



2026 Dive Programme

Date	Venue	Details	Qual. Level/spaces	Cost/details
31 March – 11 April	Thailand	Warm water	OD/unlimited	Contact Sallie for details
25 or 26 April	Stoney	Warm up/dry suit training/SD training	Any	Entrance fee, suit hire, gas, travel Contact Jim
9 and 10 May	Swanage/Portland	Combo weekend Saturday : Ocean Divers @ Swanage Sunday: Sports Diver+ @ Portland	Sat : Ocean Diver. Max 12 spaces Sun : Sports Diver Max 12 spaces	Swanage Boat Charters Schedule for May not available yet. Around £85 per diver per day Contact Jim for details
6 – 8 June	Plymouth	Wrecks/scenic	TBA Max 12 spaces	Contact Carol for details
3 – 7 July	St Abbs/Farne Islands	Sealife/seals/wrecks	OD/Max 12 spaces	Contact Carol for details
25 or 26 July	Swanage	Wrecks/drift	SD/Max 12 spaces	Swanage Boat Charters Schedule for July not available yet. Around £85 per diver per day Contact Jim
Sat 8 August	Brighton	Wrecks/drift	SD/Max 12 spaces	Contact Jim
Sat 22 August	Brighton	TBA	SD+ Max 12 spaces	Contact Jim for details
Sat 19 Sept	Swanage	Wrecks	OD/Max 12 spaces	Schedule for August not available yet. Around £80 per diver per day
18 – 23 October	Scapa Flow	Wrecks	SD+/ Max 12 spaces	Halton Charters (Bob Anderson) (liveaboard). Contact Ewen Brown for details
Oct/Nov/December	Egypt	Warm water reefs & wrecks	OD/Unlimited spaces	TBA Contact Sallie

Booking on dives: Put your name down on the dive booking sheets or contact Jim (DO) if you are interested in any of these trips.

Information on the dive locations

Wraysbury Dive Centre: Local lake used for training. Several training platforms, visibility usually very poor. Usually for warm ups, testing kit and basic training.

Stoney Cove: Large quarry. Various depths. Useful training and 'warm up' location. Large six metre platform. Accommodation nearby. Day or weekend trip.

Swanage: A few wreck sites under 20m. Good for first open water dives. More wrecks in 25+ range. Site of famous Kyarra wreck but plenty more to choose from. Charter a boat if sufficient numbers otherwise book spaces with Swanage Boat Charters on their shuttle (Mary Jo or Viper). Quite good scenic diving. Under the Pier always a good second dive option.

Plymouth: Lots of nice scenic diving plus usually good viz. Marine life abundant at certain sites. Excellent wrecks to choose from – James Egan Layne, HMS Scylla, Persier, Rosehill all within 10 – 30m range. Loads of reef sites to visit – Eddystone Lighthouse, Hands Deep, Mewstone Ledges to name a few. Deeper wrecks (30-50m) include the Maine, Skaala, Totnes Castle etc.

Portland: Hundreds of wreck sites to visit in Weymouth and Swanage Bays. See https://www.scimitardiving.co.uk/dive_sites/. This is a weekend dive location. Dive boats leave from Portland Marina. We usually stay in one of the bunkhouses on Portland on Friday and Saturday night. If weather is poor, as a last resort, there are wrecks to dive in Portland Harbour. Diving the Countess of Erne or the Dredger is a right of passage for UK divers.

Brighton: Brighton Marina gives easy access to lots of wrecks off the Sussex coast. Visibility is variable – it can be very good but it can also be awful. Irrespective, a dive out of Brighton with a BBQ at Pete's afterwards always makes for a great trip. And a great learning experience. <https://brightondiver.com/diving-trips-brighton/>

St Abbs/Farne Islands

St Abbs is known for its clear waters and huge diversity of marine life, particularly in the Marine Reserve. The diving around St Abbs is suitable for all levels of divers with many of the scenic sites at depths around 15m down to 30m. The scenic diving around the Farne Islands is some of the best in the country. You can dive through gullies that are covered in deadman's fingers or among huge boulders that have something hiding behind every nook and cranny. During the breeding season you will be able to dive with Puffins and Guillemots during your dive. Some of the scenic diving is also the playground for one of the UK's largest grey seal colonies. They love to swim up and down the gullies and sometimes they sneak up behind you and before you know it they are pulling on your fins.