



# Dive Programme 2018

## Introduction

Welcome your new dive programme. In 2018 Clidive has a packed plan with about 100 days 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 Penzance, Tobermory or Marseille. You can join long weekends to Pembrokeshire, St Abbs, the Farnes, the Lake District, Falmouth and the Isle of Man. We will be joining the Kernow Dive Festival in Penzance, diving in Plymouth, Portland, Dover and various new spots on the South Coast. We will be heading further afield too, with trips to Lanzarote, Spain, Croatia, Naples, the Red Sea and Cape Verde.

We offer something for everyone. Every month through the dive season there is at least one trip 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.



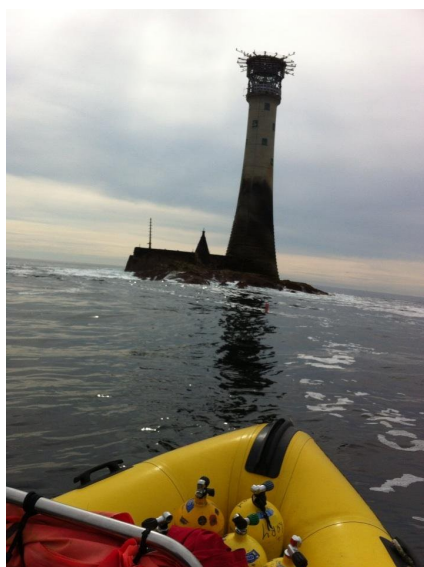
A trip to Penzance this year will cost £350 including diving, accommodation, food and air! It's impossible to find a week-long diving holiday for less. You'd be mad not to book on at least one!

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# What's On Offer?

## Clidive Expeditions



The best diving is week-long expeditionary diving. We take you to places other divers don't get to dive.

- Penzance – see the teaming life of the wild Atlantic Ocean, dive far-flung lighthouses and eat pasties.
- Tobermory – checkout the expansive walls, dramatic seamounts and fantastic wrecks. Also dolphins!
- Marseilles – visit the best of the Mediterranean wrecks, exhilarating drift dives, experience barracuda season and drink rosé.

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 Spain 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!

## Bank Holidays

Clidive's bank holiday trips combine top draw 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 starting off in Easter with a trip to Portland, home to a large range of wrecks, some good scenic dives and some pubs that stay open very late! In May both bank holidays will visit Plymouth where classic wrecks such as the James Eagan Layne and top notch scenic dives like the Eddystone have called to divers since the very beginning of recreational diving. In August we'll head to the Farnes, in Northumberland. Famed for it's diver-loving seals, we'll be spending a lot of time having our fins nibbled and clearing our masks as we've been laughing underwater. We'll also be visiting the local wrecks and sampling the local hospitality.



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

## Exploratory weekends

Following on from last year's successful exploratory trip to Hamble, this year Clidive are running three exploratory dive weekends to the South Coast. We'll be using these weekends to explore sites new to the club along with sites not dived by us for many years. We'll enjoy finding and exploring these sites and learning more about the diving in these areas. The three trips are visiting Chichester, Littlehampton and one where the destination is still to be decided.

These trips are open to all divers. The nature of them will mean that there will be a little more effort required to get to the sites and locate them correctly. They are perfect for Sports Divers who want to try doing something a little different, and for trainee and new Dive Leaders who want to help out and learn more about chartwork and site location.



## Speciality diving

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

We'll be running two wreck weekends this year. The first will be "Deep Wrecks" This will be for Dive Leaders and will be looking to dive wrecks in the 35-50m range. This year we're hoping to explore some wrecks in Devon the club hasn't done before. The second will be "Dover Wrecks" diving from Dover looking at exploring SD level (30m) wrecks from Dover, a new location for Clidive.

For those more interested in reef life we'll be running a "Deep Reefs" weekend from Plymouth. We'll be aiming to visit the less frequented reefs including the legendary Hatt Rock (it's shaped like a top hat). We hope to visit some of the Rutts sites, some of the alternative pinnacles near the Eddystone and maybe even Colin's Secret Reef. This trip is suitable for all Sports Divers depth progressed to 30m.

And for those who want something really different we'll be running a trip to the Lake District diving the lakes! This will be suitable for Sports Divers and above who don't mind a bit of hiking! As far as anyone can remember Clidive's never done a trip like this, so it'll be something really special.

## Old Favourites

Each year we visit some of our old favourites because they're just so good. We dived some of them last year 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, 10-11 March – *Come along and get warmed up for the season with some classic Plymouth diving.*
- Kernow Dive Festival, Penzance, 9-10 June – *All the fantastic diving Penzance has to offer with a festival thrown in.*
- Falmouth, 23-26 June – *Sea shanties, fish and chips and diving the world famous Manacles.*
- Pembrokeshire, 21-24 July – *Puffins, sheer walls and the possibility of diving the Smalls Lighthouse.*
- St Abbs, 17-20 August – *Life galore in this marine reserve.*
- Isle of Man, 28 Sept - 2 October – *Dramatic coastlines, wrecks, monster crustaceans, seals and caves.*
- Winter Warmer, Plymouth, 3-4 November – *Rounding off the UK season as we started. One last outing for the drysuit before packing it up for Christmas.*







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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 Wrecks, End April – *For Dive Leaders or Sports Divers with ADP. Wreckies will love the range of WWI and WWII wrecks in the 35-50m range.*
- Naples/Pompeii, 25-30 October – *Something a bit different! Dive in the underwater archaeological park with mosaics, statues and all that's Roman. Then eat Pizza. Suitable for all.*
- Cape Verde or Azores (TBC), 10-17 November – *Warm water trip to get the larger Atlantic Pelagics. Suitable for Sports Divers.*
- Red Sea, Jan/Feb 19 – *OK, strictly this is 2019, but still. Coral reefs and sharks with the odd wreck thrown in for good measure. What's not to like? Suitable for Sports Divers.*

## Combination Training and Diving Trips

To support our training Clidive runs a lot of training trips. In addition to training all these trips contain diving great for all experience levels if you'd like to come along and dive rather than train.

- Lanzarote, 15-19 Feb – *Winter warmth and plenty of nightlife! Ocean and Sports Diver training available.*
- Spain, 12-16, 16-19, 19-23 April – *Two long weekends available for training or diving, and four days between them for enjoying more diving. Ocean and Sports Diver training available.*
- Portland, 14-15 July – *Divers have been doing their first sea dives in Portland for generations. Come and join them (some of them are still in the pub). All dive training available.*
- Portland, 13-14 October – *So good we're running it twice! All dive 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 2018, make sure your skills are up to scratch.

# Dive Plan

For the up to date dive plan please 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 either the **Lanzarote** or the **Spain** training trip. Then book on some **weekend** and **bank holiday trips**. These trips are marked as open to **All**. Bank holiday trips are large, busy and great fun. You will dive with an instructor or Dive Leader initially, then 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 May, June and July such as one of the **Exploratory Weekends, Kernow** and **Pembrokeshire**. You will then be ready to do some more adventurous diving on expeditionary trips, such as **Tobermory** or **Marseilles**.

## 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 **Exploratory Weekends, Falmouth, Dover Wrecks** and **St Abbs**. You will then be ready to do expeditionary trips, such as **Penzance, Tobermory** or **Marseilles**. And don't forget to check out some of the other long weekend trips to **Pembrokeshire** and the **Isle of Man**.



## 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 **Penzance** and **Tobermory**. For something a little different, how about **Dover Wrecks, Deep reefs, Pembrokeshire** or the **Isle of Man**.

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

Easy. **Penzance** by RIB is a must, as well as **Tobermory**. But for something new, how about diving in the lakes on the **Lake District** trip? You should also dive the **deep wrecks** and **deep reefs** trips.

# How to book

The Dive Plan is published at the Clidive Christmas Party on Saturday 9 September. 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 2017, almost every trip had cancellations and most waiting lists were emptied.

When your booking is accepted, you must pay a deposit to the Dive Manager.

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.