

IT HAPPENED TO ME

By Tony Hodge

Yes, I to sometime have the odd problem underwater, Sarah may say self inflicted. 'Shall I take one reel or two' debated Bob has he methodically kitted up for a dive on the Pilsudski. I was already fully kitted and ready to go as soon as Craig surfaced. We had to do this as there was a narrow slack window and Bob as usual was taking his time. 'Just take one reel. Have you ever needed 2 reels ever before' I said perhaps a little curtly which was a mistake as Bob then highlighted all the scenarios of where a second reel may come handy and there were quite a few! Craig surfaced and we rolled off the rib and down the line. Vis was poor so I reeled off the anchor while Bob took photos. I unfortunately managed to get my feet tangled around the reel line. No problem I thought, Bob will help untangle me, but alas, Bob's eye was firmly glued to his view finder and he was wondering what I was writhing around in the water. Got free at last and was quite amazed as it was only the night before whist checking my kit that I thought how good the fin

spring straps had been and their lower buckle profile presented less of a line snagging point, how wrong could I have been! We returned to the anchor and then reeled off in a different direction. On the second return journey as I approached the anchor the reel discharged its line in a big tangle. I tried sorting it out underwater probably with Bob filming me but to no avail. It now dawned on me that I didn't have a reel for my DSMB and I mustn't loose Bob. Wouldn't a second reel be handy I thought!

I was asked to do a quiz, so I did one on diving.

To my surprize there were complaints and I realized that some people were new and didn't know some of the answers yet.

I was asked to do another quiz, so I got one from the internet.

I still got complaints, because the answers were a bit far out.

Don



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VINCENT HONG

Gave a lecture on decompression sickness to a roomful of club members and other divers



After the lecture, Bob Higson and myself were talking with Vincent and Bob was relating his experiences n the Falls of Laura the torrent that runs under the Connel Bridge near Oban.

It reminded me of a dive I had further down the stream with a pal many years ago.

We were drifting along, side by side when I realised that there was three of us! On the far side of my buddy was a huge fish. I tapped my buddy and pointed. He immediately drew his knife and made threatening moves..

I said, into my mouthpiece - "It's a shark". He swiftly put his knife away and moved to the other side of me. **It was a tope.**

I received this as an email and thought that someone might be interested. - Don

Subject: Dive the West Coast of Scotland and the Sound of Mull in 2012!

Dear Diver!
Lochaline Dive Centre here on the West Coast of Scotland is now taking bookings for 2012. Experience the Sound of Mull from Lochaline Dive Centre and dive the Falls of Lora, the Gavallachs, Coll, Tiree, Loch Sunart, the wrecks of the Breda, Thesis, Shuna, Rondo, Hispania, Tapti, Aurania and the 17th Century Designated Historic Wrecks Dartmouth and Swan from the Centre's two hard boats Sound Diver and Sound Diver II.
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Look forward to seeing you in 2012!

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SNORKEL CLUB ?

It was very interesting listening to the discussion about the possibility of running a snorkel club alongside our diving club. And it brought back memories of about thirty five years ago when I got involved.

Near to where I lived there was an evening centre run in a school. I was approached to see if I would run a snorkel club in the school's swimming pool.

I took it on and for twelve months ran a very good club with about twenty members.

As a teacher I was paid, and (like the idiot I am) I used to give my wages to the Burton diving club

One night we were visited by the BSAC Regional Coach. He was so impressed that he, later, when in London, went to the head guy of snorkelling and told him to register me as a snorkel instructor. I never attended any courses.

I believe that a snorkel club, aimed at adults (get ready for your holiday) would be a good thing which could bring new members into the diving club.

A year's try period could prove if the idea would work.

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A FINE TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party arranged by Chris Butters was photographed by Trevor Jones, our Chairman who is seen here with Christine, his wife.

Other photographs are shown in the supplement that accompanies this issue.

Thanks to Ron Rookledge who kindly emailed the photos to the editor.

