



## Membership of Totnes Sub-Aqua Club: Information for trained divers

Thank you for your interest in Totnes Sub-Aqua Club (TSAC), part of the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC). We really hope that you choose to join us and look forward to diving together. By way of introduction to the club, here is brief summary of some of the key information for people who are already trained as divers. Please ask if there is anything that we have missed, or that is unclear.

We are a large and diverse club with almost 100 members. We have members who are in the process of learning to dive, through to those who have been diving for 30 years or more; trainee Ocean Divers and qualified First Class Divers / National Instructors; members who have exclusively trained with BSAC and those who have trained with other agencies; members who enjoy the marine life, enjoy wrecks, enjoy photography, enjoy marine archaeology, or just enjoy being under water; and those who prefer to dive on an open circuit and those that dive with rebreathers.



We are sure that you will find others that share your interests and quickly make new friends.

### Codes of conduct

The club has a constitution, policies and codes of conduct which we ask all members to read and abide by. These are based on mutual respect for each other, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or ability. This includes our safeguarding policy to ensure the wellbeing of our junior members and our Safeguarding Officer, Rosemarie Longfield, is available should you have questions or specific concerns. See *TSAC Membership Handbook* and *Totnes BSAC safeguarding Policy*

- ***\*Pool Usage\*\****

*TSAC has access to Totnes Pool on Wednesday evenings from 19:45 to 20:45. This time is designated for training, allowing individual members to test equipment, practice skills, or simply enjoy a swim. Members can use the pool free of charge.*

- ***\*Club Night – Wednesday\*\****

*After pool time, we gather at Meadowbrook Social Club in Dartington at 21:00 each Wednesday. This meeting is a great opportunity to discuss the upcoming week's diving plans and connect socially with fellow members. After our Wednesday meeting, an email is sent to all members, providing updates on club activities, including details of future dives.*

- ***\*Going Diving\*\****

*To join a dive, you can sign up during Wednesday nights or email the Dive Manager after reviewing the club email. Weather permitting, dives are conducted every weekend. Additionally, during the summer, we organize Tuesday night shore dives in Torbay and Thursday night hard-boat dives from Plymouth. We also frequently plan expeditions to locations such as Cornwall, the Scillies, and the Red Sea. For more information, refer to "How to Dive with Totnes BSAC."*

*Club diving is supported by two well-maintained dive ribs that are equipped with chart plotters, VHF radios, first aid kits, oxygen kits, AEDs, and flares. We utilize a four-wheel-drive Shogun to tow one of the boats, while members use their own vehicles to tow the second. This towing capability allows us to launch from the best sites based on current conditions, whether it be Plymouth, Salcombe, Torbay, or Teignmouth.*

## A club managed by volunteers

All TSAC activity takes place thanks to volunteers, be it managing dives, providing training, maintaining club equipment, fundraising or towing the boat. Whether you already have particular skills and experience to share, or are willing to learn new skills, there are plenty of opportunities for getting involved.