

Mercian Divers



About Us

We are a long established diving club based in Bromsgrove, we are affiliated to the BSAC (British Sub-Aqua Club) and we meet at the Dolphin Centre at 7:45pm on a Monday night.

As a BSAC affiliated branch we can award internationally recognised diving qualifications to our members, as well as benefiting from the advice and training provided by the BSAC at a regional and national level. We dive in the UK and have our own club boat, which is used throughout the diving season.

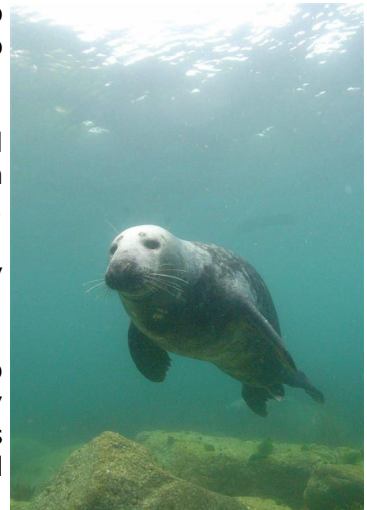
The clubs objective is *To practice Safe & Enjoyable Diving*.

Training

Training is provided by experienced club members, working to BSAC defined standards. We are able to provide training up to BSAC Dive Leader qualification.

Each qualification level typically requires a mixture of lectures and practical skills training in the pool. There will then be a written exam and some in-water assessment dives to test your abilities. These will be carried out by our BSAC-qualified Instructors. Most qualifications also require you gain real diving experience by carrying out a range of open-water dives in different conditions.

One of the benefits of the club system is that you will be able to progress through the training at your own pace, there is never any pressure to move on to the next stage before you are ready. This allows you to build up your confidence and skills gradually and learn thoroughly.



Diving



Every year we arrange a program of dive weekends at coastal sites around the UK. In the past few years we have been to Devon, Cornwall, Pembrokeshire, The Lley Peninsular, St. Abbs, The Farne Isles, and Lundy.

Club dives are open to all club members (although some trips to more demanding sites may be restricted to the more experienced divers only). Normally we take the club boat, but we also do shore diving and arrange hard-boat diving with local skippers.

We try to accommodate individual preferences and usually do a mixture of reef and wreck dives.

All expenses (boat fuel, launch fees etc.) for each trip are just divided evenly amongst those taking part. Whoever tows the boat includes their fuel costs in with all the other expenses. Training dives, usually at Stoney Cove, are also carried out throughout most of the year.

For more information visit our website www.mercian-divers.org.uk

Qualification Grades

The club teaches the BSAC Diver Training Programme in accordance with BSAC guidelines. All diver training courses are delivered by qualified instructors over weekly evening sessions and weekend open water training, with the opportunity for regular diving to hone your skills.

Ocean Diver — Maximum Depth 20m

This course provides the essential knowledge and skills needed to prepare for open water diving. The Ocean Diver course prepares for this in the safety of a swimming pool or sheltered water and an introduction to open water in a controlled, safe manner. Experience and confidence will be gained under the guidance of a qualified instructor.

Sports Diver — Maximum Depth 35m

Sports Diver training builds a sound foundation of open water diving skills and experience with structured, practical lessons. Qualified Sports Divers are ready to take part in dives with other Sports Divers or higher. Sports Divers can embark on the first stage of the route of instruction.

Dive Leader — Maximum Depth 50m

Dive Leader training covers responsibilities and safety of leading other divers.

Practical lessons will give divers confidence to deal with emergencies. Leading a dive will develop enjoyment, confidence and experience as a diver. Dive Leaders are eligible to progress to Open Water Instructor.

Skill Development Courses

Skill Development Courses can be run within the club or are frequently run by BSAC at a regional level. They offer members the opportunity to further develop their diving skills.

Try Dives

The club offers try dives to anyone that is interested in learning to dive. The Try-Dive lasts about 30 minutes and offers you a taster of the underwater world and what to expect from our training. We charge £20.

If you are interested please speak to the Secretary or place a booking on our website.

Membership

To be a member of the club we charge:

<u>Adults</u>	:	£17 per month	
<u>Juniors</u>	:	£12 per month	(Under 18)
<u>Students</u>	:	£12 per month	(Over 18 in full time education)
<u>Social</u>	:	£7 per month	(Non-diving member)

We also charge joining fees: (one off charges)

	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Junior / Student</i>
Club Joining Fee :	£25	£15
BSAC Joining Fee :	£55.50	£28
Training Pack :		£40

More Information

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