

# HULLO

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## Have you lost your dive buddy before?

I have, and when diving with Dr. Ian this is not unusual. He gets absorbed with photography and views the whole dive through his camera lens. I am aware of his presence by the odd flash from his camera. I count 6 flashes as he usually brackets his exposures to ensure a good result. Any less than 6 flashes then it is not him, or he has just expired. In Scapa the other year we actually met up  $\frac{1}{2}$  way through our dive but not for long as he slowly finned past me, camera in hand looking for his next subject and totally oblivious to my presence.

I have now totally lost my dive buddy, not a BSAC incident nor through bad dive planning but through a career move. Ian is now heading the new chamber facility at the hospital in Rugby ~ 30mins from Stoney Cove. It will be in operation before Easter w/e and cater not only for the odd bent diver but for victims of burns and carbon monoxide poisoning. You can see

Ian on his new web site:

<http://drsibley-caldermedicals.co.uk>

This is a really good source of knowledge and on the front page there is a big red box 'Am I fit to dive'. Have a click on it and have a look.

Not all is lost on the buddy front as my son Joe is becoming a very dependable buddy and perhaps more diving enthusiastic than Ian and I also see a lot more of him during the dive than I ever did of Ian. I am now looking forward to the 2009 season full of blue skies and flat seas- all I need is a few more people to fill the boat- please form an orderly queue.

**Note:** BSAC recommends buddy diving principles, however there is evidence that with the right equipment, training, planning and attitude solo diving is nearly as safe and much safer than diving with a very inexperienced diver where you have to monitor and react to your student.

Tony Hodge

## JOE AND I WENT TO THIS AUTUMN DIVE

at the NEC but ended up at Stoney- must have been in auto pilot. Fortunately and a spot of good planning I had lobbed Joe's and my open water kit in the back of the car just in case of this event, you know what I mean.

First dive I took Joe to the deep end for his 35m Sport Diver progression dive. He didn't like it. On top the hydro-box all was fine but dropping those extra few meters to the floor Joe said 'everything went real wobbly and it took ages to inflate my BC'- his first encounter with 'the narcs'.

Second dive 'The Staingarh' for a few photos and a bit of fun.



Someone had tied a nice big Poppy to the deck just behind the wheelhouse which was a nice respectful gesture for all those that have fallen in conflict.

From The Staingarh we dropped over the bow and followed the anchor chain to the cliff and up to the Viscount which was sheltering a good sized carp.

Next, off to my brother's house near Warwick University for a warming seasonal sausage casserole and a few beers and a good bit of diving talk.

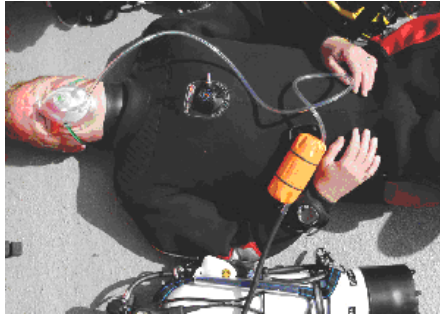
Next day was 'Dive Show Day' where we met up with Dr Ian in his new job as Chamber doctor for the new Rugby chamber which is parented to the London Diving Chamber. This facility was still under construction and will be fully operational sometime in March.

Ian was manning a stand with fellow colleagues from the London Diving Chamber where he was fulfilling one of his objectives of his new job that of

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'Marketing and Publicity' for the new chamber facility.

Next to the LDC stand was the



'Rescuean' stand. They have made an useful little device (orange canister in photo) which enables you to connect your O2 kit face mask to your nitrox diving cylinder.

We chatted to the proprietor for a bit, decided to buy one, haggled a bit more, got a real good deal and then had a few more freebies thrown in.

The things people will do in an attempt to get rid of me & Ian!

It is a little device the size of a fizzy drink can that becomes really useful in the event of a suspected DCI and the O2 has just run out. This gadget plugs into your direct feed hose and can be set

at either 15 or 25 litres per minute by simply rotating the body of the unit, and delivers the Nitrox via the attached 1.5m-long 5mm-diameter clear tubing to the oral/nasal face mask.

Rescuean should not be confused with my little limb-less



friend Resucianne mannequin we use for basic life support training.

**Note:** In the event of a DCI, breathing Nitrox is no substitute for pure oxygen but much better than breathing air at displacing excess nitrogen dissolved in the body and sustaining tissue viability.

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**THREE HAPPY NEW DIVERS**  
Who enjoyed the trip to St Abbs last year.

## RYA

### VHF Short Range Course

The above course will be held at the Duke of Cumberland  
Cottingham on a Sunday  
[Date to suit all participants].

The cost will be £35.00 for the tuition and £25.00 for the licence,  
which is for life.

You don't have to be a BSAC Member to take or hold the licence.

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