



Dive Programme 2019

Introduction

Welcome to your new dive programme. In 2019 Clidive has a packed plan with about 80 days of amazing diving. As always we're mainly diving in the UK as it's the best in the world.

Clidive will be diving all over, offering fantastic variety and choice. You can dive with us on week-long expeditions to Handa Island (NW Scotland), Scapa Flow (Orkney) and Normandy (France). You can join long weekends to Pembrokeshire, St Abbs, Plymouth and the Lake District. We will be diving the finest reefs in Plymouth, deep wrecks out of Dover, the forgotten wrecks of Plymouth and exploring Swanage. We will even be snorkelling with blue sharks! We will be heading further afield too, with trips to Croatia, Budapest, Sardinia and the Andaman Islands.

We offer something for everyone. All through the dive season there are trips open to all, including divers new to UK diving. For more experienced divers, our expeditionary week-long trips offer adventurous diving to remote and beautiful places. We're offering specialist trips for deeper wreck or reef diving and plenty of training opportunities for everyone.

Great value

Clidive trips and training are great value because we're a club and everything is run by volunteers who give their time for free. Diving from our two high spec RIBs costs just £30 a day, half what it costs on commercial boats but we make no compromises on dive quality or distance. If the weather is good enough a Clidive boat will always be well offshore doing the best sites possible. Few, if any, other clubs take their boats to dive the exciting remote offshore sites that we regularly dive.

We block book accommodation and use self-catering where possible to keep the prices low. Kit hire is just £3 an item or £10 for full kit hire per day.



A trip to Handa Island this year will cost £550 including diving, accommodation, food and air! It's impossible to find a week-long diving holiday for less. You'd be mad not to book on at least one!

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What's on offer?

Clidive expeditions



Week-long expeditions let you really explore a place in depth. It's some of the best diving you can do. We take you to places other divers don't get to dive. All these expeditions take place from our RIBs.

- **Handa Island** – Explore the dramatic walls and pinnacles, teeming with Atlantic life. A new location for Clidive with so much to discover!
- **Scapa Flow** – Dive the massive wrecks of the German High Seas Fleet in the centenary of their sinking. Both fun and project diving.
- **Normandy** – 75 years after Operation Overlord, dive the wrecks of the famous Allied invasion. Both poignant and adventurous.

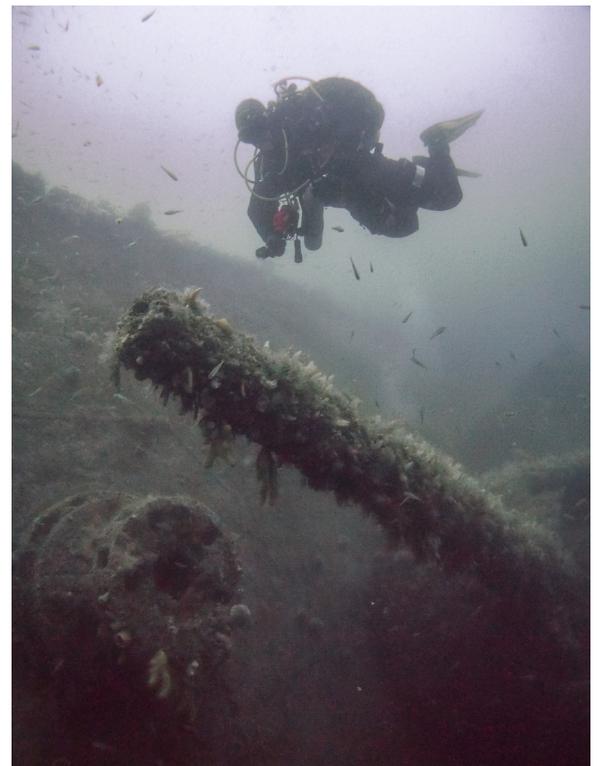
Expeditions are open to experienced Sports Divers (SD+). If you're not a Sports Diver this is easily fixed. Book on the Sports Diver course, starting in February and the Croatia training trip, then build up your experience on weekend trips. Chat to the Diving Officer to put a plan together to get ready for the summer.

Expeditionary trips fill up very quickly so book now to avoid disappointment!

Speciality diving and snorkelling

We're offering a few trips aiming to do specific types of diving.

- **Lake District**, 12-14 October – *After the success of last year's weekend we'll be refining the location and making the most of our hard-won knowledge to make this something truly breathtaking! This will be suitable for Sports Divers and above who don't mind a bit of hiking!*
- **Deep Wrecks Dover**, 15-16 June – *For experienced Sports Divers diving wrecks in the 30-35m range. Dover is renowned for its wreck diving, so this is a real must for all wreckies!*
- **Plymouth's forgotten wrecks**, 7-8 September – *This will be exploring the cream of Plymouth's wrecks, specifically focussing on those that we don't tend to visit on a bank holiday weekend. This is suitable for all Sports Divers depth progressed to 30m.*
- **Plymouth reefs and sharks**, 10-12 August – *Aiming to visit the less frequented reefs including the legendary deep walls of Hatt Rock. This trip is suitable for all Sports Divers depth progressed to 30m. After diving from our RIB for the weekend we'll be onto a hard boat and heading offshore to hunt for blue sharks with the aim of snorkelling with them. This is shaping up to be a really special weekend and a must for marine life fans of all*



kinds!

Weekends and long weekends

Each year we peruse the long list of fantastic UK dive sites and curate a selection of the finest for your diving pleasure. Some of these we've dived recently and had such a brilliant time we want to do them again this year. Others we haven't done for a few years and are itching to go back.

- **Winter Warmer**, Plymouth, 30-31 March – *Come along and get warmed up for the season with some classic Plymouth diving. Ideal for those who get withdrawal symptoms after a long winter!*
- **St Abbs**, 20-22 July – *Life galore in the oldest voluntary marine reserve in the UK - cold Arctic currents and warmer currents from the south swirl together and support diverse and abundant marine life so that Arctic wolf fish can be found living side by side with Devonshire Cup corals.*
- **Swanage**, 14-15 September – *Home to legendary wrecks like the Kyarra and the Fleur De Lys along with famous reefs like Old Harry and Swange Pier and special treats like the Valentine Tanks (seven WW2 experimental tanks designed to float with propellers at the rear), Swanage makes a welcome return to the programme and has something for everyone.*
- **Pembrokeshire**, 21-23 September – *Puffins, sheer walls, intact wrecks and the possibility of diving the Smalls Lighthouse – Pembrokeshire has it all! Come along and be wowed at the range of life in the Skomer marine reserve, dive an adventurous drift in Jack Sound and see who can see the biggest lobster!*



Bank holidays



see that change while diving the best weekend diving the UK offers.

Bank holiday trips offer something for everyone, and everyone should book at least one!

Clidive's bank holiday trips combine top drawer diving with a lot of fun as we come together as a big group and do the best diving for all levels. Experienced divers love the opportunity to dive some classic sites while new divers get to explore the UK's dive meccas with people who know them like the back of their hands.

This year, by popular demand, we'll be heading off to Plymouth for all four bank holidays. Plymouth is home to classic wrecks such as the James Eagan Layne, and world-class scenic dives like the Eddystone have called to divers since the very beginning of recreational diving. As the seasons change and the years go by, the diving changes, so visiting Plymouth throughout the year allows us to



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Abroad

While Clidive loves UK diving and firmly believes it's the best in the world, in case you hadn't heard, there are also many great reasons to head abroad - other than the sun that is. This year we've got four cracking foreign trips.

- **Croatia**, 19-27 April – *A long weekend of training, followed by five days of diving. Do either or both! Wrecks, walls and reefs. For all.*
- **Budapest**, May (TBC) – *Dive the caves and caverns of Budapest or the warm springs outside it. Diving available for all, training and guiding available to experienced divers in the cave sections.*
- **South Sardinia**, 27 September – 1 October – *Dive the marine park of Villasimius and the WW2 wrecks of Southeastern Sardinia. Tonnes of life, stunning wrecks, Sardinian hospitality. Suitable for Sports Divers.*
- **Andaman Islands**, Feb 20 – *OK, strictly this is 2020, but still. Discover the pristine reefs and terrestrial beauty of one of the dive world's best-kept secrets. Suitable for all.*

Training trips

To support our training Clidive runs a lot of training trips.

- **Croatia**, 19-27 April – *A long weekend of training, followed by five days of diving. Do either or both! Wrecks, walls and reefs. OD and SD training available.*
- **Stoney Cove**, 20-21 July and 19-20 October – *At the National Dive Centre, a large and very well equipped inland diving centre, where diving has been going on since the 1960s! OD and SD training available.*
- **Dive Leader and Advanced Diver training days**, 28 April, 16 June, 11 August, 29 September – *Four days at Gildenburgh to cover any Dive Leader or Advanced Diver training needs that you have.*



Training and preparing for the season

Clidive offers loads of training opportunities. Move up a **dive grade** this year and book on some skill development courses. How about **Oxygen Administration**, **First Aid for Divers** or **Boat Handling**? If you are working towards **Dive Leader** or **Advanced Diver** volunteer to assist in the running of a trip.

Most importantly, when did you last practice your rescue skills? When did you last practice mask clearing, out of gas ascents and rescue skills? Can you hover neutrally buoyant on your safety stop? Are you completely in control of your buoyancy throughout the dive? Can you put up a DSMB whilst hovering? All of these skills can be practised in the pool. Before you start diving in 2019, make sure your skills are up to scratch.

Dive plan

See <http://www.clidive.org/diving/dive-programme/> for the dive programme.

Which dive trips are right for me?

I'm doing Ocean Diver training

First of all book onto the **Croatia** training trip. Then book on some **weekend** and **bank holiday trips**. These trips are marked as open to **All** or **OD**. Bank holiday trips are large, busy and great fun. You will dive with an instructor or Dive Leader initially, then be encouraged to dive with divers of a similar qualification level to build up your diving experience.



I'm a qualified Ocean Diver

Do some warm water diving in the winter and spring to improve your skills and confidence alongside the **Sports Diver** course. Build up your diving experience on lots of weekend and Bank Holiday trips in such as **Croatia**, the **bank holiday weekends**, and **St Abbs**. You will then be ready to do some more adventurous diving on expeditionary trips, such as **Normandy**.

I'm a PADI OW/Advanced OW Diver and new to UK diving

UK diving is great, so book up on some **weekend** and **bank holiday trips** marked as open to **All**. You will dive with an instructor or Dive Leader until you get used to UK diving conditions.

We recognise your existing qualifications so there is no need to do any further training – you can book up and go diving straight away. In the meantime, we recommend that you consider a **Sports Diver** course, after which you can build up to more adventurous diving as above.

I'm a Sports Diver

Do some warm water diving and some skill development courses in the winter. Build up your diving experience on lots of **weekend** and **bank holiday** trips in April and May such as **bank holiday weekends** and **St Abbs**. You will then be ready to do expeditionary trips, such as **Handa**, **Scapa** or **Normandy**. And don't forget to check out the long weekend trip to **Pembrokeshire** and the **Plymouth's forgotten wrecks** and **Plymouth reefs and sharks**.



I'm an experienced Sports Diver. Tell me what's new and exciting?

To keep you busy in the winter, do **Dive Leader** training and lots of skill development courses. Ensure your diving skills are up to scratch by going on a few weekend trips, then make sure you're booked onto **Handa**, **Scapa** and/or **Normandy**. For something a little different, how about **Plymouth reefs and sharks**, **Pembrokeshire** or the **Dover deep wrecks**.

I'm a Dive Leader, Advanced Diver or Dive-God First Class Diver. Entertain me

Easy. **Handa** by RIB is a must, as well as **Scapa** and **Normandy**. But for something new, how about diving in the lakes on the **Lake District** trip and breaking out the snorkel to do **Plymouth reefs and sharks**? You should also dive the **Dover deep wrecks** trip.

How to book

The Dive Plan is published at the Clidive Christmas Party on Saturday 8 December. The Dive Plan is also available on the Members Section of the website (only a limited version is available to the public).

Contact the Dive Manager for each trip you're interested in. Email is generally the best way of getting in contact. Their email addresses are on the Dive Plan, but if you have any problems, just ask the Diving Officer.

Sometimes, the trip will be full, or there will not be enough space left for divers of your experience level. For example, spaces may need to be reserved for boat handlers. Or, if lots of inexperienced divers book up, space may need to be left for experienced divers and instructors to lead dives. If a trip is full, it is always worth getting your name on a waiting list. In 2018, almost every trip had cancellations and most waiting lists were emptied.

When your booking is accepted, you must pay a deposit to the club bank account (sort code: 20-01-58, account number: 30231142, reference as stated on the dive plan).

Only payment of a deposit and a confirmation of booking from the Dive Manager will ensure your place on a trip. Please don't just pay a deposit to the Treasurer and expect the Dive Manager to know you are coming. Places will not be 'held' pending payment of a deposit.

To book on a trip, you must be a fully paid up member of Clidive and BSAC. BSAC membership is particularly important – if you are not paid up, you will not be insured.

Small print

Please make sure you read and understand our bookings policy. We like to keep things as simple and informal as possible because we are a members club, not a business. But we have to be fair to all our members and avoid making losses on dive trips as a result of individuals pulling out. That means that when you pull out of a trip, you will lose your deposit if a replacement cannot be found, and you will sometimes have to pay the full cost of the trip. For longer Clidive trips, we strongly recommend taking out travel insurance with cancellation cover, in the same way as you would with any other holiday.

Dive fees

Diving from our RIBs costs £30 per person per day. This is a flat daily rate, whether you travel 80 feet or 80 miles on the boats. There is no 'half-day' rate for only one dive.

If the RIBs have to be towed very long distances or put on a ferry for expeditionary dive trips, the divers will share the costs of this. Exceptionally, it may also be necessary to charge a small extra fuel levy for adventurous expeditionary RIB trips going far offshore. The Dive Manager will tell you about this if it is a possibility.

Clidive hardboat trips are charged at cost, plus a £5 levy for short trips (3 days or less) and a £10 levy for longer trips (4 days plus).

Equipment hire is £3 per item per day, or £10 for full kit hire.

Divers pay for their own gas fills, and must return any hired club cylinders full, regardless of whether they were empty when they were hired.

Cancellations

If you pull out of a RIB trip having booked on, you will lose your deposit if a replacement is not found. For expeditionary trips with high fixed costs, it may also be necessary to charge you the diving fees and a share of transport costs as well.

If you miss a day's diving on a RIB trip, you will still pay for the diving fees for that day. But there are some exceptions:

- The diving for a whole day is cancelled by the Dive Manager.
- If you agree with the Dive Manager when booking you will only be diving for part of the trip. Such a booking is only likely to be accepted if there is plenty of space available on the trip.
- The Dive Manager may depart from the general rule in exceptional circumstances.

If you pull out of a hardboat trip, you will lose your deposit and must pay the balance of the hardboat cost and any other unrecoverable costs (such as accommodation) if a replacement is not found.

If you miss some or all of the diving on a hardboat trip for whatever reason, you must still pay the full cost.

Training programme

From	To	Course	Details	Location	Price	Notes
Thu 10-Jan	Thu 10-Jan	Instructor refresher	1x evening, 8.00-9.30pm wet 1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive		
Mon 14-Jan	Sun 14-Jan	Compressor operator		Imperial college	£50	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Thu 17-Jan	Thu 17-Jan	Try dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm 1 day	Clidive	£10	
Sat 19-Jan	Fri 19-Jan	O2 Administration/Dive Leader lectures part 1 - DT2-7		Imperial college	£5	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount. Extra £30 if you want the pack.
Sun 20-Jan	Sat 20-Jan	Dive Leader lectures part 2 - DT1, 8-12	1 day	Imperial college	£5	Book with Gillian.
Thu 24-Jan	Thu 24-Jan	Try dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Thu 31-Jan	Thu 07-Mar	Ocean diver course	6x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£200	
Sun 03-Mar	Sun 03-Mar	Advanced Diver lectures - AT1-4	1 day	Imperial college	£5	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount.
Sun 24-Mar	Sun 24-Mar	Buoyancy & Trim Workshop	1 day	Wraysbury	£50	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Thu 28-Mar	Thu 28-Mar	Tides and planning workshop	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry 1 day	Clidive		Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Sat 30-Mar	Sun 31-Mar	Chartwork & Position Fixing		Thames	£130	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Thu 04-Apr	Thu 11-Apr	Underwater photography workshop	2x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm (??)	Clidive		Timings to be determined
Thu 18-Apr	Thu 18-Apr	Mayday evening	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive		
Fri 19-Apr	Sun 21-Apr	Croatia training trip	3 days	Clidive	£550 (£150)	Travel on days either side of training
Thu 25-Apr	Thu 25-Apr	Try dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Sun 28-Apr	Sun 28-Apr	Dive Leader/Advanced Diver dedicated skills day	1 day	Gildy	£40	
Thu 02-May	Thu 02-May	Try dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Thu 09-May	Thu 13-Jun	Ocean diver course	6x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£200	
Thu 09-May	Thu 27-Jun	Sports diver course	8x evenings, 8.00-9.30pm 1 day	Clidive	c£80(£210)	
Sat 18-May	Sun 19-May	Accelerated Decompression Procedures		Stoney Cove	£150	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Sun 16-Jun	Sun 16-Jun	Dive Leader/Advanced Diver dedicated skills day	1 day 1 day	Gildy	£40	
Sat 22-Jun	Sun 23-Jun	Twinset		Gildy	£95	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Thu 18-Jul	Thu 18-Jul	AED	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	£35	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount.
Sat 20-Jul	Sun 21-Jul	UK Training trip	2 days	Stoney Cove/NDAC/Portland	£200 (£100)	
Thu 25-Jul	Thu 25-Jul	VHF course	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry, online prework	Clidive	£80	
Thu 01-Aug	Thu 01-Aug	Snorkeling try-dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Sun 11-Aug	Sun 11-Aug	Dive Leader/Advanced Diver dedicated skills day	1 day	Gildy	£40	
Thu 05-Sep	Thu 12-Sep	Lifesaver	2x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry and pool 1 day	Clidive	£0	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount. Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Sat 14-Sep	Sat 14-Sep	Advanced Lifesaver		Gildy	£50	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Sun 15-Sep	Sun 15-Sep	Practical Rescue Management	1 day	Wraysbury	£60	Book directly on the regional page: https://bsac.com/events/?region=London
Thu 19-Sep	Thu 24-Oct	Sports diver course	6x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£80(£210)	
Sun 29-Sep	Sun 29-Sep	Dive Leader/Advanced Diver dedicated skills day	1 day	Gildy	£40	
Thu 10-Oct	Thu 10-Oct	Kit care evening	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive		
Thu 17-Oct	Thu 26-Sep	Snorkeling try-dive	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Sat 19-Oct	Sun 20-Oct	UK Training trip	2 days	Stoney Cove/NDAC/Portland	£200 (£100)	
			1x evening, 8.00-9.30pm dry and wet			Pencilled in but not certain- depending on CCR availability, if not then 2020 definately.
Thu 24-Oct	Thu 24-Oct	Rebreather try dive		Clidive		
Thu 31-Oct	Thu 14-Nov	First Aid for Divers	3x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	£35	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount.