

# Furness Diving Club

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## Red Sea Trip 2010

A Club diving trip to the Red Sea is being organised by Lee Minhinnick to take place in the week 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The company is Blue O2 and the boat will sail from Hurghada to the Southern Red Sea, the boat will be Blue Fin or Blue Horizon and take 24 to 26 passengers.

Minimum diver qualification is Sports Diver with 50 dives logged. The flight is from Manchester and will cost approximately £1200 a deposit of £250 will be required in October, any one interested contact Lee on 582310 as soon as possible.

## Boat Handling Courses

Paul Wojcik is willing to organise courses in Boat Handling, Chartwork and Navigation and Marine Radio, anyone who is interested please contact Paul on 838832. It is important that he knows the numbers involved since this determines the eventual costs to set up the courses. If you think that the club should continue to operate our dive boats please support these training courses. BSAC HQ policy now is that all club members who wish to operate our boats must hold the appropriate formal qualifications

## BSAC Safeguarding Policy

The BSAC has a safe guarding policy in place to ensure that children and other vulnerable persons are safe from sexual/physical abuse during club activities, this is spelled out in the BSAC Welfare of Vulnerable People Policy Guidelines. To ensure this is implemented Andy Hewitt has volunteered to be our Club Welfare Officer. The Club wish to resume the training of minors ( under 18 years of age ) and take part in future Leisure Centre childrens training activities , anyone involved in this will need to complete a Criminal Records Bureau ( CRB) Disclosure Request Form, these application forms are available from Andy.

## Freemasons Grant

At the end of last year the Club approached the Hindpool Lodge of Freemasons for a possible grant to fund the training of minors to dive, the grants are awarded from The George Wood Memorial Benevolent Fund which was bequeathed by the daughter of the late George Wood who was a prominent member of the Lodge. The Trustees of the Fund have very generously donated £500 to our Club for which we are very grateful.

## Newsletter by Email

Any member who owns a computer can have their Newsletter emailed to them, any member interested please send your email address to me at the following address:- [cass@cgleaves.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:cass@cgleaves.wanadoo.co.uk) or to Graham Coulson the Membership Secretary at [graham.coulson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:graham.coulson@tiscali.co.uk)

The Committee wish all members enjoyable and safe diving.