

# ASAC

## LUNDY DIVE

**First Dive in UK since 2003**

*How I decided to get back and do some serious diving*

**Great to See John Heath**

*It was such a pleasant surprise for me to meet up with John again*

**Visibility On Lundy**

*I can not remember any time when on Lundy that I have seen Visibility like it.*

**Some of those things that everyone Knows**

*And that as a result no one thinks to tell you because "everyone knows"*

### FIRST UK DIVE FOR ME SINCE 2003

It was great to be back diving the UK with some great memories rekindled with friends!

Having not dived in a very long time in the UK, and in fact only having dived abroad a couple of times in the last few years the last time in 2008, it was with some trepidation that I dug out my kit and started checking it out ready for this season in the UK. In fact I felt that I was so rusty that with Howard, I went down to Cornwall Diving College and did a PADI refresher with a Scuba Tune-Up . We spent an hour or so in the classroom followed by a pool session and then after lunch did an escorted dive off Pendennis Point. I have to say that at the end of that day I was pooped. I had decided to stick to how I used to dive with my kit and boy it seems to be so much heavier than I remembered it! Either that or I am getting old.

So when Mark sent out the email saying there was some space on the dive this Saturday and that the plan was to spend a little R&R time in the Marisco before returning late on the evening of a late tide I thought it was a great chance to relive some pleasant time spent on the island in the past. I had however not managed to get the cylinders to the compressor house after the course down in Cornwall. Mark and James stepped into the breach (I might add yet again) and said if I got them down to the compressor house they would try and fill them that night, and they were as good as their word (thanks guys).

So Saturday arrives and we all arrive at the slip and ferry the kit out to the Compass rose (I have to say she is still up to her usual standard but has had some great improvements to the kit including the entertainment system (I should have tried my iPhone through the USB socket but had such a great time I forgot to) The trip across to Lundy was great we saw a number of porpoise (thanks John I still wouldn't know the difference between them and a dolphin though) and the water at times was "oily".



**John Heath**  
Always a favorite and a



*"character to boot" It was great on my First trip back out to spend time with one of the guys I spent some of my most memorable dives with in my life!*

*In the course of the day I was able to rekindle some great memories of dives with John including some memories from Scotland and some dive trips I had forgotten we had done.*

*Thanks for adding to the day John! See you again soon*

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The Oldenburg met with us on the way out and we all missed a great photo opportunity for a really great shot of her up close. We were all so enjoying the sight that no-one thought to get out a camera.



So how was my diving I have two great dives and thankfully doing a 30+ M dive controlled and with an acceptable level of buoyancy control after so many years away from diving felt good. I used up far too much air but then I suppose that is to be expected until I get into the relaxed comfort of being at one with my kit again.

On the second dive which was the Robert and Iona when the dive was over we ascended and I hooked my arm loosely round the marker line for the Robert and rose totally under buoyancy control with James taking pictures still as we rose up the line. It felt really good to be so controlled that quickly after just three dives back in UK waters. Also the tide as we came up after that dive was almost non existent good timing skipper!

*We were watching, and telling stories, of the seals and there is no doubt they were watching us as we were in our dives all the time we were at Pete's*

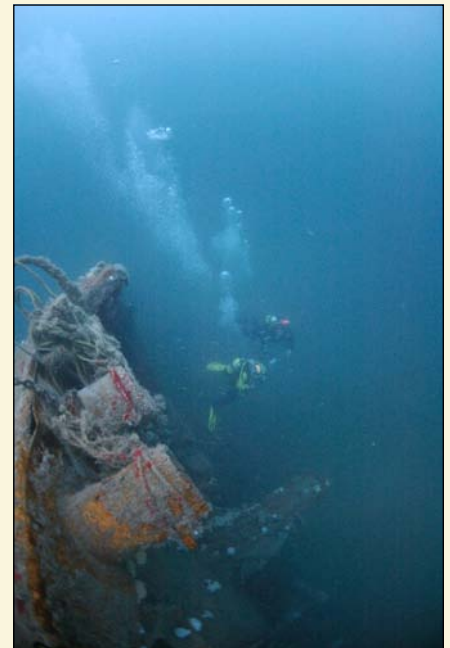


## Visibility on Lundy

What can I say about the visibility for the dives on Lundy! I have never seen it as good. That does not mean that no one else has but for me it was the best I have ever seen. James, who I was buddied with, managed to get some great pictures. He had his wide angle lens on and during the second dive he was able to take some shots that really get across the amount of visibility we had

James has very kindly put his pictures up on the web so that can all have a look. The link is below and he also has some in a "moody" Black and white which you can take a look at as well.

<http://gallery.me.com/lundyjames#gallery>



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## Marisco

After a couple of dives we all adjourned to the Marisco where a number of us managed to secure some

food and beverage, it was enjoyed by all

## The Return Trip

When it got to time to go we all walked back down to the jetty and ferried out to

Compass Rose and as you will see from the picture below said a fond farewell to Lundy for the weekend

## Lots of Talk about the Splash-in

- Next weekend is Splash-in at Lundy
- Mark & Nic (Lundy Warden) sorting details above!
- Camping overnight is planned



*When I was last a member of the club the compressor house had just been taken on and as such I was aware of some restriction in it's use. For those of us new (or returning to the club) the compressor has to be stopped by 20:00 and the drop off and collection of cylinders is not allowed after 20:00 this is one of those things that everyone knows and as such is often forgotten to be communicated. I include it here as I had forgotten and I would otherwise have "offended" innocently had I not overheard Grahame asking if someone could take his cylinders and I asked why not just drop them at the compressor house*

## Contact Steve Bentley

*For Splash in Arrangement. I understand that there is a possibility that more than the Compass Rose is going so numbers might not be so limited as would normally be the case*

## Do not forget camping

*Yes do not forget that Splash in is a camp overnight event so if the weather is as good as it has been lately we could be in for a great series of dives..... Now would you really want to miss out on that?*

## Thanks to all the committee

*I would just like to express thanks to the committee for a lot of work they put in in the background some of which takes hours and gets in the way of their own diving chances. And taking annoying question from your truly requires "Patience of saints"*