

How to Dive with Totnes BSAC

If you wish to participate in a club dive you must: -

- Try to be at the club on Wednesday evening where details of forthcoming diving will be announced.
- Put your name, qualification, whether you can tow and any special requests or comments (e.g. shallow option, using nitrox, etc) on the appropriate dive list posted on the notice board.
- Make a note of the Dive Manager's phone number, time to phone and any other relevant details.
- The club email will contain details of the next week's diving. If you haven't been able to be at the clubhouse on Wednesday then you can still phone or email the Dive Manager to add your name to the list – provided you do it early. Don't leave it till the last minute because you may be disappointed.
- Ensure that you have enough dive tickets. These are available from the Treasurer every Wednesday evening, priced £10.00. Without a ticket you may not be allowed to dive.
- Air is available from the boat shed every Wednesday evening until **9.15 p.m.**
- Air tickets can be purchased from the Treasurer and are priced £2.25 each, or £10.00 for 5.
- Air fills are prices as follows:
 - Up to 3 L (pony cylinders) **£1.00** – cash
 - >3 L & up to 15 L **£2.25** (normal rate) – token or cash
 - More than 15 L **£3.25** (i.e. normal rate plus £1) – token + £1
 - Twinsets of more than 15 L (combined volume) & not manifolded will be treated as 2 cylinders (i.e. **2 × £2.25** payable) – 2 tokens
 - Twinsets of more than 15 L (combined vol.) & manifolded will be charged at 15 L rate (i.e. **£3.25**) – token + £1
- If your name is on the list then it is imperative that, **whether you wish to dive or not, you phone the Dive Manager at the appointed time before the dive.** If you cannot dive please let the Dive Manager know as soon as possible.
- Ensure that your diving kit is appropriate for the dive planned, that it functions correctly and is serviced and well maintained. It is a branch rule that all members of the club should possess an alternative supply: - i.e. an octopus, a twinset or a spare valve and pony cylinder. **The Diving Officer has the authority to prevent anyone diving if their equipment, experience or training are below the standard required for a dive.**
- A club dive should have **at least 4 club members**, one of whom must be an **Advanced Diver**.
- **Anyone managing a club dive must obtain the Diving Officer's agreement to the planned dive and to the use of club equipment. The Dive Manager should contact the Diving Officer the evening before the dive to confirm that it is proceeding and again on completion to report back. The Dive Manager should also contact the Equipment Officer about any problems with the equipment or any damage.**
- After the dive, the Dive Manager must submit a completed diving log and dive tickets to the Treasurer as soon as possible.
- **All Divers** - remember that diving is based on helping each other. Please offer to help at the boat shed, launching and retrieving boats, refuelling, towing etc. It will make the day more pleasant and the Dive Manager's job easier.