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WELCOME one and all to I.S.A.C.'s latest addition (or should that be edition if you will pardon the pun). Your very own Club Newsletter as yet un-named, to do with what you will! Anyone with suggestions for a name for this elite production see the Editor, in the bar, preferably with a small bribe. This edition comes to you F. O. C. and subsequent issues will be bi-monthly unless demand dictates otherwise. Subsequent issues will be available for a nominal subscription fee of 50p an issue to cover the usual paper, post etc and they will be mailed direct to your home. Please make sure that Heather has your correct mailing address.

So here it is at your disposal, for your own use.

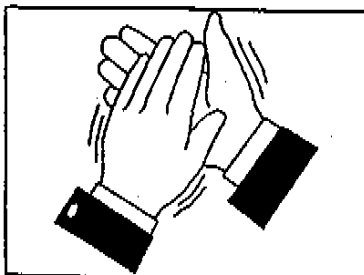
The purpose behind this newsletter is to distribute to anyone interested the activities of the Club, past, present and future, to pass on those little bits of information that make life more interesting for those of a diving bent? such as Diving Overseas, Technical Know How, How to save a few bob on expensive gear etc and mainly to have a bit of fun. Everyone in the Club has something worth contributing and hopefully over the life of this newsletter we will all be able to reap the benefit. So here we go!

CHANGE OVER IN CHAIRPERSON (no sexist remarks here)

Thanks on behalf of the Club go to Phil for taking on the role of Chairman over the last 6 months. His efforts were appreciated and thanks to Alan for resuming Chairman role on Phil's resignation. I was going to say "Acting". Chairman but there is some doubt as to Alan's acting abilities so I will say no more. There is a rumour that a previous Chairman of the Club had **almost** been asked to be Vice Chairman at the time of writing this up. F Law rumoured not to be averse to the suggestion, if they would only get round to asking him!

SO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

TRAINING in the tender hands of Lyn Aitchison, Training Officer.



NOVICE

Another round of Novice Training began last October and to date all but 2 are now Sports Divers (including the Ed. again!) Congratulations to Lyn and her team of Instructors/Lecturers etc who made this possible and hopefully the others will follow soon.

DIVE LEADER

Congrats to Tom and Terry recently qualified Dive Leaders. No doubt you will immediately be put to work. Dive organisers take their names!

TRAINING COMING UP

OPEN NIGHT TO RECRUIT NOVICES IN SEPTEMBER.

DIVE LEADER TRAINING WEEKEND - 23RD AND 24TH JULY 1993.

Those interested contact Lyn on 0463 220933 or see her at the Club. Anyone can do the training and take the exam when all the necessary dives etc are done. For Sport Divers the next step.

CHARTWORK COURSE - DATE TO BE ADVISED IF ENOUGH INTEREST.

Please contact Lesley on 0463 792256 or at the Club, as soon as possible.

TRAINING TIPS - WATCH THIS SPACE

In the next issue Lyn will provide tips on training technique or anything else that takes her fancy

TRAINING POSSIBILITIES

SPECIALISED TRAINING SESSIONS AT POOL.

Lyn and Euan recently completed a training weekend for Advanced Instructors and have come back bursting with ideas and enthusiasm. Lyn would like to do some specialised training sessions covering subjects such as SEARCHES, LIFTS ETC if enough interest can be generated. Subjects open for suggestion. Training to be scheduled for periods of slack usage of pool. LIKE NOW!!!!!!.....

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - Which seems to be in the not so tender hands of Kevin at the moment, although I am sure he is ably assisted by other anonymous club members from time to time. As can be seen from the current condition of Club boats, trailer, compressor etc a lot of work has been carried out recently but maintenance is an on-going effort and assistance in any shape or form, will be gratefully received. Still a hiccup or two with the electric compressor, any offers?

WEEKEND DIVES

A good opportunity to pass on details of weekend dives to the club so that interested persons can watch the calendar for the next chance to dive these locations (that's if they were worth it, of course!) Perhaps organisers or others could drop me a little summary after the event. Please, please, pretty please!

HANDA WEEKEND - Thanks to Euan for arrangements in Alan's absence. A good turnout, 37 boats in use and the weather was with us.

CAPE WRATH - Thanks to Ian for setting this one up. Report please from all participants in mass trial of wrist bands to prevent sea-sickness! No Hughie stories please. We have heard them all before.

ARDNAMURCHAN/BO FASCADALE - Thanks once more to Neil for getting us there. If you want to get down and get dirty, this is the one for you (Facilities? What facilities). Again a good turnout, 3 boats and several cases of sunburn/wobbly tummies. Report to follow.

NESSIE WATCH - Well, did the camera crew find Nessie?

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRUCE AND JIM - for bringing their beautiful, super, fast boats along and allowing more divers to dive! If crawling to Bruce and Jim makes them feel appreciated, then I am crawling, creeping etc.

MID-WEEK DIVES

There is a slot here to be filled. So all you people able to dive during the week, send in a brief summary of what you have been up to. This is a good opportunity to pass on info on good, difficult, or bad sites for future reference, to those who might follow.

NOW DOWN TO WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW!

FORTHCOMING DIVES - apologies for skinny details!

After a disappointing "Where do you want to dive" session, (despite Alan's best efforts to get dive organisers to come forward) last Friday, the following programme has come about.

18TH JULY - CULLEN. Those interested contact Robin on 0463 74683. First come First served basis. Two "full" tanks required.

SKYE WEEKEND - date to be arranged. If interested contact Kevin.

14TH AUGUST - TARBERT NESS. Followed by Bar-B-Q at Ian's House. Contact Ian for info on 0349 853601.

28TH AUGUST Prov - LOCH ERIBOL. Those interested contact Jim or Bruce.

AUGUST - PORT SKERRA - date to be advised. Euan organising, let him know if you want to dive asap.

SALMON WATCHING - A dive can be arranged in Strathspey Estate's KINCHURDY BEAT, Boat of Garten on a Sunday, if anyone would like to take a close look at the Salmon. Contact Fiona if interested. 0479 2384 evenings only.

Thanks go to the organisers of all the above dives. It's a thankless task but we all appreciate your efforts. Perhaps a few others could volunteer for the organisation of a few dives to give the stalwarts a break?

ADVERTISE YOUR NEXT DIVE HERE! Pass details to the Ed A.S.A.P. for inclusion in next issue.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FUNDRAISING - Robin and Val are to organise a fund raiser in the Autumn. Support and wallets welcomed. Also ideas for future fund-raisers.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

QUIZ NIGHT - A Friday night special on 30th July 1993. Be there or be square! Thanks to Heather for arranging. The first question is to be " What was lying on the bottom of the pool tonight? Come on all you cross word fans, get your team together. The Eddjamacated Set are going to give you all a thrashing!..

CHRISTMAS DANCE - Heather would like to know if a Ceilidh style band, or as last year, would be preferred so that she can go ahead and make arrangements for this year's bash. Fancy Dress has been suggested although I thought I had my "fancy" dress on last year. There's no accounting for taste eh!. Thoughts please asap to Heather.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROMO'S
30/7/93 Quiz Night as above.

To Be Arranged. Dates to follow

Ben's Beasties - Killer Whale/Florida Talk
Photography - by special arrangement, featuring JIM MCDERMONT
Coastguards - life and times of.

IT IS HOPED TO HAVE A FEW FEATURES EACH ISSUE BASED AROUND THE FOLLOWING:

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE OR HOW TO DO IT CHEAP! If you know the answer to this then I want to talk to YOU!.

FIRST AID OR SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES - It all depends on the application.

FOR SALE/WANTED

WANTED - DV'S FOR CLUB USE.

WANTED - VIKING DRY SUIT. SIZE 00 OR 01.
TEL. KAY BURTON ON 0463 233230

FOR SALE - STEPHANI'S SEMI DRY SUIT. SIZE MEDIUM. £100 D.N.O.
OTHER BITS AND PIECES TOO. TEL. KAY BURTON 0463 233230

Flog your dive gear or anything else (Val, put your body away) at Honest Joes. Rock bottom prices, no guarantee, no warranty, and no return!. If you are buying or selling, details please to the Ed, Sorry, Honest Joe!

REPORTS - DIVE - DIVE - DIVE.



OVERSEAS/TRAVEL

It has come to my attention that there are certain well travelled persons masquerading as Club Members who are in the habit of nipping off overseas at the drop of a hat!. REPORTS PLEASE of your activities in foreign parts for the consumption of the masses. A brief summary of dives done, trips taken, cost, what you had for breakfast each day, will

do. I hope to be hearing from Jim in the near future but we will take a break now and travel to the Dominican Republic for our latest travel report from Foreign Correspondent Euan..... Those of you in a hurry flip to summary.

THE SILVER DOMINICAN TRIP by yours truly.

After only 25 years of marital blisssss you earn a trip to paradise! But first the odd kitchen sink to pack - a little tiff now and then - a seven hour car journey to Manchester - a few more tiffs - queue at airport - onto plan 9.00am Tuesday 15th June 1993AD - KNACKERED.

THE FLIGHT! 200 plus sardines packed in a tube. 5 hours downwind to Bangor, Main, USA. Two meals on flight creating more downwind. One hour stop at Bangor to stand in toilet queue. Back into the sardine tube for further 4 hour flight - upwind - No more cokes!.

ARRIVAL! CHAOS! World War III to collect cases. All sardines becoming very oily in the heat - Tiff or two - found courier - conned twice on way to bus - reached hotel - soaked in downpour.

Watch) with the video man. Superb diving - visibility, fish, coral, sponges and with no dive suit to restrict movement - TOO EASY! The boat trip back was a dream - sun shining, calmer seas, pineapples, bananas, drink - Life's a bitch!!....

RETURN HOME Holiday over. Ann and I are now playing spot the Brits, as new tubes of sardines arrive. Cases now too small for additional kitchen sinks to be packed. Tiffs creeping in - all packed and ready to go. Mental build up required for 9 hour sardine trip. We left the Dominican Republic at 17.30 on Tuesday 29th June and arrived in Manchester at 9.15am on Wednesday 30th June. - DOUBLE KNACKERED!. Our cases arrived at GATWICK at 11am on Wednesday and reached Inverness on Friday 2nd July at 16.00 hours. Too knackered to drive to Inverness, so spent night with our daughter in Newark. Drive home on Thursday 1st July took 8 hours.

SUMMARY

Hotel facilities, beaches, food, local people and most important, companion - all superb.

DIVING - Excellent, but most trips cater for groups with mixed diving experience. There is a lot of faffing about. Also expensive at 36 - 38 for one dive. If you do a second dive on the same trip, this costs 18 - 19.

TRAVELLING - From Inverness - very tiring. If you have the cash, I would recommend flying to Manchester.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Lies in the Caribbean - Lat: 17 36' and 19 59'N - Long: 68 19' and 74 38'W. it covers 18,696 sq miles.

START SAVING NOW - YOUR SILVER TRIP WILL COME SOONER THAN YOU THINK! Euan. (Ed's disclaimer - I am not responsible for aforementioned article in any way, please see author about his rose tinted glasses!)

NEW GEAR - GOOD, BAD OR VERY UGLY

Have you acquired a new piece of equipment? If so, give us the benefit of your experiences. Was your new drysuit a perfect fit first time or something else again? Have YOU found a source for good, reliable, gear or servicing of equipment. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

BITS AND PIECES

DIVES OF THE FUTURE

Watch this space for a feature on alternative diving by a mystery writer!.....

CLUB ADDRESS/TELEPHONE/ QUALIFICATION LIST

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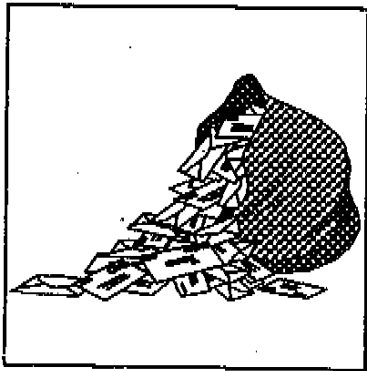
Anyone fancy whale watching? Trips run from April to October off the North-West coast of Mull. Research trips are run by Richard Fairbairns out of Dervaig and aim is to find out basic info on Minke Whales, the least researched of the whale populations. Further info and cost from Richard Fairbairns, Sea Life Survey, Torrbreac, Dervaig, Isle of Mull. PA75 6QL Tel. 06884 223.

POOL ATTENDANCE is low at the moment and numbers are insufficient to cover cost of pool each session (Post Training Slump). Any thoughts on increasing usage such as Lyn's special sessions to Chairman please. Octopush anyone? Chairman also suggested that, where possible, aggressive pursuits such as Octopush etc would be confined to pre-arranged dates to enable swimmers to enjoy the use of the pool without being bombarded from all sides, mid-stroke.

WHODUNNIT????????!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A quote overheard on a recent trip. "Yes, mine IS very impressive, isn't it?" Modesty knows no bounds!

Which female member of club went on not one, but two dives the other week and each time discovered on arrival that a vital piece of equipment remained at home. She redeemed brownie points by returning home to collect missing item and setting out again for dive site. Eventually a "night dive" was achieved which turned out to be her best dive to date! There is a lot to be said for persistence.



MAILBAG - LETTERS TO THE CLUB

If you have anything you would like to contribute to this slot, feel free.

*Sub of 1300
sent Aug 1993*

WELL FOLKS that about wraps it up for this issue. I hope you have not been too disappointed with my first effort and that the following issues live up to expectations. All contributions to next issue to the Ed on 0479 2384 (evenings only), FAX (work) 0479 3452 or in person at the Club.

ISAC MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS LIST - JULY 1993.

SURNAME:	NAME:	TELEPHONE:	ADDRESS:	QUALIFICATION:
AIRD	JOHN	0463 230001	FLAT 4 BEECHLAWN, 20 CULDUTHEL ROAD, INVERNESS	NOVICE
AITCHISON	LYN	0463 220922	2 BALMAYKLE ROAD, INVERNESS	DIVE LEADER/TRAINING OFFICER/CLUB INSTRUCT
ARNOLD	JANE	0463 73281	CRAIGARD, CRAIGTON, NORTH KESSOCK, INVERNESS	NOVICE
BAIN	TERRY	03095 235	THE KENNELS GLENFERNESS, NAIRN	DIVE LEADER
BLACK	GEORGE	0463 233797	28 ABBON STREET, INVERNESS	SPORTS
BROWN	GEORGE	0463 240529	19 BROOM DRIVE, INVERNESS	1ST CLASS/NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR
BUSH	STEVE	0349 62293	6 ELLIS PARK, CONON BRIDGE, ROSS-SHIRE	SPORTS
CAMPBELL	DONALD	0463 790566	14 SUNNYSIDE, CULLODEN MOOR, INVERNESS	SPORTS
CARTWRIGHT	JAIN	0349 853601	EAST LOWER KINCRAIG, INVERGORDON	SPORTS
CLYNE	KEVIN	0456 4365	MILTON OF BUNLOIT, GLENURQUHART	SPORTS
CORPE	HEATHER	03817 580	DAVIDSTON SMITHY, CROMARTY	SPORTS
CRAWFORD	ANDY	0463 792869	21 FERNTOWER AVE, CULLODEN, INVERNESS	SPORTS
CURTIS	IOMA	0463 239647	16 LOVAT ROAD, INVERNESS	SPORTS/COMMITTEE
CUTLER	DAVE	0463 239489	93 WIMMERLEY WAY, INVERNESS	SPORTS
DEY	ASHLEY	0463 243036	33 CHARLESTON VIEW, INVERNESS	SPORTS
DOUGLAS	GORDON	0463 224250	31 BALLOAN ROAD, HILTON, INVERNESS	SPORTS
FRASER	ROBBIE	0463 238097	8 WARRAND ROAD, INVERNESS	SPORTS/COMMITTEE
FRASER	ROBIN	0463 74683	7 CROFT ROAD, KILTARLITY, BEAULY	ADVANCED/TREASURER
GATCOMBE	TONY	0463 231152	ARDMUIR, 16 NESS BANK, INVERNESS	ADVANCED
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GILLESPIE	EMAN	0349 63716	KILDONAN, LOCHUSSIE, DINGWALL	ADVANCED/ CLUB INSTRUCTOR
REIG	BRUCE	0667 462644	BOURTREE COTTAGE, 26 HIGH STREET, ARDERSIER	ADVANCED/COMMITTEE
GREIG	NORMA	0667 462644	BOURTREE COTTAGE, 26 HIGH STREET, ARDERSIER	SPORT
HANNAN	DEREK	0349 987455	DUNVOURMIE FARM, CULBOKIE, ROSS-SHIRE	SPORTS/COMMITTEE
HARDWICK	ALAN	08082 377/229	BROOKSIDE, TOMATIN, INVERNESS-SHIRE	ADVANCED/ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR/CHAIRMAN
HOGAN	JAMIE	0463 236328	MAY COTTAGE, CANAL ROAD, INVERNESS	SPORT
JAMES	VAL	0463 222108	33 ARDCONNELL STREET, INVERNESS	NOVICE
JOHNSON	ANN	0463 231029	DUNEARN COTTAGE, 3A NESS SIDE, DORES RD, INVERNESS	SPORTS
JOHNSON	NIALL	08763 358	UIST OUTDOOR CENTRE, LOCHMADDY, NORTH UIST	ADVANCED/CLUB INSTRUCTOR
KILN	DR PHIL	0463 799886	14 CULLODEN COURT, INVERNESS	SPORTS
LAW	FRANK	0479 84235	INVERLAIDNAN, CARRBRIDGE, INVERNESS-SHIRE	ADVANCED/INSTRUCTOR?
LISTER	GRAHAM	0463 239480	101 DRUMMERAN ROAD, INVERNESS	
MILNE	GORDON		3 TULLOCH PLACE, DINGWALL	SPORTS
MITCHELL	PHIL	0456 3300	LYNE COTTAGE, GORTHLECK, INVERNESS-SHIRE	ADVANCED
MORRISON	TOM	0463 870270	EASTER URRAY, MUIR OF ORD, ROSS-SHIRE	DIVE LEADER
MACDONALD	LACHIE	0463 234826	MEISOEIR, BLACKBUIE CRESCENT, CULDUTHEL, INVERNESS	NOVICE
MACEWAN	EUAN	0463 236832	41 LAGGAN ROAD, INVERNESS	ADVANCED/CLUB INSTRUCTOR/DIVING OFFICER
MACINNES	NEIL	045 64237	AN FHAIRE, BALNAIN, DRUMHADROCHIT	ADVANCED/ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR/COMMITTEE
MACKINTOSH	GREG	0349 883930	159 WESTFORD, ALNESS	SPORTS
MACLEAN	MIKE	0463 221828	147 OLD EDINBURGH ROAD, INVERNESS	DIVE LEADER
MACLENNAN	TURID	0463 73240	BELLFIELD HOUSE, NORTH KESSOCK, INVERNESS	SPORTS
MACCULLOCH	FIONA	0479 2384	WEST LODGE, GRANTOWN ON SPEY	SPORTS
MACDERMOTT	JIM	0463 224254	24 BEAUFORT ROAD, INVERNESS	ADVANCED/COMMITTEE
MACKENZIE	ANNE	0463 224944	62 HILTON COURT, INVERNESS	DIVE LEADER
MOGGACH	STEWART	0309 651258	KEPPERNACH, ARDCLACH, GLENFERNESS, NAIRN	
MUIR	JOHN	0862 832318	2 BALINTORE PARK, BALINTORE	SPORTS
NORTH	HEATHER	0343 544273	1 EAST MAINS COTTAGES, NR ELGIN	SPORTS/CLUB SECRETARY
PIPER	JOHN	0349 853609	SHILOH NEWMORE, INVERGORDON	SPORTS
PIPER	JOHNATHON	0349 853609	SHILOH NEWMORE, INVERGORDON	NOVICE
ROBERTSON	JOHN		45 UPPER KESSOCK STREET, INVERNESS	NOVICE
ROSE	DANNY	0479 2514	13 CAIRNGORM AVENUE, GRANTOWN ON SPEY	DIVE LEADER
SKEA	ALAN	0463 73281	CRAIGARD, CRAIGTON, NORTH KESSOCK	SPORTS
SMITH	IAN	0997 421220	ORD HOUSE, STRATHPEFFER	NOVICE
SUTHERLAND	BOB	0463 224504	6 HEATHER ROAD, INVERNESS	NOVICE
TILFORD	BOB	0463 230564	DRUIMWOOD, STRATHERRICK ROAD, INVERNESS	SPORTS
TILFORD	JIL	0463 230564	DRUIMWOOD, STRATHERRICK ROAD, INVERNESS	SPORTS
TOLLIT	DOMINIC	0381 7514	ALLERTON FARM COTTAGE, CROMARTY	SPORTS
TZABAR	YOAV	0463 704000	C/O RAIGMORE HOSPITAL, INVERNESS	ADVANCED
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WILLIAMS	LESLEY	0463 792256	102 CRADLEHALL PARK, WESTHILL, INVERNESS	ADVANCED/ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR
WILSON	BEN	0381 7548	THE LODGE, CROMARTY	DIVE LEADER/COMMITTEE
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YOUNG	PETER		EAGLESTONE HOUSE, STRATHPEFFER	SPORTS
Southwood	Karin	0349 65140	LENAIR FARMHOUSE, LENLAIR, DINGWALL	

NEWS UPDATE

Heather is selling raffle tickets on behalf of Greenpeace. 50p each. 1st prize £1000.....