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# SAA NEWSLETTER



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# WELCOME TO THE SAA NEWSLETTER

Now we seem to be having some nice weather it's good to see so many of you getting out diving .

It also seems that there are Regional courses and clubs doing lots of training .

Congratulations to everyone who passed a course .

As you may be aware, Defra has recently published a consultation on the third tranche of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs), in which 41 new sites and the addition of new features to 12 existing MCZs have been proposed.

This is an ambitious and comprehensive tranche which will substantially complete our contribution to the ecologically coherent network of Marine Protected Areas around our coasts. If all of these proposed MCZs are designated, around 40% of English inshore and offshore waters will be protected, and the total for the UK as a whole will be nearly 25%. This will provide vital protection for the diverse array of wildlife in our seas.

The consultation is now underway and you can give us your views by visiting:  
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/consultation-on-the-third-tranche-of-marine-conser/>

Please respond by Friday 20th July for your views to be taken into account.

Safe diving.

Dennis Tammadge, Chair

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## NDO NEWS

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This month I would like to look at the support required at the regional level. Most members will know that the SAA is made up of geographic regions, with the clubs within the region electing a Regional Representative to represent the region on the National Council, provide support for clubs in their region and to organise national courses. However your Regional Rep needs support from the clubs within their region to be able to run training courses. The benefit of volunteering to help in your region is that you get chance to learn from others outside your club and take new ideas back to your own club. To adulterate those famous words In John F Kennedy's inaugural address "ask not what your region can do for you, ask what you can do for your region".

Some clubs consider that a Regional Instructor is simply someone who runs regional courses. This is far from the truth, a Regional Instructor is an advanced instructor who has demonstrated knowledge and experience at a higher level than that required of an Open Water Instructor. I would encourage all Open Water Instructors to consider trying for Regional Instructor, whether you intend to volunteer to help in the region or not.

Throughout the association there are many members working hard supporting their club, regions and the association and I thank all of you for your hard work.

One of the first things I am planning is the introduction of the SAA Diver Training Support Team. This team's aims are to ensure that all training material published by the SAA is fit for purpose. The team will have various roles but these will include reviewing existing material to ensure it is still relevant and up to date and peer reviewing material produced by other team members. Finally I will be looking for volunteer clubs to trial any major changes. I am looking for volunteer instructors and clubs to join this team, if you feel as if this is something you can support please get in touch with me at [ndo@saa.org.uk](mailto:ndo@saa.org.uk).

Steve Orange, NDO

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## MARKETING OFFICER'S NEWS

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As you know we use Facebook a lot here at the SAA. If you don't already like and follow us, please do! If your club has a group page, please let us know and we'll join or follow it too so we can share your news. We're keen to get the message out to as many people as possible and Facebook is a great way to tell others what we're up to. If you see an article from another site you think we should share then PM us on Facebook with the details - we're always happy to receive suggestions of what to post to our followers.

Don't forget, the deadline for contributions for the monthly newsletter is the 7th of the month. If you have anything you'd like to submit please forward to [admin@saa.org.uk](mailto:admin@saa.org.uk)

Claire Mortimer, Marketing Officer



### **Dive 2018**

Dive 2018 will take place at the NEC on 27/28th October 2018. The SAA will be there on stand 446 and we look forward to meeting many of our members.

We are pleased to announce that the organisers are offering SAA members the following:

New diver - 2 for 1 Ticket Offer / Instructor 2 for 1 ticket offer -

### **Booking On the Day -**

Newly qualified divers who qualified on or after (01/11/2017). Dive 2018 have been given the membership nos. so there should be no problem getting your ticket. The new diver will need to show appropriate ID to the ticket kiosk at the show. They will be given a paid for ticket and a complimentary ticket which they will need to fill in their contact information on the back. The complimentary ticket will then be collected on entry to the show. SAA Instructors need to show their ID to get the offer.

### **Booking in advance to save time - See booking Instructions below**

SAA Instructors & New Divers can buy the 2-4-1 offer in advance via an e-ticket and save time at the show. All they need to do is go to: <https://www.theticketfactory.com/dive-show/online/>:

If you have a promo code please enter here:

SAA2-4-1INSTRUCTOR or SAA2-4-1NEWDIVER and click on GO

Then select 2 Adult tickets next to the gold star option when selecting tickets.

You will be charged ONLY £14.50 for 2 tickets plus booking fee. You will have to show ID at the entrance to the show.

Irene Sartorius, Office Administrator



CLUB NEWS

**Mercia Diving Club no 27**

Congratulations go to Mercia DC, SAA Club no. 27 who set a new world record for the number of bubble rings blown underwater ..total 66



**North Wales SAC no. 136**

Congratulations to Chris Jones & Gary Fernandes on successfully achieving your Club Instructor status



Gary Asson, course assessor, flanked by two new Club Instructors Gary Fernandes & Chris Jones

## COURSES

If the SAA course you want is not listed simply submit a National Course Application Form to Head Office and we will pass it to the Region Rep or National Coordinator to see what can be arranged in your area

14/07/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
14/07/2018	2 Days	Open Water Instructor	S Wales	Ceri Jones	<a href="mailto:swalrep@saa.org.uk">swalrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07725033238
04/08/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA Refresher	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
11/08/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Assessment Day	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
12/08/2018	1 Day	Self Reliant Diver	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
18/08/2018	1 Day	Self Reliant Diver	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
25/08/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Assessment Day	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
09/09/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Practice Day	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
15/09/2018	1 Day	Open Water Instructor	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
16/09/2018	1 Day	Open Water Instructor Theory	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
23/09/2018	2 Days	Rescue Diver	S Wales	Ceri Jones	<a href="mailto:swalrep@saa.org.uk">swalrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07725033238
23/09/2018	1 Day	Open Water Instructor Practical	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
29/09/2018	1 Day	Club Instructor Theory	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
06/10/2018	1 Day	Club Instructor Practical	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
07/10/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Practice Day	S East	Stefan Heathfield	<a href="mailto:serep@saa.org.uk">serep@saa.org.uk</a>	07709276374
07/10/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA Refresher	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
13/10/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Assessment Day	S East	Stefan Heathfield	<a href="mailto:serep@saa.org.uk">serep@saa.org.uk</a>	07709276374
13/10/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Assessment Day	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
14/10/2018	1 Day	Open Water Instructor	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
20/10/2018	1 Day	Chartwork & Navigation	S Wales	Ceri Jones	<a href="mailto:swalrep@saa.org.uk">swalrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07725033238
21/10/2018	1 Day	Rescue Diver Assessment Day	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
10/11/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA	S East	Stefan Heathfield	<a href="mailto:serep@saa.org.uk">serep@saa.org.uk</a>	07709276374
10/11/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA Refresher	N West	Martin Burns	<a href="mailto:nwrep@saa.org.uk">nwrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07870193551
10/11/2018	1 Day	O2/EDFA	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
17/11/2018	2 Days	Club Instructor	S East	Stefan Heathfield	<a href="mailto:serep@saa.org.uk">serep@saa.org.uk</a>	07709276374
17/11/2018	1 Day	Club Instructor Theory	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
24/11/2018	1 Day	Club Instructor Practical	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264
24/11/2018	1 Day	Self Rescue Diver	S Wales	Ceri Jones	<a href="mailto:swalrep@saa.org.uk">swalrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07725033238
08/12/2018	2 Days	Club Instructor	Midland	Mandy Asson	<a href="mailto:midrep@saa.org.uk">midrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07966458416
09/12/2018	1 Day	RNLI Sea Survival Workshop	Y&H	Cherie Winnard	<a href="mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk">yhrep@saa.org.uk</a>	07808160264



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