

Dive Planning Notes and Info

To book your place on a dive, you must telephone the Deputy Dive Marshall before 8pm the evening before the dive and book your place.

This is where the DDM has the opportunity to advise you of any changes to launch site or times etc. The Deputy Dive Marshall and Dive Marshall keep in contact and make decisions based on weather, tides, site characteristics, numbers of divers, their qualifications and experience.

Please note: It is not possible to cater for anyone just turning up un-announced on the day: there may be no dive buddy organised for you, boats may be full or the venue may have changed.

Places in boats will be allocated on a first come first served basis so don't leave it too late to phone.

Ready on time

Each dive has been carefully calculated with regard to the state of the tide – we can't just have a dip where and when we want! At most dive sites there is a time interval when the current in the water is much reduced or even ceases for a while. This is called slack.

The slack window may be short and in most cases it provides the only chance to dive the planned dive for that day.

If we miss slack water, it usually means that the dive site becomes unsuitable, conditions deteriorate, people get disappointed and we all go for an early pint. For this reason please don't be late. It is better to assemble and pack your gear the night before so that if there are any problems you have ample time to sort things out instead of frantically rushing around at the last minute.

Suggestion: Print out the "Night Before Check List" (click on the link) and stick it up on the wall next to your dive gear. Force yourself to read it every time you finish packing your gear just to make sure you don't forget something.

Sunday 3rd April

Because of the six metre high tide range and the fact the tide is far out at around 2pm, it is not really practical to launch the boats and it would be very difficult to find slack water anywhere. On rare occasions such as this we usually arrange some sort of social activity. For more information, return to our home page and click on **Social Diary**.

If you have any questions – worries – problems.... please contact Mike or myself - we are only a phone call away.

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