



Dive Programme 2020

Introduction

Welcome to your new dive programme. In 2020 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 the **Isles of Scilly** or **Falmouth**. You can join long weekends to **Pembrokeshire**, **Lundy**, **Portland**, **Plymouth** and the **Lake District**. We will be diving the finest reefs in **Plymouth**, deep wrecks out of **Dover** and the wrecks and reefs of **West Bay** and **Dartmouth**. We will even be **snorkelling with blue sharks!** We will be heading further afield too, with trips to **Cyprus**, **Portugal** and **Egypt**.

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**.

New for 2020: we have activities for non-diving partners, children and former divers on the August Bank Holiday!

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.



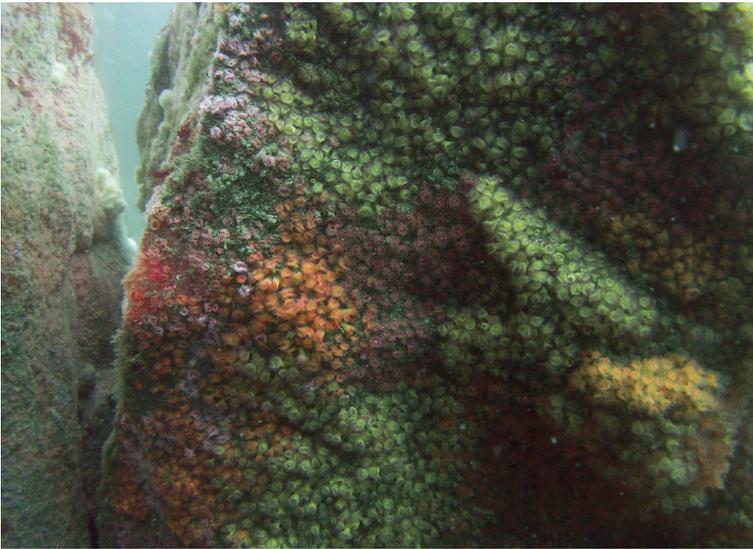
A trip to Falmouth this year will cost £600 including diving, accommodation, food and air! It's impossible to find a week-long diving holiday for less. You'd be mad not to book on at least one!

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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.

- **Isles of Scilly** – Explore the dramatic walls and pinnacles, teeming with Atlantic life. A firm favourite that Clidive last visited in 2014. We are visiting for two one week trips.
- **Falmouth** – Discover the rocks, reefs and wrecks of this historic port. Explore Cornwall's famous Manacles and the surrounding area.

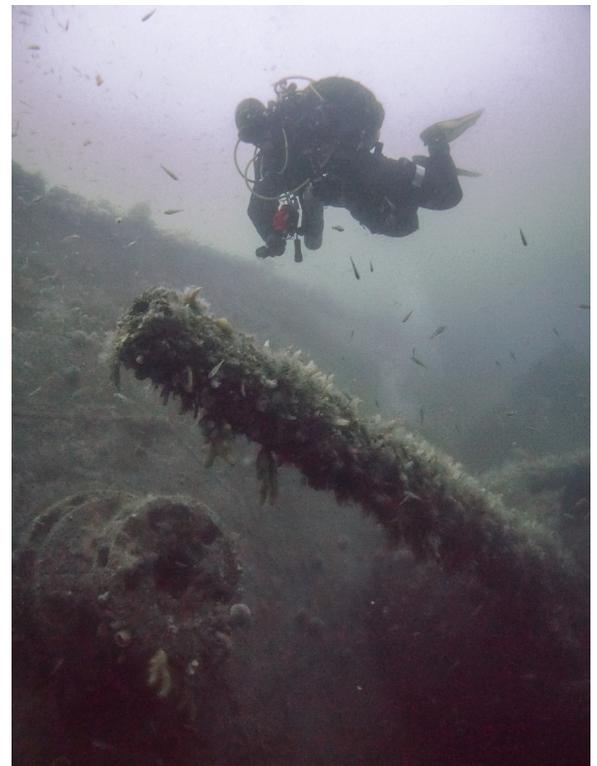
Expeditions are open to experienced Sports Divers (SD+). If you're not a Sports Diver this is easily fixed. Book on the Sports Diver course, starting in February and the Cyprus training trip, then build up your experience on weekend trips. Chat to the Diving Officer to put a plan together to get ready 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**, 3-5 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!*
- **Dover Wreck days**, TBD – We will be organising several day trips to Dover 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!
- **West Bay wrecks**, 26-27 September – *This will be exploring the large number of excellent wrecks in the west of Dorset. This is suitable for all Sports Divers depth progressed to 30m.*
- **Plymouth reefs and sharks**, 8-10 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!*



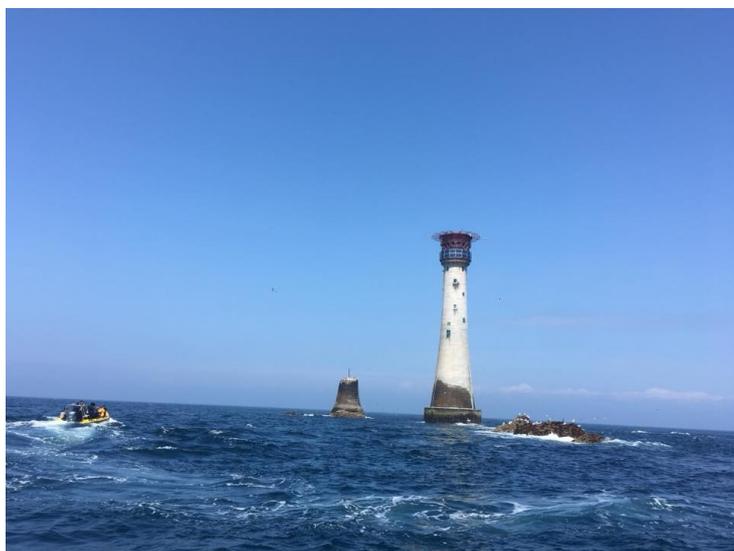
Weekends and long weekends

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 days**, Dover, dates TBD – *Come along and get warmed up for the season with some classic Dover diving. Ideal for those who get withdrawal symptoms after a long winter!*
- **Dartmouth**, 12-13 September – *Dive some deeper wrecks and reefs from this beautiful Devon town. Suitable for all Sports Divers with 30m depth progression.*
- **Lundy**, 6-9 June – *There are over 40 dive sites around the island with a mix of wrecks, reefs, drop offs, and pinnacles. You can also dive with the seals which are extremely friendly. Suitable for all divers. A hardboat trip.*
- **Pembrokeshire**, 8-10 May – *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! A hardboat trip.*



Bank holidays



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 we'll be heading off to Plymouth, Portland and Pembrokeshire for our 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. Portland is a classic British diving mecca with a great range of wrecks and reefs to suit all divers. Pembrokeshire

has it all, including a marine reserve.

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

New for 2020:

In addition, this year the August Bank Holiday trip (29th-31st August) will feature a programme for non-divers so is particularly suitable for parters, former divers and children. We'll be having a BBQ, there will be walks and boat rides and more. We are aiming to have some dog-friendly accommodation too.

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.

- **Cyprus**, 10-18 April – *A long weekend of training, followed by five days of diving. Do either or both! Wrecks and reefs for all. The Zenobia is available for all who are Sports Divers or above.*
- **Portugal**, 10-13 October – *Dive the Ocean Revival artificial reef park. Great wrecks that are easy to dive and covered in life. Suitable for all divers.*
- **Egypt**, 27 November - 4 December – *Northern Red Sea wrecks and reefs. Suitable for Sports Divers and above.*

Training trips

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

- **Cyprus**, 10-12 April – *A long weekend of training, followed by five days of diving. Do either or both! Wrecks and reefs. OD and SD training available.*
- **Portland**, 18-19 July – *A classic British diving location with great sites for training. Many a diver has taken their first dives here! OD and SD training available.*
- **Stoney Cove**, 17-18 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.*



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 2020, make sure your skills are up to scratch.

Dive plan

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

Which dive trips are right for me?

I'm doing Ocean Diver training

First of all book onto the **Cyprus** 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 **Cyprus**, the **bank holiday weekends**, and **Lundy**. You will then be ready to do some more adventurous diving on expeditionary trips, such as **Falmouth**.

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 **Lundy**. You will then be ready to do expeditionary trips, such as **Scilly** or **Falmouth**. And don't forget to check out the long weekend trip to **Pembrokeshire** and the **Dartmouth weekend** 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 **Scilly Isles** and/or **Falmouth**. 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 First Class Diver. Entertain me

Easy. **Scillies** by RIB is a must, as well as **Falmouth**. 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 wreck days**.

How to book

The Dive Plan is published at the Clidive Christmas Party on Saturday 24 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. Likewise you should have insurance for your kit while it is in transit to or in storage on trips, including while in the van or on the boat.

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 09-Jan	Thu 09-Jan	Instructor refresher	1 x evening, 8.00-9.30pm wet	Clidive	Free	Feedback on instructing for all instructors and assistant instructors
Thu 16-Jan	Thu 16-Jan	All-member skills refresher	1 x evening, 8.00-9.30pm	Clidive	Free	Focus on rescue skills, but other skills on demand
Sun 26-Jan	Sun 26-Jan	Dive Leader lectures 8-12	1 x day	London Region: BBC	£10	Book directly on the regional page: https://www.bsac.com/events/?searchTerm=&region=London&type=4&course=
Thu 23-Jan	Thu 05-Mar	OCEAN DIVER COURSE	7 x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£200	
Thu 13-Feb	Thu 26-Mar	SPORTS DIVER COURSE	7 x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£80(£210)	
Sat 29-Feb	Sat 29-Feb	Advanced Diver lectures	1 x day	London Region: BBC	£10	Book directly on the regional page: https://www.bsac.com/events/?searchTerm=&region=London&type=4&course=
Feb/March		Boat-handling practice sessions	Weekend dates tbc	Clidive: Thames	£25	For those of who have done the Boat-handling Course
Thu 19-Mar	Thu 26-Mar	O ₂ Admin	2 x evenings 7-9.30pm	Clidive	Free	Open to all. More info: https://www.bsac.com/training/skill-development-courses/safety-and-rescue-courses/oxygen-administration-2/#tab-1
Thu 02-Apr	Thu 02-Apr	Pre-open water training: Rescue Skills Refresher	1x evening, 8.00-9.30pm wet	Clidive	Free	Aimed at trainee OD/SD going on the OW training trip to Cyprus
Sat 04-Apr	Sun 05-Apr	Chartwork & Position Fixing	1 day	London Region: Thurrock	£130	More info: https://www.bsac.com/training/skill-development-courses/seamanship-courses/chartwork-and-position-fixing/#tab-1 Book directly on the regional page: https://www.bsac.com/events/?searchTerm=&region=London&type=4&course=
Fri 10-Apr	Mon 13-Apr	CYPRUS OPEN WATER TRAINING TRIP	3 days	Clidive - Cyprus	£500 (£150)	Travel on days either side of training
Thu 16-Apr	Thu 16-Apr	Mayday evening	1 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	Free	Includes basic life support, VHF radio refresher, use of flares
Thu 23-Apr	Thu 30-Apr	Try dives	2 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	£10	
Thu 07-May	Thu 07-May	Deco Diving	1 x evening 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	Free	
Thu 14-May	Thu 25-Jun	OCEAN DIVER COURSE	7 x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£200	
Sat 06-Jun	Sun 07-Jun	Accelerated Decompression Procedures	2 days	London Region: NDAC	£150	
Thu 16-Jul	Thu 16-Jul	Pre-open water training: Rescue Skills Refresher	1x evening, 8.00-9.30pm wet	Clidive	Free	Aimed at trainee OD/SD going on the OW training trip to Portland
Sat 18-Jul	Sun 19-Jul	UK OPEN WATER TRAINING TRIP	2 days	Clidive: Portland	£200 (£100)	
Thu 27-Aug	Thu 24-Sep	SPORTS DIVER COURSE	5 x evenings, 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	c£80(£210)	
Thu 10-Sep	Thu 17-Sep	Lifesaver	2 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry and pool	Clidive	£0	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount
Sun 20-Sep	Sun 20-Sep	Practical Rescue Management	1 day	London Region: Wraybury	£60	Book directly on the regional page: https://www.bsac.com/events/?searchTerm=&region=London&type=4&course=
Thu 01-Oct	Thu 01-Oct	Knots	1 x evening 7.00-9.30pm	Clidive	Free	
Thu 08-Oct	Thu 08-Oct	Kit care evening	1 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	Free	
Thu 15-Oct	Thu 15-Oct	Pre-open water training: Rescue Skills Refresher	1 x evening, 8.00-9.30pm wet	Clidive	Free	Aimed at trainee OD/SD going on the OW training trip to Stoney Cove
Sat 17-Oct	Sun 18-Oct	UK OPEN WATER TRAINING TRIP	2 days	Stoney Cove	£200 (£100)	
Thu 22-Oct	Thu 22-Oct	AED	1 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	£35	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount.
Thu 29-Oct	Thu 29-Oct	Rebreather try dive	1x evening, 8.00-9.30pm dry and wet	Clidive	Free	Depending on CCR availability [subject to extra OD course]
Thu 12-Nov	Thu 12-Nov	Tides and planning workshop	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	Clidive	Free	[subject to extra OD course]
Thu 19-Nov	Thu 19-Nov	VHF exam	1x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry - online prework	Clidive	£80	
Oct/Nov		Boat-handling Course	Weekend dates tbc	Clidive: Thames	£150	
Oct/Nov		Boat-handling practice sessions	Weekend dates tbc	Clidive: Thames	£25	For those of who have done the Boat-handling Course
tbc	tbc	First Aid for Divers	3 x evening, 7.00-9.30pm dry	London Region: Imperial?	£35	Book with Gillian as Clidive gets a discount.