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2013 SCAPA TRIP

Leaving Hull on Friday 7th June Mike Jim Bob Sarah Craig Chris Anna Greg and 4 non-members took a minibus and van to Thurso and on to Stromness. We boarded the Invincible run by Ian and Fiona on Saturday and set up our gear for diving Sunday. The weather was fair all week and we dived Koln (35M), Brummer (35M), Kronprinz Wilhelm (38M), F2/berge/Mara (17M), Bayern Guns (37M), Karlsruhe 2x (28M), Markgraf 2x(43M), Dresden 2x (37M), and Seydlitz/drift (23M). The depths given are maximum and these are large wrecks so some of the dive was spent around the 25M mark on most of them. They are deteriorating to the point where venturing inside carries the risk of large pieces of iron breaking loose and trapping divers.

The weather was fair most of the week and the sea state was slight most of the time in this well sheltered area. Some of us would have preferred a longer surface interval between dives.

Hull BSAC divers managed a total of 87 dives out of a possible 96 in 6

days which is an excellent proportion given equipment failure and hangovers / colds etc. Mike's stoicism in the face of drysuit leakage is worthy of special mention.

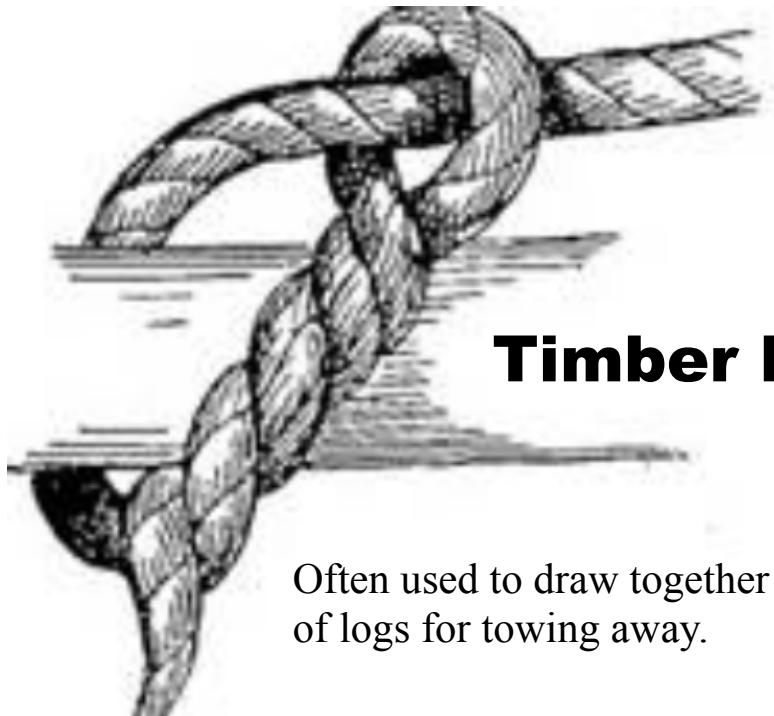
We had an excellent scallop supper fried in garlic and butter by Chris one evening with a tasty accompaniment of salad kindly prepared by Anna. We were going out for fish and chips afterwards but decided not to bother. The photo shows us enjoying a meal in Kirkwall on a separate occasion, and photos taken on Invincible can be found on Ian Trumpess' Scapa flow facebook page.

We tried to visit the "Tomb of the Eagles" but they were closing. We made it to the Highland Park distillery and Twatt (where the village name signs had been removed), viewed the Kitchener memorial from a distance and took a walk round Skara Brae.

Thanks are due to Craig who organised and ran this very successful and enjoyable trip.

Bob Higson

The Happy Gang at Scapa



Timber Hitch

Often used to draw together a number of logs for towing away.

OBAN TRIP October 2013

I have been asked to organise a trip to Oban. At this time I have only the proposed dates and a very rough itinerary.

The dates we are looking at are :-

Travel up to Oban on Thursday 3rd October 2013

We intend to take up our own boats and stay at Puffin self catering chalets.

Diving will take place on the Friday, Saturday & Sunday hope for 2 dives a day.

I will return on Monday 7th October as I will be towing a boat but others who have already expressed an interest will return on the Sunday evening, its up to you but the accommodation will be booked for Sunday night.

If Bob Higson is willing to tow the club boat and its in a fit state for the journey then there will be 3 boats (Mine, Tony's and the club) going up and a maximum of 14 places.

So please get in touch ASAP to express a interest, once I have an idea of numbers I can put some costing together but we have to move quite fast on this.

Cheers - Craig Plant

Please e mail Craig if you are interested. Contact e mail below.

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DIVE TRIP - EYEMOUTH 30TH AUGUST - 1ST SEPT

I am arranging a weekend diving trip up to Eyemouth on Friday 30th August - staying at MarineQuest and diving on Saturday and Sunday mornings (2 dives each morning from their boat) - scenic shallow diving and shallow wrecks.

The accommodation is in MarineQuest's bed and breakfast on the harbour side. There are local pubs and restaurants nearby for evening meals etc.

Costs are £40 per day for the diving and £35 pp for B and B each night. This makes a total of £150 for the weekend not including food, fuel and air fills.

If you want more details their website is below or drop me an e mail with any questions.

www.marinequest.co.uk

Please can you let me know if you want to come **before 17th July**. I aim to send off a deposit of £40 per person as soon as possible and MarineQuest need full payment at least 28 days beforehand.

Regards,

Steph Wattam