

# MEMBERS GUIDE

## Southsea Sub Aqua Club

### Southsea Sub-Aqua Club

July 2021

#### Introduction

#### *Diving the South Coast and Beyond*

Welcome to Southsea Sub-Aqua Club. This guide is designed to introduce some of what we do and those who help make it happen. Our club is run by the members for the members. Together we have a wide range of experience in training and underwater projects, which helps make this a unique branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club\*.

Whilst we are based up on the top of Portsdown Hill, we welcome people from around the local area and further afield too. The majority of our members are from Portsmouth, Southsea, Gosport, Fareham, Waterlooville, Havant and Hayling Island. Others are from as far as Petersfield, Eastleigh, Chichester and neighbouring counties. Our membership come from all walks of life but share a common passion for diving.

We welcome recreational divers from other training agencies (PADI,



Entrance to Fort Widely

SSI, CMAS, IANTD etc). Indeed, many of our members learnt to dive with other agencies.

As a not-for-profit organisation we rely on members volunteering their time to help run things. This may include anything from organising dives, washing down or towing the club's RHIB, helping to run the bar/clubhouse, club administration, to maintaining the

club's compressors, boat, equipment and more.

Within the club we have a good range of divers from the newly qualified, to some who have been diving for more than a few decades. Some members are experienced technical and rebreather divers, whilst many others enjoy less challenging dives here in the UK and abroad. Within our membership there is wealth of knowledge and interests; wrecks and maritime history to marine life and conservation. Our aim is to provide diving opportunities that satisfy all interests.

Whether you are someone looking to start diving or someone wishing to find other friendly divers to share your dives with, we have something to offer.



#### The Club

Southsea Sub-Aqua Club (SSAC) was founded in April 1954 and was one of the first diving clubs to become part of the British Sub-

Aqua Club (BSAC). It has an unrivalled history within the sport of recreational diving and has strong links with BSAC Southern Region

and HQ. The aim of SSAC is to "Promote Sub-Aqua diving in a safe and efficient manner under the guidance

\* The British Sub-Aqua Club is the governing body for recreational diving in the UK

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Design on an old club T-Shirt, including an image of the Mary Rose

**Fort Widley is one of the forts built on top of Portsdown Hill between 1860 and 1868**

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Portsdown Hill Road  
Purbrook  
Portsmouth  
Hants  
PO6 3LS



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**The Clubhouse (December 2017)**

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of British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) rules." But we always aim to have fun too!

Membership within our Club comes from all walks of life and all ages, and represents a wide

range of interests within the sport of scuba diving. There is an enormous amount of knowledge and experience within our membership which is simply not available from text books or any courses. The membership is the key strength of our

Club and why it continues after more than 65 years.

For more information about the British Sub-Aqua Club and the benefits from being a member, can be found via the BSAC website.

**British Sub-Aqua Club**  
[www.bsac.com](http://www.bsac.com)

## The Clubhouse

We meet each week at our own Clubhouse at the historic **FORT WIDLEY** every Monday and Thursday 8.30pm — 11.00pm, though most people start to arrive nearer 9pm. Monday evenings tend to be a little quieter with occasional training sessions taking place. Thursday evenings are much more social with divers planning for the weekend's diving activities.

Fort Widley is situated at the top of Portsdown Hill, on the B2177, Portsdown Hill Road. Entrance to the Club is via the Eastern entrance to the Fort. As there are animals grazing at the fort, the gates are

now often locked. If you arrive and find them locked, please call one of the people listed below and we'll gladly let you in. The Clubhouse itself is situated through the large green gate, round to the left and through the door marked "Ladies Toilet"! There is ample free parking out-

side the Fort. Please close the gate behind you.

The Clubhouse has its own fully stocked Licensed bar with a separate equipment room. Outside Club opening hours, you can still contact the Club online or by phone.

**Club website:** [www.southseasubaqua.org.uk](http://www.southseasubaqua.org.uk)  
**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/SSAC0009>  
**Facebook Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/395472160582712/>

**Email or by phone:**

**Chairman:** Tel: ---  
Email: [chairman@southseasubaqua.org.uk](mailto:chairman@southseasubaqua.org.uk)

**Treasurer:** Tel: 01730 268230 (Outside Club Meeting Hours only)  
Email: [treasurer@southseasubaqua.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@southseasubaqua.org.uk)

**Membership Secretary:** Tel: 07740 873255  
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**Secretary:** Tel: Phone: 07920 863260  
E-mail: [secretary@southseasubaqua.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southseasubaqua.org.uk)

## Membership/Renewals

We offer 6 basic levels of SSAC membership, Full Diving, Junior Diving, Snorkelling, Junior Snorkelling, Senior Diving and Social. Details of Club membership joining fees, annual charges and benefits

are available from the Membership Secretary at the Clubhouse and also via the SSAC web site:

**Southsea Sub-Aqua Club Home page**  
[www.southseasubaqua.org.uk](http://www.southseasubaqua.org.uk)



## Membership/Renewals (Continued...)

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As a branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club we can arrange for your BSAC membership though it is easily done on line. Membership of BSAC is highly recommended but not mandatory. Providing you have third party liability insurance cover for diving you can join SSAC without being a BSAC member however, BSAC membership is essential for anyone training within SSAC. Details of BSAC membership fees and entitlements/benefits and methods of payment can at the BSAC web site. Once you have joined BSAC you will be given a unique membership number and you can create an online 'MyBSAC' account. The account will contain details of your qualifications, medical certification and membership payments.

### MyBSAC page:

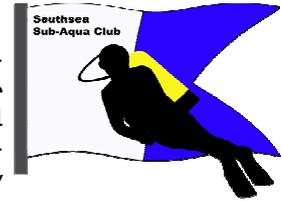
<https://www.bsac.com/mybsac/>

SSAC operates a Common Renewal Date (CRD) system which means that BSAC and club membership fees are due on 1<sup>st</sup> March each year. If you elect to join at another point in the calendar year the BSAC and SSAC membership fee is calculated on a pro rata basis based on the number of months left before the CRD. For

## Medicals and Fitness to Dive

BSAC works closely with **UK Diving Medical Committee (UKDMC)** and as a diver and member of BSAC you are required to complete a Diver self-declaration medical fitness form, upon joining, and then annually when renewing. If you have any queries about a medical condition visit the

your convenience BSAC membership fee payments can be arranged by Direct Debit and also payment of the SSAC membership fees can be paid by Standing Order (see next page). For more details contact the Membership Secretary. Please ensure that your Club/BSAC



Chesil Cove, May 2018 ©Alison Mayor 2018

membership renewal is made prior to the due date. All members not renewing within 2 months of the renewal date will have their membership cancelled and all benefits will be withdrawn. Try not to make life difficult for the Membership Secretary, Diving Officer or Bar Officer in this respect.

BSAC membership cards. You must 'opt in' on your MyBSAC account to receive a membership card. Membership cards are sent to the membership secretary who will posted it to you at your home address.

**Though our  
Common  
Renewal Date  
is 1st March  
every year,  
new members  
can join  
anytime.**

UKMDC Website: <http://www.ukdmc.org/>

BSAC Page on Medicals: <https://www.bsac.com/safety/medical-matters-and-medical-forms/>

UKMDC List of Medical Referees: <http://www.ukdmc.org/medical-referees/>

## Standing Order Scheme

The Club membership fee can be paid by a bank Standing Order Scheme, to help members spread the cost and budget for the next renewal payment. Standing Order Forms are available from the Treasurer or Membership Secretary.





All our qualified Diving Instructors have been assessed to international standards

## Training

All training within our Club is carried out by suitably qualified instructors and to BSAC standards. We deliver diver training at all levels from Ocean Diver, through Sports Diver, Dive Leader

and Advanced Diver, including many Skill Development Courses (SDCs).

Often a person's first experience of diving is by taking part in a Try Dive conducted in a swimming pool. It's a safe way to ex-

perience swimming and breathing underwater and feel what it is like to be weightless and able to stay underwater for some time. We offer Try Dives on a regular basis in local swimming pools.

**Training Officer:** [training@southseasubaqua.org.uk](mailto:training@southseasubaqua.org.uk)

## Safeguarding

SSAC has the safety and safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, as a primary importance. We are committed to providing an environment where young people can learn and participate in a sport free from harass-

ment and abuse. All those people working with children have a moral and social responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's safeguarding. SSAC follows the BSAC Safeguarding Policy to ensure peace of

mind for both children and adults.

All our Instructors have undergone Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks in accordance with BSAC Safeguarding Policy.

### BSAC Safeguarding Policy:

<https://www.bsac.com/this-is-bsac/bsac-rules-and-policies/safeguarding-policy/>

<https://www.bsac.com/this-is-bsac/bsac-rules-and-policies/adult-safeguarding-policy/>

## Learning to Dive

Your first introduction to diving could include a Try Dive. Typically this is a short experience in a sheltered environment with an Instructor, Dive Leader or Dive Master. From there, the next stage is learning to dive. Within our BSAC Club environment this involves a number of lessons, including some lectures at the club, or on-line and some pool sessions to master basic skills. The Ocean Diver course also includes student notebooks and practical exercises before you then progress to the 'open water' lessons to complete the Ocean Diver

course syllabus.

Once you have finished your pool and theory sessions the final open water dives (2 days) are generally carried out at inland water sites. This element of your course is INCLUDED within the Ocean Diver training course. You may have to pay entrance fees to inland sites if your sheltered open water training is conducted at an inland quarry site. We encourage car sharing etc. in order to keep costs down.

Once you have reached the appropriate level of competence you can then

begin to dive in open water with other members of SSAC and others.

BSAC training within the Club is delivered free of charge by instructors and in

their own spare time. However, the cost of the course includes costs such as training materials, equipment provision and instructor expenses. You may be asked to contribute



A group of students in the pool



BSAC Ocean Diver Pack



## Learning to Dive (Continued)...

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a share to the reasonable costs of instructors' travel or site entry. If this is the case you will be advised in ADVANCE of the event. Normally, trainees will need to

arrange with the Instructor or Equipment Officer to pick up their diving equipment in advance from Equipment room (normally the Thursday before).

Once qualified your training

can continue within the Club environment (Sport Diver, Dive Leader and Advanced Diver) and from the Sport Diver grade you will have reached a standard when you too can start down the road to becoming an instructor yourself if you wish.

## Already a Diver?

If you haven't dived for a little while, we can arrange a refresher session with one of our instructors with a BSAC Refresher Course.

We are also able to help people who have completed training with other training agen-

cies to transfer and continue training under the BSAC Diver Training Programme. No matter your skill level, you can join any BSAC club without the need to re-train. Your current scuba diving certification has an equivalent BSAC qualification and, if you'd like to further your training, you simply continue from there.

### BSAC Refresher Course:

<https://www.bsac.com/already-a-diver/refresh-your-scuba-skills/>

### Further details on crossing over to BSAC:

<https://www.bsac.com/already-a-diver/>

### Further details on Equivalent BSAC qualifications:

<https://www.bsac.com/already-a-diver/equivalent-bsac-qualifications/>

## Further development and specialist skills

In addition to the BSAC diver training programme we can deliver BSAC Skills Development Courses (SDCs). These courses cover a wide range of subjects from safety and rescue, seamanship,

technical diving and special interest (eg marine life, photography etc). Please discuss with the Training Officer any training requirement you may have.

### BSAC Skill Development Courses:

<https://www.bsac.com/training/skill-development-courses/>

## Diving with Southsea Sub-Aqua Club

It is what we are all here for! All Club Diving and Training is conducted under BSAC guidelines set out in the "Safe Diving Guide"

We pride ourselves in our high standards of training and safe diving practices. Our Diving Officer is responsible for the safe conduct of all diving organised by our Club and the quality/safety of training. If you have any questions about how the diving is conducted within our Club please discuss them with the Diving Officer.

We participate in all types of diving and

organise dives to suit a wide variety of interests – technical, recreational, training, marine life conservation, archaeological projects, and photography, etc. We organise local/south coast, UK and overseas trips/holidays throughout the year. From easy shore diving to RHIB and hard boat diving.

Dives can be organised by any Club member and all members are strongly encouraged to contribute in helping arrange the dive programme.

Once dive plans are approved by the

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**BSAC Safe Diving Guide online:** <https://www.bsac.com/safety/bsacs-safe-diving-guide/>

**Southsea Sub-Aqua Club Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/395472160582712>

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**Divers posing on a Tank at the end of the Tanks & Bulldozers Project**

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## Diving with SSAC (Continued)...

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Jewel Anemones, Mulberry Harbour

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Diving Officer they will be advertised and available for members to sign up for a place. Ordinarily, dives are advertised by a Dive Planning sheet placed on the Club's Diving notice board for members to add their names to the list. Once posted, or for dives arranged at short notice, dives may also be advertised on the club's Facebook Group with contact details of the organiser.

The best way to get involved in dives is to keep an eye on the Diving notice board for details of all forthcoming dives. Many are arranged before the season starts but some may be at quite short notice whilst waiting for weather reports, often on a Thursday night for the weekend. **Please feel free to discuss with the Diving Officer any diving activities that you would wish to do within the Club.**

The Club encourages all diving members to initiate and organise dives. As long as relevant qualified members are recruited to marshal the dive or drive the boats, any Club member can arrange a dive using the Dive Planning Form. **All dives and Dive Planning Sheets are to be approved by the Diving Officer in advance of the dive.**

Once the Dive Planning sheet is pinned up on the notice board, members who sign the form agree to a number of conditions such as;

- You are a fully paid-up member of the Club
- You have appropriate 3rd Party Insurance (automatic as part of your BSAC membership)
- You have a current medical or have a valid BSAC self certificate medical form.
- You hold the minimum qualification or have made the Manager aware of your

qualification. If you are a trainee you must confirm that an instructor is available before putting your name on the list.

- You agree to pay the full cost of the dive.
- You will comply with the instructions of the Diving Officer or the appointed Dive Manager.
- You are aware of the risks associated with scuba diving in general and specific risks of this dive.

All diving members are required to provide proof of the above on request of the Diving Officer, Dive Manager or any persons they may be diving with. The Diving Officer may delegate responsibility for the safety and running of the dive to a Dive Manager whose decision on matters associated with all aspects of the dive is final.



Divers ready to enter the water ©Robyn Peel 2017

For those members under 18, the parent or guardian will be briefed in full about all aspects of the planned dive and will need to give their written permission for any diving trips. Please speak to the Diving Officer or Safeguarding Officer regarding any issues involving the safeguarding of young and vulnerable people.

If you wish to volunteer to manage a dive, or assist the Dive Manager, please speak to the Diving Officer.

## Payment for Dives and the Rolling Deposit Scheme (RDS)

Collecting payment for dives is usually the responsibility of the organiser or Dive Manager. Depending on the nature of the dive/s or trip, a deposit or full payment is

required in advance of the dive/trip.

The club has run a "Rolling Deposit Scheme" in the past. This is currently under review and

we are not taking on new members to this scheme. Should this be re-launched among the membership, details will be made available.

**All boat dives should be paid in advance. Local dives on our own RHIB typically cost between £15 -£30 per person per dive**



Sea hare, Mulberry Harbour  
©Alison Mayor 2019



## Club Boat (Southsea Explorer)

The Club owns a 6.3m Humber Ocean Pro Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) which is available for use by Club members for Club diving. The RHIB is fully



A welcome sight of the club's RHIB at the end of a dive

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equipped with a modern 175HP engine, GPS and navigation devices, DSC VHF radio, multiple echo sounders (side-scan, down vision and conical depth sounders), flares and other safety equipment such as a first aid, O2 kit and life jackets. The RHIB can be towed to and from launch sites on its trailer using a suitable vehicle

The Diving Officer and/or Boat

Officer should be made aware of any problems with the boat during or after diving operations. You must inform the Diving Officer of your diving plans in advance and complete a passage plan in accordance with SOLAS V Regulations. The RHIB should be carefully washed down with detergent and engine flushed with fresh water before returning to the boat shed. Electronic equipment should be clean & dry and returned to the Boat Officer.

Currently a charge of £5 per dive is levied for all divers using the RHIB as a contribution to the maintenance/running costs. Local harbour dues are paid by the Club but fuel and other incidental expenses are shared between those diving from the RHIB. Anyone who volunteers to tow the RHIB has their first dive free and receives a towing allowance (still pays share of boat fuel).



Close-up of the decoration on the console

**The RHIB is equipped with GPS, DSC VHF radio, echo sounder, flares and other safety equipment such as an O2 kit**

## Air and Nitrox

The Club owns an air and Membrane Nitrox compressor, both of which are located in the boat shed.

High Pressure gas can be very dangerous and so access to and operation of the compressors is limited to full SSAC members and is subject to having completed the BSAC Compressor Operation course and a bespoke training package for the compressors our gas management

system. The use of the compressors is allowed under strict 'terms and conditions of use' which are displayed in the club and compressor shed. **The supply of gas to non-members is strictly prohibited.** Please speak to the Diving Officer if you have any questions or concerns about the compressors.

The air system meets the "Clean Air" standard and allows members to

fill cylinders with air at up to 300 Bar, from 5 charging 'whips'. Four for cylinders up to 232 Bar, one for 300 Bar cylinders. We have an air bank that can be filled to 350 Bar, which allows us to make good use of the air compressor.

The Nitrox 'membrane' compressor system means that there is no O2 blending required

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Air Compressor



Nitrox Compressor

We run BSAC Gas Blending courses for both members and as a part of the Regional Coaching Scheme

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and allows nitrogen to be filtered out of the normal air to give an enriched 'Nitrox' mix up to 40%, at a marginal cost compared to dive shop prices. Only SSAC members with the required Nitrox diving training will be able to operate the Nitrox compressor, and only after further instruction on its use.

Full diving members of the Club, once they have undergone some

compressor operation training, can apply for a key fob (refundable deposit of £10 payable) as part of their membership which allows 24-hour access to the compressor/boat shed. Please see Diving Officer for a fob to the compressor shed.

We currently offer Fobs of different colours. Blue fobs are for Air only and Green fobs are for both Air and Nitrox. Only divers who are qualified to dive with Nitrox and who have

completed training on the Nitrox compressor will be allowed the Green fobs.

Access to the boat shed is gained through the fobs. There is a second control pad which the green fobs can activate for the Nitrox compressor. Anyone requiring a replacement fob should contact the Diving Officer who will authorise the replacement fob once satisfied that the required level of training has been given.

### Tri-Mix and mixed gas blending

SSAC has set up a tri-mix facility which will enable suitably qualified members to blend Nitrox or Tri-mix. We also have a gas booster pump which enables diving cylinders to be filled to full pressure with O<sub>2</sub>/Trimix. O<sub>2</sub> and Helium are priced very competitively against commercial supply based on litres used. Please speak to the Diving Officer if you are interested in using the new gas blending/tri-mix facility.

This allows us to fully support divers who are looking to refill their stage cylinders with 80% Nitrox, for example, or for Rebreather divers to refill their O<sub>2</sub> cylinders.



Booster Pump

### Club Diving Equipment

The Club owns a selection of scuba equipment (cylinders, BCD's, Regulators, masks, fins, weight and weight belts) which is available for training and also may also be hired by qualified members at a nominal fee to cover maintenance/servicing.

Trainee Ocean Divers are entitled to free kit hire until they qualify at which point they can hire equipment at the relevant hire rates. Regrettably, the Club is not able to supply wet or dry suits for diving or

training. Please discuss options for suit hire with your instructor.

Subject to availability, a small charge for use of the pool, which may also be used for swimming only by club members and their families. **See current charges on notice board.**

Equipment can also be hired by qualified SSAC members for use outside the pool, however all equipment must be returned on the next available club night or as agreed with the Equipment Officer.



Equipment Room



## Committee and Current Members

All members are encouraged to get involved with running the Club, social events and/or to stand for a Committee position. The Club holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each November when the new Committee is voted into office. Nominations will be put up on the notice board prior to the meeting and any cur-

rent SSAC member can stand. If you are interested in any of the positions please don't hesitate to speak to the Chairman or existing Committee member to find out what is involved and whether you could help out.

The Committee meets most months to discuss Club matters and the minutes of the meeting are available

for all members to read – see Committee notice board. If you have any issues you wish the Committee to consider please speak to the Secretary or Chairman.



Tube Anemones

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## Contact email addresses

We use a few different email addresses for club business. They are published on the website and redirected to the current members who hold the suitable positions.

<b>Club Chair:</b> chairman@southseasubaqua.org.uk	<b>Training Officer:</b> training@southseasubaqua.org.uk
<b>Club Diving Officer:</b> do@southseasubaqua.org.uk	<b>Club Newsletter:</b> newsleter@southseasubaqua.org.uk
<b>Club Treasurer:</b> treasurer@southseasubaqua.org.uk	<b>Try Dive Organiser:</b> trydive@southseasubaqua.org.uk
<b>Club Secretary:</b> secretary@southseasubaqua.org.uk	<b>Enquiries regarding General Data Protection Regulation:</b> gdpr@southseasubaqua.org.uk
<b>Membership Secretary:</b> membership@southseasubaqua.org.uk	<b>Web site / YouTube</b> web@southseasubaqua.org.uk

## Non-Committee positions

Some of the tasks that the club needs handling are completed by various volunteer club members. These are non-committee positions.

<b>Compressor Maintainers</b> (aka Compressor Fairies)	Martin Davies & Rob Watkins
<b>Facebook Group Admin</b>	Martin Davies
<b>Facebook Page Admin</b>	Martin Davies & David Bryant
<b>Web Site</b>	Doug Carter & Robyn Peel
<b>YouTube</b>	Robyn Peel

**Our AGM is held every November. Members are welcome to stand for election for a committee position at the AGM**



Old Selsey Lifeboat Station (June 2017) prior to being removed  
©Robyn Peel 2017



## Other Useful Information

### Use of Club Computer



"Mystery Wreck" ©Martin Davies 2021

Only fully paid up club members may use the computer and its use is restricted solely to matters relating to diving, diver training, the administration and running of the Club. All Club members that wish to make use of the computer must have read and agreed to

abide by the conditions contained in the document Club Computer Equipment Acceptable Use Policy, available on request.

The computer is attached to the overhead projector and a remote control 'clicker' is available for use.

### SSAC on the Internet and Social Media

Away from the Clubhouse, members can communicate via Facebook and WhatsApp Groups

The Club web site is our main method of informing the public about our club and diving activities. Increasingly, Southsea Sub-Aqua Club uses Facebook and WhatsApp to help communications between the members. We also run a YouTube channel.

tise to the wider public about the Club's activities.

This is a really useful way for dive organisers, Dive Managers and others to know how to contact you if needed and also provides information on qualifications etc. which will help with dive planning.

individuals and not the whole group.

We also have separate "Committee" and "Instructor" groups via WhatsApp for communication between



committee members and Instructors within the Branch. These are restricted to Committee members and Instructors as appropriate. For new instructors joining the club, please speak with the Diving Officer and Training Officer about being added to the Instructor group on WhatsApp.

Members are free to apply to join the Facebook Group where further discussions frequently



occur regarding arranging social activities, training and diving. In addition to the Club web site, our Facebook Page is to be used to adver-

There are some basic rules about communicating and posting messages and its use is encouraged where it is appropriate for some or all of the membership to be contacted. However please remember that sometimes it is better just to send a direct message to one or two



Dogfish or Cat Shark? ©Rob Dawson 2021

**Website:** <http://southseasubaqua.org.uk>  
**Facebook Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/395472160582712/>  
**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/SSAC0009>



## YouTube Channel

The Club operates a YouTube channel to show videos made for the club by members. These may include club dives, the AGM and Try Dives, but are not limited to these alone. We have also



made use of the facility to link to channels run by club members.

We would encourage members and others who are interested to subscribe to the channel. This is free and really does help the club to help

raise our profile within the YouTube algorithm.



If any club member has a suitable video that you would like uploaded, please contact the person/s in charge of the channel.



**YouTube Channel:** Search for "Southsea Sub-Aqua Club" or click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaEcn5-CRMXq7QqyHsFCkg>

## Social Events

The Club organises various social and fund raising events from time to time. These will be advertised at the club and on the Facebook Group and on notice boards.

A lot of effort goes into organising some of these events and support of our members is essential to make them an enjoyable time for all. If you think of a good idea for a fun/social event please chat top the Social Secretary or a committee member. Volunteers are always needed.



Northcoates

©Martin Davies, 2021

## Guests

Members may sign guests into the Club from time to time. All guests must be signed in via the guest book which is provided at the bar. A small charge is payable for guests. In order to comply with licensing restrictions, a guest may only be signed in to the Club a maximum of 6 times a year. If guests wish to visit the Club more often, they should consider becoming a 'Social' or full diving member.

## Shop Discounts

Southsea Sub-Aqua Club has negotiated discounts with a number of local dive shops for members – details can be found on the notice board. Be sure to mention that you are a SSAC member when making a purchase and have your BSAC OOO9 membership card ready.

**We welcome  
qualified  
divers from all  
training  
agencies**



View from the club, looking over Portsmouth, with the Solent and Isle of Wight in view

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### SOUTHSEA SUB-AQUA CLUB

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**What3Words**  
twin.soils.events



### *Diving the South Coast and Beyond*



Jewel Anemones on Far Mulberry, near Selsey

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### Current Committee Members

Chairman	Tom Templeton
Safeguarding Officer	<i>Tom Templeton</i>
Secretary	Steve Blackburn
Diving Officer	Martin Davies
Training Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Doug Carter
Membership Secretary	Alison Mayor
Equipment Officer	Phil Hart
Boats Officer	<i>Martin Davies</i>
Social Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Bar Officer	Nickie Tunnicliffe
General Member 1	Pippa Hardisty
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