

September/October 2019

# EUSAC Newsletter

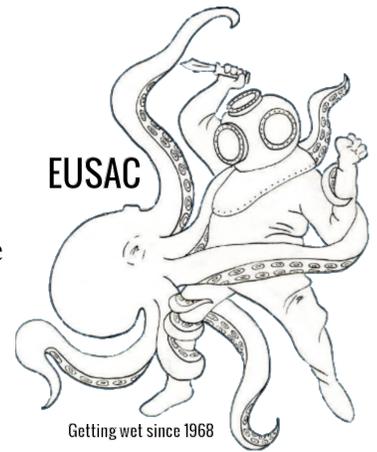
Getting wet since 1968

Welcome to the EUSAC Newsletter. The club has had a great start to the new Semester, with new divers, new trips and lots of fun!

## What have we been up to?

### Day trip to 'The A Frames'

On the 6th of October, 5 members took a cheeky trip over to Loch Long to visit the well known A Frames site for a day of fun diving. Even though the weather did turn a bit grey and wet towards the evening they still had a fantastic trip out. They also met a bunch of other divers (Some who were well acquainted with our club) while they were there which led to a nice social atmosphere. The water was lovely and clear and one buddy group even found the almost upright A Frame down at 18m. It was a great day trip, even though some personal kit was somehow lost in the loch (Rest in peace Dan's knife and Aaron's DSMB), it also allowed Linda to try out her brand new drysuit so it still had some kit upsides!



### Clyde explorations continued...

In the last newsletter, we shared the club explorations in the Firth of Clyde. In the last week of August, Charis, Finn, Cara and Rachael continued the explorations and enjoyed a weekend of diving The Caves (Loch Long) and Clashfarland Point (Cumbrae). Less focus was given to practicing specific skills and the

group spent the weekend enjoying the fleeting Scottish summer sunshine – it was even warm enough to ditch the hood and gloves!



## Social

A new semester brings with it plenty of upcoming social events. The first Friday after Welcome Week (Friday 20 September), will play host to the first social of the year! This is an important event, one which will set a precedent for all socials to follow, so social team Billy and Alex have been working hard to secure enough bar space for the club to overrun in the next few weeks. In true university style, the club will be putting on a wild dive themed night. Expect to familiarise yourself with Hive.

## Burns Night

Details will shortly announced the our next Burns night. The last event celebrated 50 years of EUSAC, but we will continue to put on a bigger night this time around!



## Social Dates to remember:

Friday 20 September – BIG Social

Friday 15 November – Lock Up Lock In Social

Saturday 1 February 2020 – Burns night

## Kit Update

### For sale – Ardbeg – £1,500

The club has made the decision to sell one of our inflatable boats, Ardbeg. She is a 5.25m Avon from the early 2000s. We have spent time getting her ship-shape again and is now ready to be used for diving adventures. The club has had many memorable trips in her, notably to Cape Wrath and Skye; we would love to keep her in the EUSAC family.

She will come with a 40hp, 2-cylinder, pull-start Mariner outboard which has recently been serviced by New to You Marine in Edinburgh. The engine is from 1996 and runs well.

Ardbeg sits on a single axle trailer which will also be included in the sale – bearings recently greased. We can also include a fuel tank, fuel lines (and new fuel filter) and ratchet straps so she can be used straight away.



## Training

A new semester brings with it new club members and lots of training. The committee has been hard at work preparing training dates, lessons and weekend trips for the new Ocean Diver and Crossover intake. Preparation has also gone into planning the upcoming Dive Leader course. This will help continue the training of existing club members who achieved Sports Diver over the past year.

We are also looking forward to the end of September, when eight club members will attend the Instructor Foundation Course (IFC). Going into October, the club will have plenty of assistant instructors to help with pool training and continue their own path towards becoming Open Water Instructors. This is great news and we wish good luck to all those attending the IFC in a few weeks!

## Congratulations to...

Committee members, **Finn** and **Bernadette**, who recently attended the Open Water Instructor Course. Good luck to all new students who will receive training from the pair over the next few months as they prepare for their instructor exams!



## Upcoming Training

Saturday 14 September - Regional Training Day - speak to Robert Gormley

Friday 27 September - Crossover Lecture/Ocean Diver Lectures begin

Saturday 28 September - IFC

Friday 4 October - Ocean Diver Lectures

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 October - Crossover Weekend

Friday 18 October - Ocean Diver Lectures

Friday 1 November - Ocean Diver Lectures

Friday 8 - Sunday 10 November - Ocean Diver Training Weekend

Friday 15 November - Ocean Diver Exam

Friday 17 January - Sports Diver Lectures commence

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.

## Regional Training Days

If you are looking to progress your training, both diver and instructor grade, please consider attending a regional training day. The events are a great way to meet and get to know divers from other local clubs too! If you are considering attending a training day, please let the club know, as there may be other members you can buddy with on the day or share transport with.

### Confirmed and upcoming regional training days:

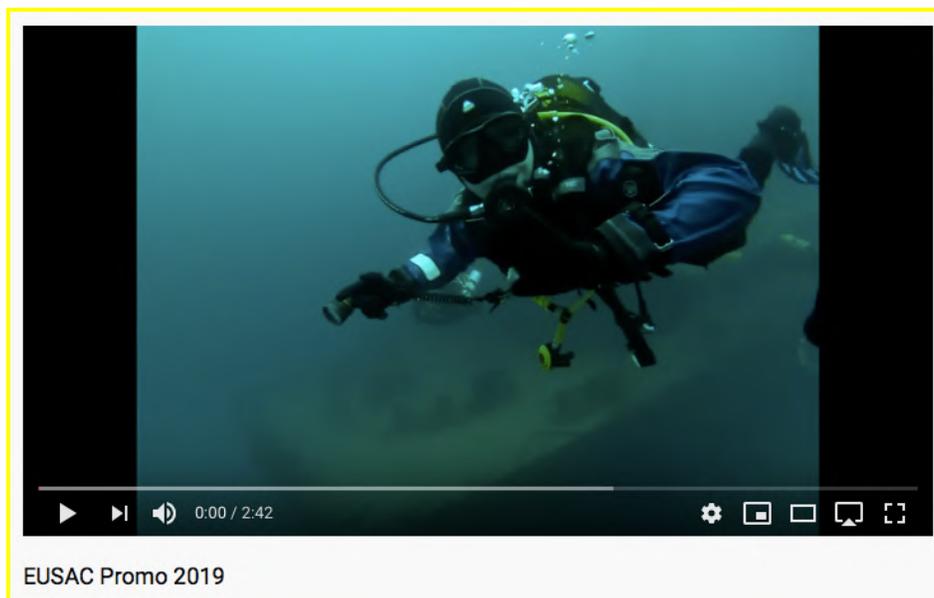
Saturday 14 September – Regional training (Loch Fyne) – please contact a committee member or Robert Gormley to confirm your interest in attending.

## Plans for next month and beyond

### January Trip

To kick off 2020, the club will be heading to Mallorca for the annual winter trip! After seeing in the New Year, the club will fly out on the 3 January for some winter diving fun. Keep your eyes peeled for an email and Facebook post which will circulate all of the facts and figures regarding the trip, and more importantly, how to secure your spot.

If you can't wait to find out more and want a recap of the club trips over the last year, check out our new promo video: <https://youtu.be/u5TB9ZKZGPo>



## **Timeline for the next few months**

Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 September – Sports Fair

Sunday 15 September – Day Trip to Farnes – please contact Ed for further details

Tuesday 17 September – Intro Meeting - Appleton Tower, Lecture Theatre 3

Friday 20 September – BIG Social

Friday 27 September – Crossover Lecture/Ocean Diver Lectures begin

Saturday 28 September – IFC

Friday 4 October – Ocean Diver Lectures

Monday 6 October – Day Trip to Farnes – please contact Finn for further details

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 October – Crossover Weekend

Friday 18 October – Ocean Diver Lectures

Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 October – BSAC Conference and Dive Show

Friday 1 November – Ocean Diver Lectures

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 November – Ocean Diver Training Weekend

Friday 15 November – Ocean Diver Exam and Lock Up Lock In Social

Friday 3 – Friday 10 January – Winter trip to Mallorca

Friday 17 January – Sports Diver Lectures commence

## **EUSAC Spotlight**

### **President - Charis Walton**

August has involved a lot of behind the scenes work from the committee, planning things for welcome week and the year ahead! There are so many exciting things coming up, socials, trips and Skills Development Courses. We look forward to meeting all of our newbies in the coming weeks, as well as seeing lots of familiar faces again! Also, if you didn't find the time for EUSAC last year, this is the perfect time to get involved and join the club. Hope to see lots of you at the Intro Meeting on the 17th in Appleton Tower, Lecture Theatre 3. The meeting will run from 7pm-9pm. We will be heading to pub afterwards, so if you're more well-acquainted with the club, join us for a pint or two and welcome the fresh faces!

## **The Big Ol' Blue**

**What is happening in the underwater world beyond EUSAC?**

Ocean Film Festival	Dive Show 2019	Podcast Recommendations
		
<p>The Ocean Film Festival will take place a 7.30pm on Saturday 14 September at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh. Newsletter editor <b>Bernadette</b>, will also be helping out on the MSC UK stall, where you can sign up and get the first six months of membership free! Get your tickets <a href="#">here</a> and check out the <a href="#">line up</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="#">Get Tickets Here</a></p>	<p>Another podcast recommendation to fill your daily commute to the library or work. This time Tom Hird and Lizzie Daly discuss all things environment and debunk conservation issues affecting us all and the ocean we love to dive in. <a href="#">Check it out!</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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