

## REGIONAL COURSE DATES

Here are the course dates for the first part of 2009. A full list of courses can be found on the SAA website or by contacting the SAA head office. Remember that you are not limited to courses held in your own region. If you would like to book on a course held in another region then just contact the co-ordinator for that course.

2008	COURSE	REGION	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
10th Jan (2 days)	DR PT III	EM	Mark Berrill	07985 258405	emrep@saa.org.uk
24th Jan (2 days)	DFA	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
25th Jan (2 days)	O2	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
1st Feb (2 days)	AI	East	Barry Mulcahy	01508 482559	erep@saa.org.uk
7th Feb (2 days)	BH	Scotland	Keith Greenlees	01592 782777	scotrep@saa.org.uk
7th Feb (2 days)	AI	Scotland	Keith Greenlees	01592 782777	scotrep@saa.org.uk
7th Feb (2 days)	C&N	S.East	Pete Turner	01420 474743	pete_turner@hotmail.com
7th Feb (1 day)	DR PT I	SW	Steve Edwards	01392 660499	swrep@saa.org.uk
8th Feb (1 day)	DR PT I/II	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
8th Feb (1 day)	O2	Y&H	Janice Roach	01472 350187	janice.roach@ntlworld.com
8th Feb (1 day)	O2	EM	Mark Berrill	07985 258405	emidrep@saa.org.uk
14th Feb (1 day)	O2	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
14th Feb (2 days)	C&N	EM	Mark Berrill	07985 258405	emidrep@saa.org.uk
15th Feb (1 day)	DR PT I	Y&H	Dave Allan	01422 205339	daveallan@lineone.net
21st Feb (2 days)	DFA	Y&H	Kev Whitely	01484 723353	rwys10946@blueyonder.co.uk
21st Feb (1 day)	Nitrox	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
22nd Feb (1 day)	O2	East	Barry Mulcahy	01508 482559	erep@saa.org.uk
22nd Feb (1 day)	OWI	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
28th Feb (2 days)	C&N	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
28th Feb (2 days)	BH	EM	Mark Berrill	07985 258405	emidrep@saa.org.uk
29th Feb (2 days)	AI	Sth	John Binder	01202 695264	srep@saa.org.uk
5th Mar (1 day)	DR PT I	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
7th Mar (2 days)	DFA	SW	Steve Edwards	01392 660499	swrep@saa.org.uk
7th Mar (2 days)	DFA	East	Barry Mulcahy	01508 482559	erep@saa.org.uk
7th Mar (2 days)	AI	Y&H	Steve Love	01964 535097	yhrep@saa.org.uk
7th Mar (1 day)	OWI	Scotland	Keith Greenlees	01592 782777	scotrep@saa.org.uk
7th Mar (2 days)	DFA	S. East	Ian Pilling	07740 443258	ian.pilling@ntlworld.com
8th Mar (1 day)	Nitrox	EM	Mark Berrill	07985 258405	emidrep@saa.org.uk
14th Mar (2 days)	DR PT III	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
14th Mar (2 days)	AI	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
21st Mar (2 days)	AI	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
21st Mar (2 days)	BH	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
21st Mar (1 day)	O2	S. East	Stefan Heathfield	07709 276374	coatsworth4@hotmail.com
21st Mar (1 day)	O2	SW	Steve Edwards	01392 660499	swrep@saa.org.uk
27th Mar (1 day)	DR PT II	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
3rd Apr (2 days)	DR PT III	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
4th Apr (2 days)	DR PT I/II	East	Barry Mulcahy	01508 482559	erep@saa.org.uk
4th Apr (1 day)	DR PT II	Y&H	Dave Allan	01422 205339	daveallan@lineone.net
4th Apr (2 days)	BH	Y&H	Bill Gray	01142 347675	bill@instor.co.uk
11th Apr (2 days)	BH	NW/NWal	Danny Connelly	07909 944677	nwrep@saa.org.uk
12th Apr (1 day)	Nitrox	Y&H	Kev Whitely	01484 723353	rwys10946@blueyonder.co.uk
18th Apr (1 day)	OWI	Sth	John Binder	01202 695264	srep@saa.org.uk
18th Apr (2 days)	AI	SW	Steve Edwards	01392 660499	swrep@saa.org.uk
23rd Apr (1 day)	OWI	N. East	Dave Dresser	01642 874175	nerep@saa.org.uk
23rd Apr (2 days)	DR PT III	S. East	Claire Brown	07773 409746	clairefiona.brown@virgin.net
25th Apr (2 days)	DR PT III	East	Barry Mulcahy	01508 482559	erep@saa.org.uk
25th Apr (2 days)	RW	Y&H	Steve Love	01964 535097	yhrep@saa.org.uk
25th Apr (2 days)	DR PT I/II	S. East	Claire Brown	07773 409746	clairefiona.brown@virgin.net
25th Apr (2 days)	ERND	Sth	John Binder	01202 695264	srep@saa.org.uk
9th May (1 day)	CI	SW	Steve Edwards	01392 660499	swrep@saa.org.uk
10th May (1 day)	OWI	Y&H	Steve Love	01964 535097	yhrep@saa.org.uk



Key: AI – Assistant Instructor, BH – Boat-Handling, C&N – Chartwork & Navigation, DFA – Diver First Aid, DR- Diver Rescue, ERND – Extended Range Nitrox Diver, O2 – Oxygen Administration, OWI – Open Water Instructor, RW – Regional Weekend



# SAA UPDATE



## SAA NATIONAL DIVER IS BACK!

After a break of several years, assessments for the SAA's highest diving qualification – National Diver – will be run again in 2009. Steve Love (Yorkshire and Humberside Rep) has been appointed to write and conduct the assessments.

Entry criteria are:

- Current SAA member (for at least 5 years)
- Dive Supervisor for at least 2 years
- Diver Rescue, Oxygen Admin, First Aid, Basic Boat Handling and VHF/DSC certificates
- Current medical
- 100-plus dives in a variety of conditions since becoming Dive Supervisor
- Candidates must be at least 20 years old.

The course is designed to enable candidates to prove their ability to organise expeditions and other diving activities with

a particular focus on safety and emergency procedures, and to prove their competence in a given specialised area or in a scientific discipline.

Successful candidates will be awarded SAA National Diver and CMAS 4\* certificates on payment of the relevant fee.

ND candidates can either complete a project and task locally, or attend a 2-day assessment in Oban in September, which may be combined with a few days' diving. The local project and task should not be viewed as a cheaper or easier option. The standard will be the same and costs similar to, or probably higher than, the 2-day assessment.

Closing date for applications for either route, and for the September 2009 RI Assessment, is 1 February. Details: Steve Love at [yhrep@saa.org.uk](mailto:yhrep@saa.org.uk)

## MERSEYSIDE CLUB LANDS NEW DIVE BOAT

Merseyside-based Whiston & Prescott Sub Aqua Club is the proud owner of a new dive boat.

The 6.5m Humber RIB with a 4-stroke 175hp engine will be used for training new divers in open water and conducting diving expeditions to places such as Scotland, North Wales and Northumberland.

"We are committed to underwater conservation and may also be called upon to help marine biologists with underwater research" says DO Mark Jackson.

The SAA club secured £10,000 of National Lottery funding last year and was

successful in attracting a further £9500 grant from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust earlier this year.



Coalfields is a trust whose objectives are to improve the local community following the demise of the coal industry in and around St Helens.

With one of the conditions of accepting this grant that the club would encourage local people to join in order to benefit the community, it is launching a membership campaign and spreading the word.

Whiston & Prescott Sub Aqua Club has been training divers since 1974.