

SURREY AQUANAUTS

# MINIMOUTH PIECE

## Merry Christmas one and all

**FREE**  
Would you pay for it?

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE  
THURSDAY 19TH  
DECEMBER 2002



from your new committee

Christopher Knights,  
Linda Bangle,  
Sally Walker,  
Alex Terentis and

Chris Knights  
Peter Grey,  
Nicky Elliott,  
Pat Gibbon

## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Last time use of  
this picture -  
respect!



**F**irstly a big Hi to everyone and welcome to life under the Knights regime! This year, the ambitions of myself and the committee are again not so dissimilar to that of the previous one. We have two main aims this year and that is firstly, to promote a more active membership and secondly, to increase the membership.

As the year unfolds, you will see a number of events taking place and I hope you give them your full support. I will explain more in the next edition of Mouthpiece and via our website.

With regards to our website I would recommend that you go to our site [www.surreyaquanuts.org.uk](http://www.surreyaquanuts.org.uk) and register. The site has a new forum so any issues you want to talk about can be shared with the club. The site will also have details of forthcoming events as well as reports on those past.

That's it for now - I thought I would make the first column fairly painless, but beware, I will be writing more next time.

P.S. I hope to see you all fully participating in the New Year's days diving!!!!!!

## DO'S COLUMN



Welcome to another year's diving .

We, as a club, have a very good safety record which, I believe, is due to good training.

So, touch wood & whistle with me at the helm and things will remain the same .

The equipment store has now been upgraded. There are now dry suits available for training and for anybody club member who needs to borrow one for open water dives, they will be made available. Just see the equipment officer Dry Suit for Training is free.

Open Water Hire, a charge of £5 per day will be levied for general wear and tear and eventual replacement cost.

The dive programme is now published and hard boat dives are filling up fast, so to avoid disappointment, get your NAME'S DOWN NOW!!

Have a safe & enjoyable year .

Chris Knights D.O.

## OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW COMMITTEE

By Pat Gibbon

A big sincere thanks to all of last years committee members who helped our club through 2002. Nick Galt who had to resign for personal reasons and who's place was taken by Steve Willett. Another person who stepped onto the breach when we, as a club were wanting, was Anthony Sheargold, Treasurer - who found time from his successful business to do the job, many thanks Tony. Thanks also to Grahame Walker as DO, one of the toughest jobs in the club. It will be the first time for many years that he will not be serving on the committee this year, taking a well earned break. Mick Iles as equipment officer, one of the unsung heroes of the club, who keeps all the club equipment in good working order. Chris Knights as training Officer, an absolutely vital job. Linda Bangle, Club Secretary for all her dedicated minute keeping, etc. and part time Membership Secretary until she handed it over to Christopher Knights. Jo Granger, Angela Harker and Sarah Simpson (Roozendaal) for all their help on the committee, training, Try Dives and BBQs etc.

Alan Gilbert for taking care of the RIB in his front garden and saving us a fortune in mooring fees.

Everybody in the club works for free, giving up their valuable time so that our club can operate. We all benefit from their efforts and without it, we would not exist. So many, many thanks to you all.

### CAN YOU HELP ?

If anybody out there in the club would like to get involved in promoting our club, has any ideas as to how to expand our club or who would just like to get involved, contact me or either of the Chris Knights'sssss. Your contribution would be most welcome.

If you know of any existing highly qualified divers who are looking for a club like ours to join, then please entice them over to us.

## AUNTIE'S TIPS DIVING GEAR IN HIBERNATION

Check your regulators - It is a good idea to washed out your regulators now, check them over and even to get them serviced. Wash / clean your dry suit inside with a non-smelling, non-biological anti bacterial disinfectant so that you smell nice in the coming year. Wax the zips and, if you have latex seals, treat them with a non-smelling, non-biological baby powder to stop them sticking together and deteriorating.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT " Oohhhh, Matron"

## QUALIFICATION RECORD BOOK

Don't forget to take a photocopy of your Qualification Record Book. At the present time, the Branch has no Records Officer, so the only record of any qualification you achieve is in your QRB. Losing this could be disastrous, as it cannot be recreated, either by the Branch or by the BSAC. Chris Howard found this out to his cost when the dive boat 'Legend' sank earlier this year.

TAKE A COPY NOW, AND EACH TIME IT CHANGES.

Of course, if you are prepared to be Records Officer, please speak to Christopher Knights.

## DIVING DATES + AVAILABILITY

<b>PLYMOUTH - CEEKING</b>	Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th April 2003 Accommodation booked with diving. Cost £100 for 2 days diving with accommodation. Packed lunch included	<b>Fully Booked</b>
<b>EASTBOURNE-TAURUS II</b>	Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May 2003 Cost: £35 per day. No accommodation booked - assumed travelling each day.	<b>Fully Booked Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>POOLE-LOYALHELPER OR NATWEST</b>	Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2003 Cost: Natwest £35 per day. If enough people want accommodation, Skipper will use Live-a-Board Loyal Helper please indicate.	<b>9 places Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>WEYMOUTH - OUR 'W'</b>	Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2003 Cost £70 for 2 days diving. Weekend diving only. Accommodation already booked with diving. Accommodation £20 to £23 per night	<b>Fully Booked Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>NORMANDY-LOYAL HELPER</b>	Friday night 11th to Thursday 17th July 2003. Length of trip to be decided by majority vote. State desired choice of days that you would like. Cost: £450 for week. Includes Travel, Dives, Live-a-Board, All Meals, Air (Mixed Gas available-Extra cost - must request).	<b>5 places Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>BRAND NEW DIVE AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW</b>		
<b>EASTBOURNE-TAURUS II</b>	Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th May 2003 Additional dive, same date as Normandy. Diving between Eastbourne and Dover Excellent boat and skipper - Taking Bookings now	<b>12 places Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>SCILLY ISLES</b>	Saturday 14th to Saturday 21st June Reserve list 6 persons	<b>Fully Booked</b>
<b>PLYMOUTH - CEEKING</b>	Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July 2003 Accommodation booked with diving. Cost £100 for 2 days diving with accommodation. Packed lunch included	<b>Fully Booked</b>
<b>BRIGHTON - GIRL GREY</b>	Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August 2003 Cost: £35 per day. No accommodation booked - assumed travelling each day. Accommodation up to you and dive marshall.	<b>6 places Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>DOVER - PAUL CURTIS</b>	Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th August 2003 Cost: £35 per day. Same skipper as last year, with new boat, which is the same as Dive 69's Defiant. Boat being built now. No accommodation booked as yet.	<b>5 places Dive Marshal wanted</b>
<b>POOLE - LOYAL HELPER</b>	Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 2003 Cost: £35 per day diving plus accommodation and meals on Live-a-Board.	<b>1 place Dive Marshal wanted</b>

RIB Diving will start as soon as possible in the new year. If you want to go, ask Chris Knights Tel: 01932 565313  
**Dive Marshals required for dates shown - please contact me with your uptake dates - Thanks**

*Please join in the following functions.  
Remember, its your club !*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY DURING 2003

Please keep these date free NOW

Wednesday  
1st January 2003.  
New Years Day

**ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY DIVE**  
at Littleton Pit, Chertsey. Get down there for 11.00-ish and by 12.00, all over to the Three Horseshoes Pub in Laleham afterwards for a lunch-time drink to celebrate the New Year.

Thursday  
9th January 2003.

**TALK ON HARD HAT DIVING.**  
Richard Bird is to come and give a talk on the subject of diving with the old brass helmets. Those who know him will know what an interesting talk this will be. He will have helmets with him. Talk to begin at 7.45pm to 8.45pm in the lecture room at the Pool in the Park.

Friday night  
17th January 2003.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME DINNER.**  
The annual New Members Dinner will be in the back dining room at the Bridge Barn, Woking. We will welcome all our new members and get to know them. Please make sure that you keep this date free. The cost of the meal will be very reasonable and a nice do in the depressing month of January.

Thursday  
20th February 2003.

**TALK ON ARCTIC EXPEDITION.**  
Further details will be announced later on the notice board and by e-mail. Talk to begin at 7.45pm to 8.45pm in the lecture room at the Pool in the Park.

Throughout 2003

Additional talks and demonstrations will be announced in the January edition of Mouthpiece and during the year - so watch this space and noticeboard.

Sunday  
13th July 2003.

**ANNUAL CLUB BBQ AT CHERTSEY.**  
Down by the Thames between Laleham and Chertsey as last year. A great time was had by all so please come again.

Saturday  
15th November 2003.

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE.**  
From 7.00pm till 12.45am. Full details to be announced later

If you know of a confident 'talker' who would be willing to entertain us on any subject on a Thursday evening during the coming year, then please contact Chris Knights on 01932 565313.

# GREENPEACE

Ever thought of joining? We could do with your support in trying to keep our seas clean and alive with fish. Join now by contacting Greenpeace at Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN or phone for details on Telephone: 0171 865 8100 Fax: 0171 865 8200. E-Mail: gp-info@uk.greenpeace.org Web site: <http://www.greenpeace.org.uk>

*We only have one world, so do help to save it.*

visit our web site at

[www.surreyaquanauts.org.uk](http://www.surreyaquanauts.org.uk)

"Quotes of the month"

by

*Captain Anonymous  
the little bogy man who is  
always listening over your shoulder  
~ so be warned !*



*" You have to put your mouth  
right over it and suck really  
hard "*

Angela to Jo  
Chris & Darr's Part,  
10th August 2002

*" No, no, no. You have to  
work your tongue round to  
loosen it then suck hard "*

Jo to Angela in reply ?  
Chris & Darr's Party'  
10th August 2002

*"You can give it to me in the  
shower "*

James Brown to Steve Willett  
24th October 2002

## I WANT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Just send it to me at [gibbonpat@aol.com](mailto:gibbonpat@aol.com)  
so that we can update the e-mail database.  
Also, please reply with your home, work and  
mobile numbers.

**If I have not e-mailed you  
in the last four weeks,  
THAT MEANS YOU.**

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING  
FOR NEW MEMBERS SO DO  
YOU KNOW ANY DIVERS WHO  
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR  
CLUB OR ANYBODY WHO  
MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN  
SCUBA DIVING AND WANTS  
TO GIVE IT A TRY ?**

Phone **Freefone 0800 0186431**  
for more details