

Welcome to Plymouth Sound Divers

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Dear Potential new member,

We meet socially and for shore diving on Monday evenings at [The Waterfront Pub](#) at the West End of The Hoe, from 7:30pm with the guest speaker events from 8pm. This provides us with the opportunity to discuss the week's diving plans. Weather and tide permitting, we also do a shore dive from the Waterfront from 18:00.

We are a BSAC club and have two boats, a Ribcraft holding 10 divers and a smaller Tornado holding 6. We dive throughout the year and around the Southwest of England.

We currently have an active training programme which covers a range of courses from beginners to experienced divers. Please check out our website for [all the training](#) we offer.

We have our own compressor, nitrox charging station. So you can fill your cylinders ready to go diving.

Our current membership is around 90 members with many advanced divers and instructors. The club's volunteer committee can be contacted via email or social media.

Diving with the Club:

Once you are a member; we will add you to our email distribution list and What's App community group. Through these emails you will hear about all the diving, training and socials going on within the club. Dive Managers (*the person organising the day's diving*) will advertise the dive - you are welcome to organise your own diving too. Our [facebook group page](#) is a good source of information if you are using social media.

We operate from The MountBatten Centre where we store and launch our boats.

Membership fee:

[Membership of Plymouth BSAC](#) is £120 for the year. This fee helps the Club pay for;

- The Headquarters and boat shed rent.
- Compressor Maintenance & Insurance
- Boat Insurance Costs
- Diving Equipment Costs
- Access to dive with the club from our boats as much as you want.

We have a reduced annual fee of £70 for students on proof that they are full time students in Plymouth (not just student union card)

Diving fees:

The [diving](#) is charged to members based on the cost to maintain the boat's Engine, eventual replacement plus the current cost of fuel. The club committee has worked hard to keep this cost as low as possible.

The costs for running both boats are different with the cost of driving to each dive site varying depending on distance. This cost is then divided by the number of Divers on the day.

For Example:

To drive Tornado to JEL or Scylla wrecks in Whitsands Bay it costs the club £95.00. £95 divided by 6 divers. Each person pays = £16.00 for that dive.

Minimum numbers would be 2 divers and 1 Cox. Therefore; The cost would be £95 / 3 = £32.00 PP (although the dedicated Cox'n might not be charged)

Diving fees can be paid for on the day via Credit or Debit card - we have a card machine

Launching the Boats:

We launch the boats from The MountBatten Slipway from a trailer. This means we require a vehicle with a tow bar. If you are open to launching and recovering the boats for club diving please let us know and we will provide further details.

The more people who can launch the boats the more diving we can do. See if you are legally able to tow by reading our guidance [online here](#).

Paying for membership:

There is a simple process to join; I just need the following information from you. Please fill in and return to me in person or at membership.plymouthdivers@gmail.com

Membership Information:

Full Name		Telephone Number	
BSAC Membership Number		Email	
Instructor Grade		D.O.B	

Diving Grade		Other relevant Skills	
Address			
Would you like to be Affiliated to the Branch	YES/NO	Any Skills you would like to learn:	

To be a member of Plymouth Sound BSAC we ask that you are also a member of the British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC). The two memberships are separate but both are required to allow club diving.

BSAC Membership is from £42.00. You can find out more [online here](#).

Bank: Lloyds Bank. (Business Bank Account)

Name: British Sub-Aqua Club Plymouth

Sort Code: 30-96-68.

Account number: 05094558

Reference: YOUR NAME (as best you can with the space provided)

Any questions please ask.

Branch Fee Declaration:

As a member of Plymouth Sound Divers Dive Club you will get access to great diving, training and associated events. While you remain a member you will be a share owner, with all the other members, of our boats, supporting equipment and diver training equipment. When you go for boat dives, or use any of the club equipment, Your Dive fee will help cover; fuel, servicing and maintenance, and the cost of complying with regulations and guidance on testing of the branches equipment.

We want to highlight the point that we are not a commercial operation in any sense and that the charges that members incur are simply to cover these 'reasonable costs' of running a volunteer club.