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**{ECSAC} What's on around the club - WC 24th July 2017**

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**What's-On in East Cheshire Sub Aqua Club?**

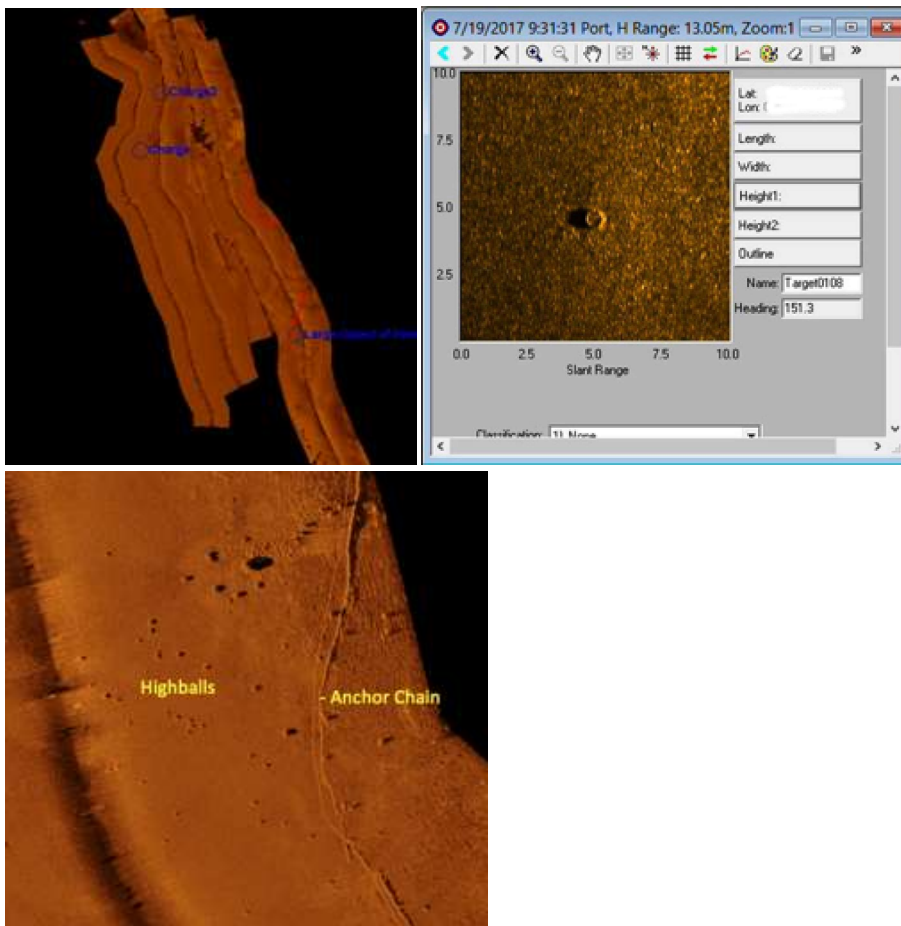
2017 – Week 30

**for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017****HIGHBALL SPECIAL*****In this issue:** Highball Expedition Update and much more...***PROJECT HIGHBALL 2017**

What an amazing week we have had up in Scotland. We managed to achieve all of our objectives and exceed our expectations in terms of both the Highball search (we found over 100 of them) as well as locating lots of new targets never seen before, including four Midget Submarine Side Charges.

We were able to complete a detailed sonar survey of both the deepwater (70m) and shallower (35m) target sites. The deeper site proving that the Loch bottom composition was too silty to have any chance of lifting a bomb from it. We also identified an uncharted wreck in 65m of water – which may be worth a dive in the future. In addition we located a lot more anchor chain in 3 new sites as well as several interesting sonar targets that would warrant further investigation at some point.

You can see in the pictures below the full shallow site (35-45m) sidescan map and the highball we lifted that now sits in the club as well as the main Highball debris field.



As well as the survey we also had an ROV with us that enabled us to investigate some of the potential targets before committing divers to them.

There was huge press coverage, apparently BSAC have said we are the largest press story in BSAC's history – even out performing HRH The Duke of Cambridge becoming BSAC's president!

We will post links to most of the coverage onto our website, but I think the best coverage was from ITV News – shown on Granada on Wednesday – you can watch it here - <https://youtu.be/WsdZ2qg90hU>

We were also on BBC, STV, ITV, Reuters, USA Today, AOL and in the Times (half a page!), Daily Mail and the Daily Mirror.



With the support of the Royal Navy Northern Dive Group we recovered the two bombs we planned to, with the second bomb (now in our clubhouse) being all our own work, in that we located it with the Sidescan Survey, dived it, rigged it up for lifting and attached the crane hawser to it as well.

All in all a superb adventurous expedition with great support from the Navy, Serco (Naval Support), Aspect Surveys, Seamap Ltd and Subsea Surveys ROV.



Bomb on the left, Some of the ECSAC recovery team with the recovered bomb destined for the deHavilland Museum and the entire Highball BSAC and Navy Dive Teams with both bombs.



Handing over the second Bomb to the deHavilland Museum yesterday.

Our plan is now to do two Highball presentations on Wednesday's in August, one on the 16th August and another on 30th August. These are the two dates for "open night" at the club where people will have the opportunity to see the Highball Bomb before it leaves to go to the Barnes Wallace Collection at the Brooklands Museum and hear about the history of the bombs and the story of the expedition to recover them. All are welcome, friends and family as well. Our bar will be open and there will be free food. ECSAC Members are invited to attend for free, other attendees are being asked for a donation of £5 which covers entry and food provided on the night. Proceeds from the donations will be put towards the costs of restoring the bomb prior to it being donated to the Barnes Wallace collection at Brooklands Museum later this year. If ECSAC members want to make a donation on the night then they are of course welcome.

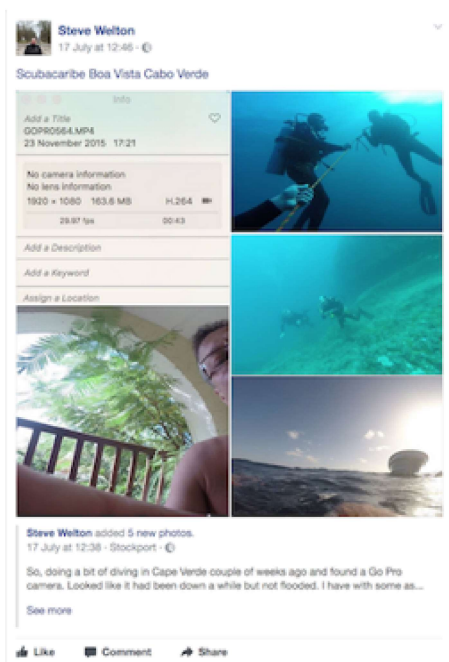
**IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH DATE YOU WANT TO COME TO – AS TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE CAPACITY OF THE BUILDING AND WE WILL NEED TO SCALE THE CATERING ACCORDINGLY. We need ECSAC members to let us know if they want to come simply so we can manage the numbers.**

It would be great if you could pass this invite around your dive contacts and let me know how many tickets you would like (and for which date).

Mark Paisey is back on BBC Radio Manchester on the Andy Crane show on Saturday morning and will be announcing the events on there so I expect we will get a few non-divers coming along as well. Please get your ticket requests in quick.

## More News from Cape Verde

As you may have seen in last week's newsletter, Steve got back from a holiday in Cape Verde having found a Go-Pro underwater on one of his dives. He is now running a campaign on social media to locate the owner.. Please go onto Facebook and share his post.



## Kitchen Opening Party – 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

As the Kitchen is now complete and looking very smart we will be having a celebratory Kitchen Opening Party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Thursday next week). There will be food, and the bar will be open as ever. We will also have Cheshire East Council's Portfolio Holder for the Community Grants, Cllr Paul Bates to join us as well for this party. The date is 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 8pm so please do make every effort to come along.

It is also this night when we will be saying goodbye to the Heinke Trophy as it needs to be returned to BSAC HQ. We plan to take a photo of as many members as possible in the bar area with the Trophy – so don't miss out on getting in the group photo. Come along and celebrate our great club.

## Disabled Toilet Project Update

Steve and Dave have put in a few shifts on the disabled toilet project and things have moved on considerably. We hope to have it operational for the Kitchen Opening party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August .





## Social Calendar

Watch this space for news of our developing Social calendar. Our Social Committee are working on plans for a number of socials and we have a few ideas in the pipeline.

The Highball Expedition presentation night is now set as above.

Barn Dance – we are planning a re-run of the excellent barn dance we had in 2015. – ***We have set the date for 30<sup>th</sup> September – tickets on sale soon.***

Knockout Pool night – We are planning an 8-Ball pool night.. Any takers to organise this one?

Themed Big Bash – under wraps at the moment but we have something to follow on from last year's Undersea Ball...

Annual Awards Dinner – following feedback to the questionnaire that went out to the members we have now re-worked our annual awards event, the aim will be to have more time to socialise, less formality and a totally new venue..

More news on all of that soon.

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Check out our club video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCTX620Byqw>

**Diving - contact the Diving Officer Kevin Phillips** [DivingOfficer@ecsac.org.uk](mailto:DivingOfficer@ecsac.org.uk)

Please advise of any new trips and I will add them to the list

[Click here to download the current 2017 Dive Calendar.](#)



Kevin

## 2017

**Swanage Weekend - Friday 18th August 2017 to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Deep Wrecks in the 35-50m range. Dive Leader+ only. [Mike Hood](#) is arranging.

**August 18th-25th 2017 - Shetlands trip** - [Pat Spencer](#) is planning a 2017 trip to the Shetlands on Bob Anderson's Boat aiming for 18th-25th Aug this will be West coast of Shetland and hopefully Foula which will be a liveaboard on MV Halton – cost approx. £800. **POTENTIALLY SPACES.**

**Norfolk. 9th 10th Sept 2017** - Qualification: Ocean Diver (must be comfortable with gentle drift diving) or above. Pat Spencer and Phil Darlington (assisted by Tim Porter) are planning a dive weekend on the Norfolk Chalk Reefs, We will dive twice on the Saturday and twice on the Sunday. One of the dives each day will be a drift dive. Once we have enough interest we will look into accommodation, costs to be confirmed. We will be diving from the club boats with a maximum of 6 divers per boat. We'll share the coxing so everyone will be able to dive the chalk reefs. **RESERVE LIST ONLY.**

**Farnes 4th and 5th November 2017** – Charter Boat diving with the seals on the Farnes. Organised by Fred **SPACES ON 2<sup>ND</sup> BOAT**

## 2018

**Norway 2018 - April 21-28<sup>th</sup>** - Phil and Pat are organising a trip to Narvik, Northern Norway They will be diving WW2 wrecks and scenic walls with Gordon Wadsworth aboard the Jane R. Gordon was a Scapa Skipper. He was one of the first to run dive trips to Norway and enjoyed it so much that he now lives and runs The Jane R and diver bunk house in Narvik. 5 days , 3 dives per day, tanks, weights air included. Fully catered bunk house, 2 bathrooms, sauna, drying room. No, tides or current, 20+m viz. Open to Sports Diver and above. Leisure time free for skiing, walking, sight-seeing. Cost around £800 plus flights . **RESERVE LIST ONLY**

**Pembrokeshire 24th-28th May 2018** - A fantastic coast line to dive with both reefs wrecks and walls. A chance to dive the islands of Skokholm, Skomer Grassholm, and The Smalls. Gannets puffins and seals guaranteed. A 4 night stay at Belhaven Hotel, Milford Haven Thursday evening 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Check out Monday 28th May. (Bank holiday Monday.) Double /twin £75 per night per room including breakfast. £37pppn. 4 days diving with Dive Pembroke UK. Hard boat with lift, cabin , galley and loo out of Milford Haven Marina . 2 dives per day. Air/Nitrox extra. Minimum Qualification Sports. **RESERVE LIST ONLY**

**Portland – Deep Channel Wrecks - 19-22 June 2018** - a trip from Portland to dive the Illinois mid Channel and dive deep wrecks. Speak to Mark Paisey - **SPACES**

**Scilly Isles – 29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018**- I am pulling together a Scillies trip in summer 2018. Expected costs are around £700 subject to accommodation etc. This trip is suitable for all levels and ideal for families. See previous trip video here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfICbUNVuSY> The diving is superb scenic reef and wreck diving. **RESERVE LIST ONLY**

**Northern Scotland - 19th -24th August 2018.** An opportunity to dive the remote islands of North Rona and Sula Sgeir in the North Atlantic as well as the northern Scottish coast. We would be fully catered, live aboard with skipper Bob Anderson, on MV Halton. The cost is £700 pp Contact [Pat Spencer](#) **RESERVE LIST ONLY**

**Mull - Saturday October 27th –Nov 3rd – 2018** **Pat and Phil** running a trip to the Sound of Mull. 7 nights' accommodation at Salen Pier house .6 days diving with Lochaline Boat Charters. Luxury accommodation ,with fantastic views and its own pier. You can watch the skipper making his way across The Sound and then stroll the 200m from the house to board the boat. **RESERVE LIST ONLY**

## Training & Pool

Training Officer [Tim Porter](#) or Assistant Training Officer [Jon Green](#)

If you have any specific training requests not covered below then please advise Tim or Jon a.s.a.p. and they will do his best to arrange something for you.



Jon and Tim

**CCR Try-Dive pool event** – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018. £15 - 4 slots available.

**Regional Courses held at ECSAC Clubhouse.**

Date	Course	Cost	Places
19 Nov	Diver Coxswain Theory	£20	10

**Booking via [www.nwbsac.co.uk](http://www.nwbsac.co.uk) and click on skill development courses**

SeaSearch Course – 9<sup>th</sup> July (Theory) and 6<sup>th</sup> August (Open Water) – [contact Wendy Northway](#) to book.

[Mark Paisey](#) can also arrange VHF radio license courses and exams if you are interested.

## Social Events



We have a new Social Secretary, please contact [Jo Watson](#) with ideas or if you want to help run an event.

**See the Club Website for more details of our events** <http://www.ecsac.org.uk/updates/?cat=2>

27<sup>th</sup> of July at 19:30, James Sanderson introducing GUE to BSAC clubs.

3<sup>rd</sup> August at 20:00 – Heinke Trophy says goodbye. We will be having a group photo of members and the Heinke Trophy before it gets returned to HQ

16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of August – Highball Presentation Evenings – please book your places

31<sup>st</sup> of August at 19:30, Tim Gort giving a talk on the direction Technical Diving within BSAC

***What else would you like to see happening? Let us know – or better still offer to arrange something.***

## Club Committee & General

Dave will be organising working parties (next one is 29<sup>th</sup> July) - a short working party at the Clubhouse to tidy up and carry out any maintenance needed. All welcome – Contact [Dave Moss](#) the building manager for details.

**Next committee Meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> July 19:30 - at the Clubhouse** – please pass on any items you have for the committee to consider or feel free to put something in the suggestion box on the wall in the clubhouse.

## ECSAC Pool Dates 2017

### Summer Session

27 July to 31 August 2017

Summer holiday

Talk nights on 27<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August

We will also have a social to provide feedback on the Highball Project

### Autumn/Winter Session

Open (7 weeks)

7 September 2017 – 19 October 2017

Half term

26 October 2017 (Available for a Social)

Open (7 weeks)

2 November 2017 – 14 December 2017

Christmas Holiday

21 December to 4 January 2018

## UK Dive Dates for 2017

*Neap weekends (good tides) are shown on the table below. Dive managers if you have any plans then please advise asap of dates you may want to reserve. Don't forget to speak to Steve about boat or equipment bookings.*

Weekend Date	Trip Type	Dive Manager
July – weekends		
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> – coming off a Spring		Project Highball Week – 2 RIBS
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> – onto a Spring		Project Highball Week – 2 RIBS
29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> – onto a Neap		
August – weekends		
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> – Neap(ish)		Lleyn RIB Trip – Jon/Steve



12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> - coming off a Spring		
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> - coming off a neap		
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> - coming off a Spring	<b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>	
September – weekends		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Neap		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> – Spring	RIB Diving Ocean Divers and above (must be comfortable with gentle drift diving)	The Norfolk Chalk Reef East/West Runton Phil Darlington/Pat
16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> – Neap(ish)		Lleyn RIB Trip – Jon/Steve
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> – Spring		
30 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct – Neap		
October – Neap weekends		
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> – Spring		
14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> – Neap		
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Spring		
28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> - Neap		

Data relating to tides for 2017 has been obtained from the following:

[http://www.cams.bangor.ac.uk/realtime/local\\_forecasts/tide\\_tables/next/caernar.htm](http://www.cams.bangor.ac.uk/realtime/local_forecasts/tide_tables/next/caernar.htm) and <http://www.cardiffbsac.org/tides>

Paper tide tables can be obtained cheaply from [www.laverpublishing.com](http://www.laverpublishing.com)

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