

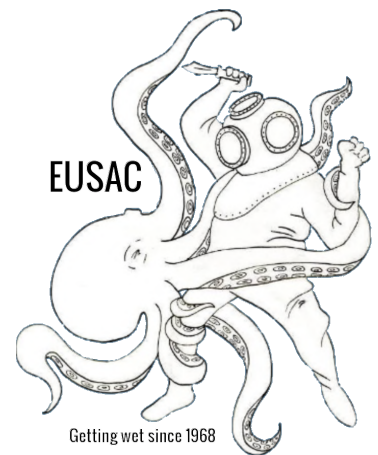
June/July 2019

# EUSAC Newsletter

Getting wet since 1968

## Welcome to the brand new Edinburgh University Sub Aqua Club (EUSAC) newsletter!

The past year has seen the club grow in numbers and experience. The club is now busier than ever, diving all over Scotland and overseas. To keep everyone updated with the goings on, we have created the EUSAC monthly newsletter to document the club's activities and spread the word to members old and new! Make sure to also follow us on Instagram (@edunisac) for more fantastic EUSAC content.



## What have we been up to?

### Sound of Mull

At the beginning of June the club spent three days diving in the Sound of Mull. The group explored several wrecks including, the Hispania, Ronda and Shuna. The visibility and the weather was incredible with reports of between 12-15m on the Hispania! A massive thank you to Matt and Cara who organised a very successful trip!



### Seasearch

Three of our members recently attended a Seasearch survey in Loch Shira organised by Robert Gormley. The group completed the qualifying dives for the Seasearch Observer course by surveying the resident Firework Anemones (*Pachycerianthus multiplicatus*), specifically their depth distribution, size and

frequency. If anyone is interested in taking part in Seasearch (minimum of Sports Diver level) please contact the committee.



## Social

From our social and admin side of the club, our AGM was held on 1st March and gave an overview of the colossal year we've had celebrating our 50th anniversary, and all the exciting stuff we've got up to. We approved two amendments; one to our Blues and Colours Constitution and one to vote in a new committee role - the assistant Diving Officer! More info on these is available if you're interested. Along with recapping highlights, we also elected our 2019/2020 committee!

We're excited to welcome our new committee members and have more than double its size due to the number of new keen beans we've acquired! Click [here](#) to meet them.





## Kit Update

In May the club was awarded the Student Experience Grant from the university worth £2,500. This was used to help the club purchase another compressor, which Finn and Paul collected in June - a Bauer Oceanus petrol with two DIN whips and a fill rate of 140L/min. Along with our current compressor - Bauer Poseidon (petrol, 100L/min - purchased March 18) this will enhance our filling capabilities to allow total independence on both expeditions and training trips, a significant step change in what we can offer our members.



Dan and Finn spring cleaned the workshop and have been working hard to repair the clubs older boats Talisker and Ardbeg. A big thank you to Matt and Jangus who also contributed here! The boats should be ready for sea trials alongside Jura towards the end of June. Finn has also made up three sets of regs which are currently being serviced at the Edinburgh Dive Centre. This will total the reg count to 19 sets. We have three working boats and are looking for an opportunity to take them out - get in touch if you want to get involved!



The club taking Jura out on the last weekend of June

# Training

For most of us, the past month has been quiet on the training front, with most of us sitting exams - good luck to all those awaiting results!

The past academic year has been great for training - a big thank you to all instructors who helped during this time. The club has welcomed 16 newly qualified Oceans Divers, 11 of which went onto begin Sports Diver training.

## Congratulations to...

Our Diving Officer, **Paul**, who recently achieved his CCR MOD3 Advanced Mixed Gas qualification and was shortlisted for coach of the year award at the SU blues and colours awards (a first for the club we believe!).

**Cara** (Assistant Diving Officer), who achieved full Blue at the Sports Union Blues and Colours awards. Cara is the first member to achieve Blues since 2015, and only the second in over 15 years!

**Ellen** and **Claudia** who spent a day at Seal Reef completing their final dives for their Sports Diver and Ocean Diver qualifications - thank you to **Ed** for spending the day teaching.

## Upcoming Training

Our Training Officers have been busy planning Ocean Diver and Crossover training for Semester one. The first Ocean Diver training weekend is set to take place the 9th-10th November, with the Crossover trip set for the 12th-13th October. Both trips will take place in Oban and we will be taking multiple boats. Full Nationally Qualified Instructors (Open Water Instructor and above) can attend free of charge. University diving clubs rely heavily on the generosity of alumni and with our development and expansion this remains true. Please contact the committee if you would like to get involved in our 2019/20 training program - it will be much appreciated.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the [BSAC South Scotland Region](#) Facebook page for other upcoming training dates. Let us know if you are interested in attending any and are looking for a buddy.



## Plans for next month and beyond

Since we've got some big trips coming up, lots of day trips will be going out so members can, 'dive up' and work on improving the buoyancy basics, practicing those DSMB skills and have some fun diving. These will be chilled trips for fun, so if you'd like to get a nice dive in, keep an eye on our usual ways of contacting! Watch the mailing list and facebook page!

### Timeline for the next few months

Sunday 7th July - Sports diver training day

Saturday 13th July - South Scotland Region Training - Inveraray

Saturday 20th July - Sports Diver training day

Friday 19th - Sunday 23rd July - Trip to be planned by Finn - details TBC

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th July - Clyde trip - organised by Paul

Sunday 28th July - Sports Diver training day

Sunday 18th August - Sport Diver training day

Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th August - Clyde trip - organised by Paul

Saturday 31st August - Sports Diver training day

### Diving Officer - Paul Miller

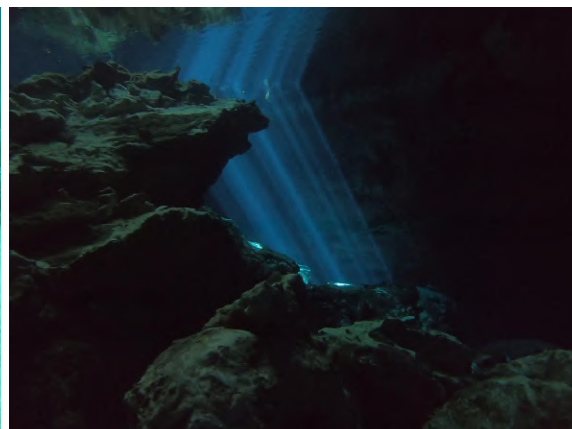
May was a month of applications - the successful awarding of the Student Experience Grant and the club submission for the BSAC Heinke Trophy. EUSAC has won the Heinke Trophy three times in our 51 year illustrious history. The whole committee deserves recognition for the effort that went in to these applications and of course all the hard work that inspired them! Cara Nicholson deserves special recognition, not only for her contribution to the grant applications, but for achieving full Blues at the Sports Union Blues and Colours awards.



### President - Charis Walton




June was a great month for EUSAC, and for my diving personally. It started out with our Sound of Mull trip, a fantastic long weekend of boat diving- wrecks, walls, and drifts- what more could you ask for? As soon as I got back from this I needed to turn myself around in order to fly to Mexico for a solo trip. Cenote diving is unlike anything I've ever experienced! The sea diving was also brilliant (28C meant I was free of a dry suit for the first time in months). The abundance of turtles in the water, as well as on the beaches nesting at night, really made this trip one for my highlight reel.





## The Big Ol' Blue

What is happening in the underwater world beyond EUSAC?

World Oceans Day	BSAC conference and Birmingham Dive Show	UPY Awards
		
<p>It is no mystery that we all love the oceans and this past month we celebrated World Oceans Day. In case you missed it, read <a href="#">this post</a> to see what you can do to help keep the underwater world diveable! Even better, try going <a href="#">plastic free</a>.</p>	<p>Start saving your pennies, the Dive Show 2019 will take place across the 26 and 27 October 2019 at the Birmingham NEC. Early bird tickets are available now until July. <a href="#">Early Bird Tickets</a></p>	<p>If you need anymore inspiration to get underwater, take a look at the Underwater Photographer of the Year Awards.</p> <p><a href="#">UPY Awards</a></p>

If you would like to get more involved in the club in any way be it: instructing, training, selling old kit, suggesting trips or if you are interested in joining us on a trip yourself, please email us or facebook us and feel free to check out our instagram and website pages.

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