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Patrick and my self have recently returned after 3 days diving with ex club member and skipper of Venture Pete Fergus in Plymouth.

After a fantastic dive on the James Egan layne Patrick my son and Rory also a club member had a dive in Whitsand bay looking for scallops.

Whilst they were down Pete was telling me of a very expensive anchor and 40m of chain lost from one of the Princess luxury boats made in Plymouth whilst in the bay and how quite a few people have looked for it with out success.

After about 15 minutes Patrick surfaced only to shout dad i found an anchor and chain,he went back down after marking it with his SMB and we brought it up on the winch much to everyone's delight.

The anchor will be returned to Princess boat hope hopefully for a princely donation.

Steve Walsh

A bloke's wife goes missing while diving off the West Australian coast.

He reports the event, searches fruitlessly and spends a terrible night wondering what could have happened to her.

Next morning there's a knock at the door and he is confronted by a couple of policemen, the old Sarge and a younger Constable.

The Sarge says, 'Mate, we have some news for you, unfortunately some really bad news, but, some good news, and maybe some more good news'.

'Well,' says the bloke, 'I guess I'd better have the bad news first?'

The Sarge says, 'I'm really sorry mate, but your wife is dead. Young Bill here found her lying at about five fathoms in a little cleft in the reef. He got a line around her and we pulled her up, but she was dead.'

The bloke is naturally pretty distressed to hear of this and has a bit of a turn.

But after a few minutes he pulls himself together and asks what the good news is.

The Sarge says, 'Well when we got your wife up there were quite a few really good sized crays and a swag of nice crabs attached to her, so we've brought you your share.'

He hands the bloke a sugar bag with a couple of nice crays and four or five crabs in it.

'Geez thanks. They're bloody beauties. I guess it's an ill wind and all that... So what's the other possible good news?'

'Well', the Sarge says, 'if you fancy a quick trip, me and young Bill here get off duty at around 11 o'clock and we're gonna shoot over there and pull her up again!'

Supplied by Chris Butters

A RING IN BRIGHT WATER

I had a dive worthy of a short story recently, which probably qualifies for an advanced search and recovery, as the pressure was on and the object very small:

As you may know I got married a few weeks ago and chose to wear a ring, I had recently been saying to my folks that I hadn't lost it yet and have even been diving with it on. My brother in law lost his on a beach on honey moon last year, even after hours of searching he never found it again. Did I speak too soon.....

After diving off Flamborough head in fairly choppy seas we brought our boat into calmer waters in Brid bay to gut the Mackerel I had caught, I had almost finished when I put my hand down on the boat tubes and there was a plink-plop, I couldn't believe it, my ring was gone, over the side in the North sea! I was distraught.

Only a few weeks before we had made up a marker line with a stuff bag, weight and bouy, I quickly deployed it and the boat anchor and prepared for a search. Brian said I had as much chance of finding it as a needle in four haystacks but I was intent on finding it and was confident I'd have a chance. Luckily the seabed was only about seven metres below and was flat rippled sand in sunlight with the odd clump of seaweed.

Nine minutes into an ever increasing semi-circular search into the tide, lo and behold I saw a glint in the sand and there it was. Needless to say I was very pleased, took my glove off and put it straight back on to my finger. The guys on the boat said it must mean it was meant to be. It just goes to show that quick action and a methodical search plan can pay off. I have told my wife and started the story with 'I have still got my ring but had to retrieve it.....!'

Cheers, Andy D



Hi Guy's

I thought you might like to see my latest find now I have it cleaned up.

Regards,

Bri.



WELCOME TO BECKS

(Rebecca)

Becks is an Assistant Instructor and will be able to assist with training in the pool when it opens later in the year.