



Wittering 18 July 2010

Overview

A day's diving with skipper Simon Bradburn on the 8.6 metre fast and stable RIB Stormforce.

This RIB has state of the art GPS/Maps, Radar, MMSI, Wreck Finder, Tank racks, swing down ladders both port and starboard. Safety equipment includes, 14-person life raft, comprehensive first aid kit including O2, flares, spare handheld radio and GPS.

Spaces: 6+
Trip organiser: Jeremy James: jeremy@diveaquanaut.co.uk
Level: Regular
Open for booking: 29 March 2010
Initial payment: £25
Full cost: £48
Full payment due: 29 May 2010

We're doing two dives which are lovely in their own right, but absolutely ideal for anyone just getting into UK diving.

Diving

Two dives from Stormforce, coming back between dives so you can switch to a fresh cylinder, take a comfort break, and get something to eat or drink.

Boat leaves	Site	Depth	Description
08:45 am	T-Pot	20m	Believed to be the "Brigitta" the wreck lies very close to a southerly Cardinal buoy. In three main sections this is a great wreck to explore. The main section is the stern with its propeller still in place. Plenty of lobster, congers and bib live in this area! The centre area has the boilers, which were hit a few years ago, by a passing ship! The bow section is low profile wreckage spread over a wide area and is home to many lobster and crabs.
12:30 pm	Mulberry Harbour	12m	An artificial wartime harbour unit which broke apart before it could be sent to France. This is a great dive for all levels due to the interesting variety and quantity of wildlife. There are numerous areas to explore and with swim throughs plus the added chance to explore the nearby Landing Craft and Cuckoo as part of the same dive.

Stormforce will leave from Bracklesham Bay near East Wittering, where there is a small café and public toilets.

The RIB will get as close to the beach as possible but you will need to walk from the car park, down a shingle beach, and then wade through the water to get to the boat, wearing your BCD/cylinder on your back and carrying the rest of your gear in your arms. A fin or mesh bag is recommended to carry the loose stuff like fins, mask, hood, gloves, torches, water bottle, etc.



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Air & Nitrox

Tanks and fills (air and Nitrox) are available at the Aquanaut shop and at Wittering Divers or Mulberry Divers in Wittering/Selsey. Bringing two tanks each would be preferable to save rushing to either dive shop locally for a fill when you could be having a late lunch and a nice cup of tea.

Equipment and equipment hire

Full UK kit is essential (its dry suit diving) and all divers must carry a reel/spool with SMB and know how to use them. Torches are recommended for both wrecks.

Cost

Both dives are £24 each and you will need to budget for any equipment hire and gas fills plus lunch, refreshments and travel. There is a daily charge for parking at Bracklesham Bay, currently £4. This is a day trip so no overnight accommodation is required.

Further info

Location of Bracklesham Bay car park: http://www.multimap.com/maps/#map=50.76395,-0.85514|15|4&bd=useful_information&loc=GB:50.76126:-0.85994:15|east%20Beach%20Road

<http://www.southerncoastcharters.com/index.html>

http://www.divernet.com/UK_Diving/158809/the_far_mulberry_sussex.html

<http://www.glaucus.org.uk/mUlberry.htm>

<http://www.witteringdivers.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.mulberrydivers.co.uk/>