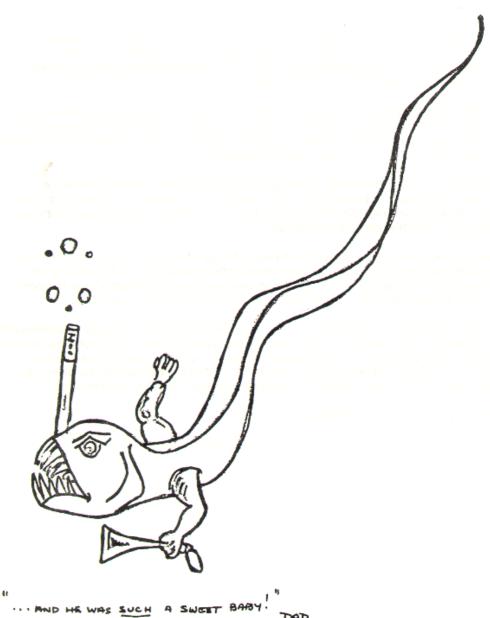
would jump into the pool and pretend to drown - then another diver would jump in and really drown him. At that time I hadn't twigged that you had to be mad to dive!

At last the great event came: Dad's first dive. It was then I should have ordered the 'men in the white coats' to come and pick him up. Instead, I went down to the mysterious Black Park and helped them break a hole in the ice - it was mid-winter!

It was about then that the diving disease infected me, although I still had enough sense to see that it was a Summer sport.

This was followed by a couple of dives at Stoney Cove - a cold granite quarry - a far cry from my original illusions of sun beaten seas and coral reefs.

The next great event was a sea dive at Portland. Off we went and arrived at Chesil Beach at eight in the morning. We climbed to



the top of the beach only to be confronted by sixty foot waves and a force 10-11 gale. There was nothing for it but a beach dive in Portland Harbour, where all Dad saw was sand, sand and the upturned hull of a scuttled ship.

Now came the first Club Holiday - Whitsun 1970. Start Bay was the site, and the first dive held at South Hall Sands. This was the first sea diving many of the wives had ever seen, and many started divorce proceedings immediately - on the grounds of insanity. I don't blame them either!

The cars were parked at the top of the cliffs. Out they got and proceeded down a small road of about 2 in 1, round the ruined village and across fifty years of pebble beach. It was pouring with rain, and the sea was extremely cold. They emerged about thirty minutes later with a load of shells supposedly containing scallops (which none of them liked anyway). Then back up the cliff with their catch and fifty pounds of gear.

This continued for half the week until things became more sensible. A boat was used. The boat came out of Dartmouth and motored about 10 miles along to Bee Sands. All aboard they climbed and steamed out to sea a further couple of miles, jumped in, came back up and returned with less than they got on the beach dives.

The following holidays were much the same, except that the ratio of boats to people increased from 1 to 40 to 2 to 1. This involved boats speeding, collisions, sinkings and divers colliding with inflatables - and other such incidents.

1976 made the grade of complete madness after water skiing in a Force 10 gale in mid-November. I went on my first official sea dive - two miles out in 50 feet of water in a 10 knot? current.

Now they've even got me tearing around the country, jumping in and out of swimming pools, and chasing lumps of lead around as fast as I can go!

(A true story with certain minute exaggerations. The author wishes to remain anonymous in case his father finds out and stops his allowance).

## **KEEPING TROPICAL MARINE FISH**

by Roy Langley

The ideal tank to start with is an all-glass tank 36" x 15" x 12" (a little larger for those that use Jet Fins). For this you will need two under-gravel filters, plus a large air pump.

Artificial sea-salt such as "TROPIC MARIN" should be mixed for 24 hours by strong aeration. Don't fill the tank at this stage, as room must be left for the rocks and corals.

Cover the filters with coral sand to a depth of 3". A combined heater/ thermostat is now needed - correct temperature  $75^{\circ}$  to  $80^{\circ}$  F. All corals, rocks and shells must be thoroughly cleaned before being placed in the tank - boil if possible to kill the bacteria.

Now the tank can be topped-up - a hydrometer is necessary to obtain the required Specific Gravity of 1.021 - 1.023, a lower reading indicates the need for more salt - a higher reading more water. This reading must only be taken when the water is at the correct temperature.

Before adding the fish, the tank is best left (with filters working) for a couple of days to allow it to settle. Of course, the tank will need lighting ~bove<sub>3</sub> but, avoid it being too bright, as this will affect the temperature as well as encouraging the growth of algae.

One or two Damsel fish would be the favourite to start off with, due to their hardiness and the fact that they are amongst the cheapest. A variety of foods are readily available - try to avoid too much dried food - the frozen varieties of shrimp, mussels, clam etc. are far better for the fish.

When fish are first put in the tank, it is a wise precaution to add 'CUPRAZIN'

- a copper-based medication to the water, as marine fish are prone to a killer disease called 'OODINIUM', which amongst other things can be caused by shock, (so try to avoid inflating your fenzy). This medication by the way must not be used if the tank contains invertebrates - crabs or shrimps.

For any further information - see me -ROY LANGLEY

### WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

by Geoff Moles

When one first gets the diving but, I suppose one has dreams of ship-wrecks, treasure, or, in Bill (Scrap Iron) Garrett's case, portholes, "pieces of eight" or large brass nuts. In my case, then maybe I was lucky - I found a little bit of treasure - or whatever you want to call it.

Whilst on the Club's yearly pilgrimage to DEER PARK, SOUTH DEVON, on the Thursday of the week's holiday, diving out of Challaborough with John Pratt, Joe Bulger and Dean Redpath, the sea conditions were good, and underwater viz. excellent. Dean and myself were the first pair to dive. We dropped over the side and headed for the bottom 25 metres away. The bottom soon unfolded, and we headed off with a slight current soon to have a nice crab and then a lobster.

Here comes the bad diving bit!!

Dean uses his air at a great rate and he was soon low on air, so, with the appropriate signals exchanged, Dean set off for the surface up the buoy line leaving me to continue. I don't think I had gone over a couple of gullies and there it was - just lying there! I can remember saying to myself "MY GOD - A CANNON" I flew at it, and sure enough, there it lay - a Bronze Cannon. I clipped a shackle onto a bronze dolphin on the top and wound some buoy line in tight. With my remaining air I quickly had a look around and then surfaced. 1111 leave the remarks I made to John, Joe and Dean.

John and Joe then dived taking the anchor chain, which was soon attached to the cannon. Dean and I proceeded to pull the cannon to the surface - and it was "BLODDY HEAVY!!!"

I am now the proud owner of a 17th Century 32 inch, 60-lb. Bronze Cannon, which according to the Greenwich Maritime Museum is probably of Dutch origin.

It bears a large Coat of Arms on the Breech, also the date - 1670, along with other design work pointing to it being Dutch.

According to the Historian, the Dutch fought three Wars against the British in the 100 year period when the cannon was made. It is believed to have come off a yacht - fighting ships of the day then - somewhat different from the yachts of today.

#### So, food for thought!

1 CRAYFISH

My cannon is one of four that have come out of the area in the last 10 years. That together with other information I have heard, I believe there is a wreck around there somewhere - certainly a ready made CLUB PROJECT!

Furthermore, NEVER moan about having to have a buoy line. Without one I certainly would not have my Bronze Cannon.

### A GUIDE TO ONE'S SPOILS

6 SCALLOPS = 1 SMALL CRAB

2 SMALL CRABS = 1 PLAICE

2 LARGE CRABS = 1 SMALL LOBSTER

2 SMALL LOBSTERS = 1 CRAYFISH

1 ANGLER FISH = 4 DUBLOON or TWO PIECES of EIGHT

This is a rough guide for the beginner on the approximate value of his catch. Do not be coerced into accepting anything less.

Above all, resist darkly worded threats about having a spear plunged into ones 'nether regions' if you do not comply.

1 ANGLER FISH

## **CLUB BOAT PROJECT**

The Club boat project is now steaming ahead thanks to Brian Rimmer and his boat team. At the time of going to press with about five weeks to the Club holiday, there is still an awful lot of work still to be done.

The boat is being built on Sunday mornings, in the basement of the St Albans Westminster Lodge Pool. There is always something for any likely volunteers to pick up and do, even if it means becoming another source of helpful "advice".

Seriously though! Brian Rimmer is the one to see about helping. Time is against us. If it is to be ready for the Club Holiday - and you want to use the boat, then muck in and help.

### **DO's COLUMN**

#### 1) TO ALL MEMBERS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have helped make the past years diving enjoyable. Special thanks are due to those who have been involved in training and dive organisation activities. Let us strive to make the coming years diving more enjoyable.

The initial planning for the coming years diving programme needs to start as soon as possible. In order to do this, your suggestions are requested. All will be considered. All members are invited to contribute, even if you have not as yet set foot in open water. I do not believe that all members wish to rape and pillage the sea-bed on every dive. I certainly don't. Why not consider applying your other interests to the diving scene. Now lets have YOUR suggestions.

To all members, in particular the newer ones, the Branch Committee is here to help you. Don't be afraid to ask for advice, discuss your problems or voice your opinions (diving matters only please unless someone will volunteer for the job). The Branch can only improve as a result.

#### 2) TO THE NEWER MEMBERS

A warm welcome to you all.

The majority of you have joined in the last few months, many more than in previous years. We will do our best to ensure that your training proceeds without delay, some of you however may be delayed in your LUNG training due to shortages of equipment and pool space. Any delay hopefully will be short. It is too soon in your SNORKEL training to be able to make any reasonable estimate of delays or who will be affected. All I can say at the moment is that training will commence on a first ready basis. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused and hope you will bear with us.

I must also apologise on behalf of the Branch for the delay in issuing BLUE logbooks to some of you ( now resolved) and more importantly for the lack of DIVING MANUALS. The latter is due to a delay in printing. You should, however, receive the latest edition, much better than the previous one we are informed. (This matter may be resolved by the time you read this.

On completion of your SNORKEL training, I recommend that you attempt to complete your open water part of the training (in parallel with your pool LUNG training). The weather and water conditions in the winter months may not be ideal but you will then be in the position to start your open water LUNG training at the earliest possible time (this is what you joined for).

You have probably gathered that this magazine is a light-hearted review of our diving activities and personalities. If you don't recognise many of the members referred to, you soon will. You may become notorious yourselves and end up as the principal subject (centre pages) of the next unexpurgated edition.

#### 3) CLUB HOLIDAY(S)

The annual Club Holiday to Devon is currently planned to take place the week prior to Whitsun (20th - 27th May). Further details are available on the notice board.

If this week is not convenient to you, it may be possible to organise the Whitsun week in addition. Anyone interested please see me A.S.A.P. but no final decision is possible until nearer the time.

All members are welcome to take part provided the necessary pool training has been completed. The newer members will find this holiday the ideal time to gain experience and knowledge in the open water (your pool training should be complete by then.)

A number of members have recently asked about the possibility of a Club Holiday in warmer waters, the Mediterranean for instance. How many of you may be interested? If you are, please see me, newer members included. This would occur after the Devon holiday. The minimum qualification normally required is 3rd Class but can be overcome if reasonable experience has been gained and other experienced divers are available for supervision.

### 4) REVISED STANDARDS FOR 3rd AND 2nd CLASS DIVERS

New standards take effect on the 1st January 1978 for divers wishing to gain the 3rd and 2nd Class Diver qualifications.

The greatest change occurs for the 3rd Class Diver qualification. The changes are aimed at making the 3rd Class Diver more competent and experienced. The new standards will of necessity extend the open water training period. I would hope that all existing 3rd Class Divers, including those of you not intending to go for the 2nd Class Diver qualification, will take up the challenge of the new standards and complete the necessary training.

The changes to the 2nd Class qualification are minimal. In this Branch, the main requirements have always been achieved and in general, considerably exceeded.

These new standards will make it necessary for you to keep a more detailed record of your diving, many of you I know don't. The RED logbook will become a vital addition to your BLUE one.

The new standards are as follows:-3rd Class

- 1. Lecture 3/7 is replaced by lecture 2/2 (subject matter).
- 2. Test 'G':- Add the tests -
  - (a). Three different entries into the water.
  - (b). Clear mask at 7 m.
  - (c). Clear mouthpiece at 7 m.
  - (d). Share mouthpiece static & while swimming horizontally at 7m. acting as donor & recipient.

# Qualifying dives:-

Carry out 10 qualifying dives from at least 5 different sites and on at least 5 different dates. These dives should show experience of 5 of the following conditions.

- (a). Shore dive along shelving bottom.
- (b). Dive from a boat.
- (c). Dive in fresh water.
- (d). Dive in moving water (1 knot maximum).
- (e). Dive in sea water.
- (f). Low visibility dive (less than 2m).
- (g). Dive in cold water  $(10^{\circ} \text{ C or less})$ .
- (h). Dive to 25m.

The definition of a 3rd Class diver is one who may dive with another diver of the same standard, but not normally with one of a lower standard.

## 2nd Class

- 1. Lecture 2/2 is replaced by lecture 3/7 (subject matter).
- 2. Dive Marshall

Act as a dive marshall on TWO occasions - one of which should be a boat dive in a tide or current.

ADD. Act as deputy to a qualified Dive Marshall on TWO occasions one of which should be a boat dive in tide or current.

## 3. Open Water drills

REMOVE - Jumps into water. Clear mask. Clear mouthpiece.

ADD (a) Carry out an assisted ascent from 20m, acting as donor and recipient.

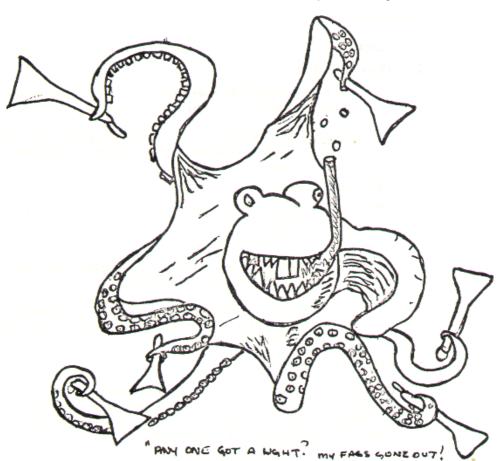
(b) Swim 500m in full aqualung equipment but using a snorkel, the last 50m shall be a simulated rescue and tow.

### 4. Qualifying Dives

Carry out 20 dives in addition to those for third-class. These should be from at least 10 different sites and on at least 10 different dates. The dives should show experience in at least 5 of the following conditions.

- (a). Large boat dive.
- (b). Wreck dive.
- (c). Night dive.
- (d). Dive with SIMULATED stage decompression.
- (e). Dive with task of work (other than 1 and m).
- (f). Dive to 30m.
- (g). Drift dive.
- (h). Zero visibility dive.
- (i). Cold weather dive.
- (j). Dive under ice.
- (k). Dive into underwater cavern.
- (I). Recovery exercise.
- (m). Survey.

The definition of a 2nd Class diver is one who should be competent to organise Branch dives.



The following tables cover our normal diving areas. Those for Portland and Weymouth cover weekends only for the months of March to September. Those for Dartmouth cover the Club Holiday period in May.

All times are corrected where necessary for British Summer Time. For additional information, i.e. height of tides, slack water times etc., consult full tide tables and charts.

# DARTMOUTH

DATE	1st HW	2nd HW	Comments
(MAY)			
Fri. 19th	0350	2634	
Sat. 20th	0453	1733	
Sun. 21st	0553	1828	
Mon.22nd	0650	1921	
Tues.23rd	0745	2012	)
Wed. 24th	0837	2059	) SPRING TIDES
Thurs.25th	0926	2143	
Fri. 26th	1012	2226	
Sat. 27th	1057	2310	
Sun. 28th	1143	2357	
Mon. 29th	1236		
Tues. 30th	0055	1340	NEAP TIDES

### Corrections

BRIXHAM + 5 mins START POINT - 20 mins SALCOMBE - 25 mins BIGBURY - 20 mins WEMBURY - 25 mins PLYMOUTH -35 mins

## PORTLAND AND WEYMOUTH

Month	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	Date of Date of
Date	1stHW 2ndHW	Date 1stHW 2nd HW	Springs Neaps
MARCH 4	0112 1406	5 0246 1537 -	Sat 4th
11	0824 2041	12 0855 2108	Fri 10th
18	0025 1216	19 0206 1536 -	Sat 18th
25	0817 2058	26 0855 2131	Sun26th Sun 2nd Sun 9th
APRIL 1	0036 1316	2 0156 1454 -	
8	0829 2049	9 0904 2115	
15	1131 2350	16 1235 23 0753 2034	Sun 16th
22	0704 1955		Mon 24th
29	1207	30 0033 1313 -	Mon 1st May Mon 8th Tues 16th
MAY 6	0721 1949	7 0806 2024	
13	1049 2301	14 1120 2334 -	
20	0533 1829	21 0633 1922	Tues <sup>2</sup> 3  Tues 30th  Tues 6th
27	1119 2338	28 1205	
JUNE 3	0559 1827	4 0653 1917	
10	1014 2222	11 1043 2251 -	Wed 14th
17	0346 1642	18 0458 1749	Thur 22
24	1028 2245	25 1111 2326 -	Thur29th
JULY 1 8 15	0420 1649 0933 2143 0147 1441	2 0526 1749 - 9 1005 2209 16 0308 1559 -	Thur 6t Fri 14th
22	0932 2153	23 1015 2231	Sat 22nd
29	0218 1451	30 0332 1605 -	Sat 29th
AUG 5	0848 2100	6 0921 2127	Sun 6th
12 19 26	0015 1249 0834 2057 0034 1243	13 0115 1402 - 20 0918 2137	Sun 13th Sun2Ot Mon28th
2	0752 2003	3 0831 2037	Mon 4th
9	1139 2356	10 0053 1224 -	Mon 11th
SEPT 16	0728 1951	17 0819 2039	Mon 18t
23	1123 2348	24 1150	Tues26th
30	0636 1843	1st Oct 0724 1928	Tues 3rdOct.

**CORRECT IONS** 

LULWORTH (IN COVE) 10 mins

SWANAGE Variable - Consult Poole Tables for Area.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

We have just received a further letter from one of our old friends who was, we believe, at Eton at the same time as the Hon. Winston de Villiers Clancy-Smythe and our overseas friend Bulgari.

DE SAHARA

Dere Bulgari,

Hows is yo boy? Ise here on de club holiday an de ol conshurns has make me tink ob yo. Subakwer in dis part ob de world am fine or so I hab heard.

We hab arived to day. So Is hab no news ob de diving y(~t Lars week-end we made preperashun. At least dat am wot it was supose to be. Half de members went on de hardbo - dat is a super large warcanoe wid de planks on de top - dere is de rail fo Jo pratti, Bulgi, an Bill ipwello to lean over.

De local boy made good he catchum de only lobby - dat am a slim crab wid de long tail. De rest catchum cold Roharo am still wid us he hab started a fashion - hide ~ face - dis am becos dere are too many ob de locals dat rekernise us.

Alcaponi am not diving dese days he hab de sinking fund and de canoe repair work instead.

De hole tribe hab grown. De others went to Brickshum, were we see de witch-doctor in de sea. He shout. So we go see what he say "I am in de current" Dat am strange for he look as if he is in de Club! Der am a noo member Tomibi - he am a nephew ob an ol fren - Manibooba - T~mibi make fine trumpet. Nevi-davi am wid us too - he am one hungri boy!

Dis week de ol kwipment officer, now de money-bags cos he am de only boy wot can add 3 + 1 an make 5 - He mak tribal dans on de table - de slaves are revolting he sings - an how! dey, won mak de canoe - givi me more! gimmie more!

M¹Wuddi am joining G'Moli on de conservashun ob de ekolgy or dat is wot day say. Rob' Jacki Jacki am also going dat way.

Der is noo development in de tribe - de lady members. De boys am habbing to watch deir langwidge - dat is why dey spen mos ob de time in de pool playing octopush. Dis am de noo gentle sport led by D'npi.

De great-white chief who am now diving officer hab jus come in. Der is bad noos. He say M'Wuddi hab sold all de water, and GtMoli, and Robert Jacki-Jacki hab taken all de life! De prospects ob diving tomorrow is berry poor!!

N'Jimbo

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

Aurora Boriales is Jas talking about that plaice he missed at 'Brixham?

Chris Vaughan-Birch never snores? (answer obtainable from David, Jas and Jas!)

A berried crab is a bashful gentleman hiding in the sand?

Mick Wood has given up alcoholic drinks? (Offer him a pint in the pub to find the answer!)

Cohn Wehrle has put on so much weight that his weight belt won't fit?

Goody bags are not female divers.

Peter Ormerod is frequently engaged on Her Majesty's business - it just happens that it often involves diving in Belize, Gibraltar, Hong Kong and other similar hot spots.

Dennis Price is collecting money for his holidays.

Mike Pearce and Robert Jackson our trainee Club Instructors have been away diving at week-ends putting back the lobsters Geoff Moles caught last year.

The sudden increase in the number of lady divers is because we have a bachelor D. 0.

#### **WORTH A PINT!**

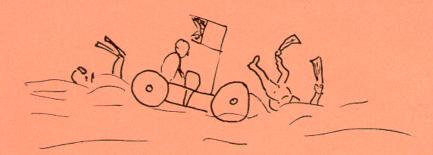
Ask Bill Hipwell for the story of the night when he shared a double li-b with M. ... W. . a at Portland!

#### PERILS OF DIVING WEEKENDS

Cacophany - David, Jas, Jas don't know how lucky they were -Tom Bentley slept well! Alastair Stewart tried hard - succeeded second night! Quentin gave up - they were not in rhythm he said zZ - ZZ - Bleep splutter - pause ZZ - splitter whistle - ZZ etc - thats why I slept on the landing! He said!

DIVING HINTS

THE BACKWARD ROLL ENTRY by Robert Jackson



Arriving Early at the Dive Site by Roy Harrison

