



Membership Details - 2008

1. **2008 Membership:** membership runs from 1st March 2008 to 28th February 2009.
2. **Dive Club website:** visit us at <http://www.diveaquanaut.co.uk>. The website has full details of all events, including planned UK and Overseas dive trips. You can register your interest in joining these trips and booking yourself on there too. You will also find all forms concerning Dive Club Membership for 2008 in addition to other Dive Club information.
3. **Monthly Club Night:** for regular social contact with other club members to discuss equipment, dive sites and diving in general. Held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at The Norbiton & Dragon pub, at 16 Clifton Rd, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6PW.
4. **Other Social Events:** we organise an annual summer BBQ and a Christmas Party, as well as other social events.
5. **Experience Development Trips:** these are for new UK divers. During the trip you will be buddied with an experienced diver so you can relax and enjoy your first few dives in British waters.
6. **Dive Trips:** all Dive Club Members have first option for spaces on all trips – both organised Overseas and in the UK.
7. **Club Pool Night** on Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. £10 per session, to include tank and weights. All other kit available for hire – please ask at the shop. Social “re-hydration” at a local pub afterwards.
8. **Equipment hire:** members benefit from a reduced rate for equipment hire for weekend dive trips. Please ask at the shop.
9. **Boat deposit:** a deposit of £100 is required for those who will join the club for UK diving. This deposit is only paid once, is carried forward from one year to the next and is refundable at any time on termination of club membership. Members who have paid a boat deposit will have first option on UK dive trips.

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Membership and Code of Practice - 2008

Membership: There shall be 2 categories of membership:

- Full Member. Minimum required qualification of Advanced Open Water, with experience of 6 or more UK dives (with a minimum of 2 Sea dives).
- Social / New UK Diver. Membership for divers with less than 6 UK dives (with a minimum of 2 Sea dives). Upgrade to Full Member possible at any time.

Membership fees shall be paid annually on 1st March.

Members joining after 1st September will have a membership valid for the remainder of that year and continuing into the following year.

The Club Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date register of all members.

Diving Code of Practice

Club Divers shall always be personally responsible for ensuring that they are suitably trained and qualified for any dives undertaken as part of a Club activity.

All persons wishing to dive with the Club are required to produce Certification and Log Book evidence of diving qualification and experience to the dive leader prior to a dive expedition.

Club Members will ensure that they are physically fit for diving, or suspend their diving activity until fit again. If a diver has any doubt, the diver must seek medical advice before recommencing diving activities.

All Members diving under the auspices of the Club shall have completed the Club's Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Form, indemnifying the Club from any claims arising from diving activities. The Club shall maintain records of all indemnity forms.

Parents of Members under 18 shall complete indemnity forms on behalf of their children.

Aquanaut Dive Club accepts no responsibility for:

- Personal injury of a diver
- Death of a diver
- Loss of, or damage to personal diving equipment and property.

All divers are to abide by the Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement Of Understanding of their relevant training organisation such as PADI, BSAC, NAUI, SSI etc

All diving during a club trip must always be done in Buddy Teams. No solo diving will be allowed.

Members must have the appropriate training and experience for the intended dives, and accept full responsibility for understanding and following the codes of practice and safe diving standards as recognised by diving organisations such as PADI, BSAC, NAUI, SSI etc

Leaders shall ensure that all divers on the trip receive a formal "dive briefing" and have sufficient information to prepare full and safe dive plans.

Leaders shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of divers on their expedition, however, individual divers shall ultimately be held fully responsible for their own safety and, as far as reasonably possible, for the safety of their nominated Buddy. Leaders shall always ensure that full details of the intended dive are left with a responsible person who can raise the alarm in the event of divers failing to return by the agreed time.

The responsibility for ensuring adequate personal preparation for a dive rests with the individual diver and Buddy Teams, and NOT the boat skipper/dive leader.

The dive leader or boat skipper reserves the right to cancel a dive if he/she has any doubts about a diver's ability or health.

Divers shall be individually responsible for the safe storage and handling of their equipment.

Dive plans, including entry and exit procedures, established and agreed with the skipper/dive leader, are to be followed unless conditions become unsafe to do so.

Divers are to familiarise themselves with the location and operation of safety equipment, including oxygen and radio/emergency systems.

Divers who are not in the water are to be prepared to assist other divers with entry and exit procedures.

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