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1	12/03/2020	Capernwray	18m	6c	Mel	CH	Cold and blowing a gale. Even small waves on quarry surface! Water nice
2					Duncan		and clear. Took Callum for his first dive to acquaint him with the site.
3			17m		Glyn		Duncan got some good footage which went on the Facebook page. Such
4					Chris		good viz that it looks almost Caribbean!
5					Callum		
6			17m		Mel		
7					Duncan		
8			20.9m		Glyn		Must have been a lot of rain as I registered 20.9m in the Sump
9					Chris		
10					Callum		
11	13/03/2020	Capernwray	18m	6c	Mel	CH	A beautiful sunny spring day though water was still numbingly cold
12					Duncan		
13			17m		Glyn		Started to do sports diver training and practised compass skills. Callum
14					Sandra		understood the principals and did excellently. He also had a freeze up
15			17m		Chris		free flow and coped calmly. We did an AS ascent stabilized his regs and
16					Callum		went down to continue the dive.
17			16m		Sandra		Sandra practised multiple DSMB deployment with Callum.
18					Glyn		
19					Callum		
20			16.5m		Chris		Took Ken for a nice leisurely dive to get him back in practice.
21					Ken		
22	29/05/2020	Chapel Port East	15m	12c	Mel	CH	First chance to get back in the sea after lock down. Separated when
23					Oliver		kitting up and went in in pairs separately. Having the boat for safety cover
24			13m		Glyn		we ventured further out to the reefs. Viz a good 5m when we got beyond
25					Shannon		the kelp. Louise got some good photos of critters. Glyn went looking for
26			18.9m		Chris		the Vanderbyl engine but did not find it. Last pair picked up by current and
27					Louise		returned in boat. Shore diving hard work. Tomorrow check out boat dive
28	30/05/2020	Cairn Head	14.4m	12c	Chris	CH	Tried one pair + cox. Easy to keep distance in boat but 3 different people.
29					Glyn		Collected scallops and saw a lot of critters. Recovered pot for Shaun.
30	31/05/2020	Slockenglass	14.1m	13c	Mel	CH	Tried cox and two pairs. Kept distance when travelling but difficult when
31					Louise		kitting up. No real risk today but this is going too far for the moment, given
32					Chris		Govt advice. Good long drift down scenic coast. Current quite fast given
33					Glyn		neap tides. Viz a good 6m. No tell tale on Port engine, need to check.
34	07/06/2020	S.S.Jasper	18.3m	12c	Chris	CH	Tried with two boats with a diving pair in each which worked well. Fish
35					Louise		finder was not working so shotted wreck just on GPS. About 15m off.
36		S.S.Woodburn	12.4m	13c	Chris		Viz not that good at only 3m. Toured wreck and found old shot weighed
37					Louise		down with mussels. At end of dive saw a 2m conger swimming around
38					Mel		Went for tour of site. Remains of boiler thrown out of gully.
39	09/06/2020	S.S.Woodburn	12.7m	13c	Chris	CH	Double anchored boat with just two of us. Again poorish viz at 3m. Went to
40					Glyn		outer edge of reef. Ladder worked well for getting back in.
41	10/06/2020	S.S.Jasper	17.6m	13c	Chris	CH	Callum and I went to shot the wreck and then had a good dive. Viz about
42					Callum		3.5m and congers and lobsters in their usual places. Callum did well and
43					Glyn		we both went through the wreck from bow to the boiler. Very good practice
44					Russ		and he is close to being signed off. Used two boats
45	16/06/2020	Cairn Head	18.5m	15c	Louise	CH	Gentle drift with viz of about 5m. Louise got some good photos and I
46					Glyn		collected a few scallops for supper
47					Chris		
48	17/06/2020	Stank	17.6m	14c	Louise	CH	Viz again a good 5m. Nice scenic dive. First pair right on slack exactly at
49					Glyn		HW. Second pair had fast drift which suddenly stopped. Lots of crab and
50		Stank > Ducker Rock			Chris		Lobsters and a big ling hiding under a rock. Louise got some good
51					Russ		nudibranch photos
52	18/06/2020	S.S. Craignair	4.2m	15c	Chris	CH	Aaron's first sea dive and he did well with good buoyancy in such shallow
53					Aaron		water. I forgot his mask so we had to go all the way back for it!
54	24/06/2020	S.S.Jasper	17.9m	15c	Glyn	CH	Viz was a little down on last dives as a result of rain. 3-4m only. Had
55					Louise		Callum lead the dive which he seemed confident with. Retrieved another
56					Chris		clump of mussels from shot line and practised DSMB deployment again
57					Callum		with Callum. Shortish dive on Woodburn practising lining our and more
58		S.S.Woodburn	11.3m		Louise		DSMB work.
59					Chris		
60					Callum		
61	25/06/2020	Devil's Bridge	15.8m	15c	Louise	CH	First visit to Devils bridge this year. Viz about 4m. Finned to the outer
62					Glyn		reefs but current was beginning to build up. I think I led a bit of a route
63					Chris		march and then failed to navigate back to inner canyon. Saw the seals
64		S.S.Craignair	4.9m		Chris		on the edge of vision. Surprised to find current on Chile which complicated
65					Mel		Alfie's first dive. He did well though and seemed happy under water. Viz
66					Alfie		not too good but toured main bits of wreckage
67	26/06/2020	Cairn Head	5.6m	15c	Chris	CH	Got Erin in for her first dive. All going well until her suit began to fall apart
68					Neil		under water. She was fine but I have never seen such a catastrophic suit
69					Erin		failure.
70	01/07/2020	Great Ouse	24.5m	14c	Chris	CH	Ran out to the Ouse and saw two puffins on way out. Hit it right on slack
71					Glyn		and had a great dive with 8 - 10m viz. Lots of fish life. Only used two cans
72					Louise		getting out there which is good
73	02/07/2020	Rock of providence	19.8m	15c	Chris	CH	Took Kacie for her first uk dive and hit a barren sandy plain where once
74					Kacie		were rock reefs. Sand has buried them. Had to swim out to deeper water
75		Slockenglass	18m		Glyn		to find any sea life. Viz only 3-4m. Second pair had a drift as current
76					Louise		picked up

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77	08/07/2020	Cairn Head	21.9m	15c	Chris	CH	Good weather and very good viz at 8m. Two boats but two didn't dive.
78					Russ		Neil's suit inflator broke and Darren skippered. Russ and I got a few
79			15m		Louise		scallops and Lou took some good photos now on Facebook page.
80					Callum		
81	11/07/2020	Cairn Head	18m	15c	Louise	CH	Again two boats but new rules mean 5 households can meet up which
82					Barry		makes things easier for us. Aaron did well on his second dive and seems
83			10.2m		Chris		comfortable in the water. On the way out we followed a pod of dolphins
84					Aaron		which were breaching and jumping. Hoped first pair might have seen
85					Grant		them under water but sadly not. Again more good photos
86			22.7m		Mel		
87					Darren		
88	12/07/2020	S.S.Riverside	22m	15c	Chris	CH	Went out to shot the Riverside. Callum very good and am happy to sign
89					Callum		him off as a sports diver. He did all his OW exercises in Capers pre lock
90					Russ		down but will have to wait before telling BSAC. Clear on wreck with 5m viz
91					Ian		Lots of fish and reports of a whale off the Isle but we missed it
92	18/07/2020	Cairn Head	17.6m	15c	Glyn	CH	Good gentle drift with reasonable viz of about 5m in deeper water.
93					Sandra		Went out from shallow bay with Grant to go down to depth slowly.
94					Barry		
95					Chris		
96					Grant		
97	19/07/2020	Cairn Head	18m	15c	Russ	CH	Again back to Cairn Head to keep in shelter from brisk westerlies.
98					Ian		Practised mask clearing and buoyancy with Aaron in 3m in shallow bay.
99			15.2m		Chris		Slowly finned out down to 14m observing fish life. After 29mins Callum
100					Callum		lost a weight pocket and made involuntary ascent. Aaron and I followed
101					Aaron		him up with quick ascent. Aaron had ear problem but Callum ok.
102	21/07/2020	S.S.Kelvinside	27.4m	13c	Chris	CH	Descended to fix shot and wreck hidden by huge shoal of pollack which
103					Russ		moved off before others arrived. Viz 6m but a lot of fleck in water. Plenty
104					Louise		of big wrasse. Most of side plates now on seabed but bow still upright.
105	24/07/2020	Cairn Head (eventually!)	17m	15c	Chris	CH	Went to get pots for Shaun but could not find them, went to Riverside
106					Louise		and got down shot to wreck in fearsome current only to find no viz, so
107					Russ		eventually dived at Cairn Head. Viz about 3m so went looking for photo
108					Ian		opportunities. Half way through current took us for drift down to Woodburn.
109					Darren		Surfaced in chop only to see boat haring off to pick up other divers. Had to
110					Tosh		wait a while for rescue. Then had to return Darren and Tosh to their boat
111	01/08/2020	S.S.Woodburn	10m	15c	Sandra	CH	First sea dives for the Heron family. We had an instructor each which
112					Glyn		helped. Weather dictated that we went on the Woodburn rather than the
113					Caroline		shallower Chile which did not suit Kiara. Next time will do a shallower one.
114					Mel		
115					Connor		
116					Chris		
117					Colin		
118		Cairn Head	22m		Russ	RF	Russ took out a second wave for the low water slack. Andrew skippered
119					Tosh		Amazingly Chris found Callum's dive knife that he lost last year. All had
120			20m		Callum		Scallops for tea.
121					Chris B		
122	02/08/2020	Cairn Head	20m	15c	Louise	CH	Viz surprisingly good at around 5m. I found Callum's lost weight pocket
123					Ian		and spent the dive unbalanced. Also reel stuck when deploying DSMB
124			22m		Chris		but Callum's extra 6 kilo weight then helped keep me down while sorting it
125					Kacie		Saw a good variety of critters.
126	03/08/2020	Devil's Bridge > Ducker Rock	20m	15c	Louise	CH	Grant and I recovered John's lobster pots for him. Others went out to the
127					Chris B		reef. Lots of fish life and excellent 8m+ viz. Strong current picked them
128					Callum		up and sent them on fast drift into Luce Bay. We began to search for them
129		Devils Bridge	9.4m		Chris		but turned round too soon just missing their DSMBs. Finally contacted
130					Grant		Coast Guard and saw them just at the same time so called things down
131	08/08/2020	Cairn Head	8m	16c	Sandra	CH	Got boat off early but dried out when we met. Had to wait for tide. Went to
132					Kiara		shallow beach at Cairn Head for Kiara's first dive. Viz in first 2m awful as
133			13.4m		Glyn		peaty river water but cleared to 4.5m when deeper. Glyn saw a tope which
134					Caroline		is a first. Introduced Annette to her first sea dive. All did well.
135			7.6m		Chris		Second dive of day on Jasper. Glyn took responsibility for shooting and
136					Annette		finding wreck as part of his AD. Viz again ok on wreck with a huge lobster
137		S.S.Jasper	17.6m	16c	Glyn		at the bow and an equally large crab in one of the hatch cover sockets.
138					Callum		Annette and I focussed on getting a good haul of mussels from the old
139					Sandra		shot line and so stayed shallow. These were cooked up for us by John
140					Ian		at the Steam Packet for dinner. A good days diving but not the weather
141			8m		Chris		to be in a rubber suit!
142					Annette		
143	15/08/2020	Stockenglass	17m	17c	Chris	CH	A busy day today with two boats and multiple dives planned. First dives
144					Caroline		in Luce Bay at the back of HW. Hit the water on slack and had a gentle
145					Duncan		drift as tide picked up. Second pair saw what looks like a grey smooth
146					Colin		hound shark (see video on facebook page)
147		Rock of Providence	16.5m	17c	Russ	RF	Took advantage of being in Luce Bay to do training skills in shallow
148					Ian		water on the Chile. Both Caroline and Colin did well and ticked off some
149					Kacie		boxes. Got away sharpish before site dried out.
150		Chile/Craigair	2.4m	18c	Chris	CH	Returned to fill tanks and have lunch then out to Cairn Head. Surface viz
151					Caroline		poor with river run off still around. Better on bottom with around 4m viz
152					Colin		Second pair hit a good patch and had a good haul of Scallops.
153					Duncan		
154					Ian		
155		Cairn Head	15.7m	17c	Duncan	CH	
156					Ian		
157					Chris		
158					Colin		

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159	18/08/2020	Stockenglass > SE	17.6m	17c	Chris	CH	A window before gales hit to get a dive in. Nice drift over reefs with 5m viz
160					Louise		Dave Skipper. Ken did well and got down reasonably quickly. Engines
161					Ken		spluttered with low fuel. Check filters before next dive
162	27/08/2020	Andy's Patch	21.6m	17c	Mel	CH	
163					Louise		
164					Chris		
165					Glyn		
166	29/08/2020	Stockenglass	15.6m	16c	Chris	CH	Early morning training dive. Wigtown Bay like milky coffee so had to
167					Connor		dive the scenic shore in Luce Bay on the back of HW. Hit it on slack
168					Glyn		so had a relaxing experience build up dive. Viz around 4m but hazy. Sandy
169					Caroline		practiced some skills with Ciara who did well. Connor had loose weight
170					Sandra		belt so we tried to stay horizontal for dive. He showed good bouyancy
171					Ciara		Straight back and then out again with two boats to same spot. Good neap
172		Stockenglass > SE	16.8m	16c	Chris		tides so was not expecting too fast a drift. Went down in sheltered sandy
173					Dave(V)		bay to do S05 with Dave then let him lead us out into the current and
174					Sandra		deploy his DSMB for a faster than expected drift. He did well and had good
175					Ben(V)		control as we shot along the rock walls. Dave monitored air and signaled
176					Glyn		when to ascend up line, for 3min safety stop as per S03. Sandy did similar
177					Joe(V)		skills with Ben.
178					Annette		
179		Cairn Head	13.4m	16c	Glyn		Tried Wigtown Bay to see if things had improved But viz was less than a
180					Joe(V)		metre. A real low viz dive for the less experienced, who all were unfazed
181					Annette		but the conditions. Just like a night dive in that we had to focus attention
182					Chris		on the small area in front of us. Despite the viz we still managed to find
183					Dave(V)		enough scallops for the barbeque that night.
184					Sandra		
185					Ben(V)		
186	30/08/2020	Stockenglass > NE	17.8m	16c	Russ	CH	After the last dive we had to go back to Luce Bay to get any viz. Thought
187					Ian		this would be a repeat of yesterdays early dive but not to be the case. All
188					Chris		the buddy pairs ended up going in different directions as the currents took
189					Ben(V)		them. I repeated S05 with Ben this time and he led us for a tour of the
190					Sandra		gullies as planned. As I suggested we finned into the current and kept low
191					Dave(V)		down and so hardly moved. Ben set off DSMB and we again had 3 min
192					Joe(V)		simulated deco stop. Others were caught by current and went every which
193					Annette		way.
194					Glyn		
195		S.S.Craignair/Chile	6.1m	16c	Chris		Second dive was a wreck dive on the Chile. Shotted wreck near boiler. I
196					Dave(V)		briefed with plan of wreck site and then let Ben and Dave plan their dives.
197					Joe(V)		Viz was only about 2.5m so they got practice lining out to finish skills for
198					Annette		S03. Both Dave and Ben seem solid competent divers.
199					Ian		
200					Ben(V)		
201	31/08/2020	Blockan Hole > NE	14.5m	16c	Chris	CH	Tried a new site. Dropped on sandy sea bed. Lou saw 3 Sea Bass on
202					Glyn		descent. Current running so clawed our way out over sand and then tried to
203					Louise		get through kelp. Eventually gave in and drifted through endless kelp park
204	17/09/2020	Capernwray	20.6m	17c	Chris	CH	Since we were prevented from going to Oban by Scottish restrictions, at
205					Louise		the last minute we decided to go down to England and spend our money.
206					Annette		We had three sunny days and the viz at Capers was good at least for the
207					Sandra		first two days. Sandra and I worked on skills with Annette. Navigation
208		Capernwray	17.3m		Sandra		exercise, SMB practice and simulated deco dive all of which she did
209					Louise		to a good standard. Second dive we practiced bouyancy control by
210					Glyn		finning along the cliff at a constant 11m. Again Annette was able to
211					Chris		maintain a steady depth without sinking deeper or floating up
212					Annette		
213	18/09/2020	Capernwray	17.6m	17c	Chris	CH	Don't know what chemical reaction has been going on in the depths of
214					Louise		Capers but it was akin to diving in Mordor. Matt black patches which
215					Glyn		seemed like bottomless pits with whitish strands of "mist" floating on top
216					Annette		along with dark rock walls all made for an eerie dive. There were even the
217					Mel		dwarfs at the gnome garden to people the scene!
218					Ian		Second dive of the day we did the AS ascents from the plane to 6m with
219					Chris W		Ben and Dave as giver and taker, then the full CBL and rescue tow to
220					Ben(V)		shore with dekitting and simulated BLS. I observed and assisted while
221					Dave(V)		Glyn and Mel (assistant Instructors) participated. Both showed a good
222		Capernwray	17.4m		Ben(V)		level of control in the lifts and were able to give the simulated rescue
223					Mel		breaths at the surface by rolling the casualties. Tows and recovery to
224					Chris		shore went well too. Again did RBs and CCs in simulated form.
225					Glyn		
226					Dave(V)		
227					Ian		
228					Chris W		

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229	19/09/2020	Capernwray	17.9m		Chris	CH	Ian and I went for another spin in the poisoned depths, while Glyn took
230					Ian		Alfie for a skills dive as part of his Discovery diver training, focusing on
231					Glyn		bouyancy skills.
232					Mel		Viz was worse today since the place was packed.
233					Alfie		
234					Ben(V)		
235					Dave(V)		
236					Paul(V)		
237		Capernwray	18m		Chris		
238					Ian		
239					Glyn		
240					Ben(V)		
241					Dave(V)		
242					Paul(V)		
243	08/10/2020	Cairn Head	21m	14c	Russ	CH	Went out in Iain's boat since throttle on ours playing up. Not much
244					Chris		expectation but an excellent dive. Viz a good 6m+ and no strong current
245					Louise		Saw an octopus and plenty of life around. Checked mark pre dive but zilch
246	11/10/2020	Cairn Head	19m	14c	Mel	CH	Planned to do Kelvinside but sea in Luce Bay too rough so after a wet ride
247					Ian		retuned to Cairn Head for another excellent dive. This time 3 octopus
248					Louise		seen. Viz a good 7m. Callum led dive and finished with snorkel skills.
249					Chris		Lifted a wrecked anchor and rope to tidy seabed but lift bag not recovered
250					Callum		Also found a trawlermans sleeve. Didn't find rest of trawlerman!
251	15/10/2020	Inn on the Loch	5.3m	10c	Chris	CH	Quick dip to assess loch and recover lost item. Water clear but bed very
252					Callum		silty and easily kicked up. Found golf balls aplenty an oar and other bits
253					Ian		Mostly too shallow for training
254	17/10/2020	Stank	18.2m	13c	Chris	CH	Strong NE winds and a big Spring tide limited our options to Luce Bay
255					Glyn		Quite calm at Stank and dived right on HW. Hit what little slack there was
256					Callum		perfectly and once through an inshore back eddy had very gentle drift to
257			14.2m		Sandra		NW and mid dive turned to SE to return us t where we started. Big tides
258					Annette		put a lot of sand in water so viz only about 2-3m. Good dive though
259	18/10/2020	Stank	21m	13c	Glyn	CH	Basically repeated yesterdays dive factoring in tide times. Viz not quite
260					Louise		as good at only 1-2m. My new torch was playing up so had to dive dark.
261					Kacie		Lou got a dry dive at last and Annette did well in the poor conditions.
262			17.2m		Chris		Despite poorish viz Lou managed to get some colourful photos of the
263					Annette		smaller critters.
264	04/11/2020	Capernwray	16m		Sandra	SB	Afternoon dive and then night dive followed by fireworks
265					Annette		Annette completed SP2
266					Ian		
267					Sandra		
268					Annette		
269					Ian		
270	05/11/2020	Cairn Head	15.8m	12c	Chris	CH	First trip out after spell of bad weather. Viz was barely a meter but we
271					Louise		bumbled along like three blind mice looking for critters. Saw a Thornback
272					Kacie		Ray. Thankfully it was a good slack as a drift in this viz would be hard
273	07/11/2020	Slockenglass	16.9m	11c	Chris	CH	Viz not that good at about 1.5m and quite dark so seemed like a night
274					Glyn		dive. Spent a few minutes watching a small octopus. A surprisingly good
275		Chapel Port West	10.9m		Chris		dive. Second dive in harbour looking for Michael's pot. Viz about same
276					Glyn		but could not find it despite careful search
277	04/12/2020	Capernwray	16.8m	10c	Sandra	SB	Snow on ground and icy surface temperature. Sandra completed water based training with Annette
278					Annette		
279			17.1m		Sandra		
280					Annette		
281	27/12/2020	Capernwray	18m	7c	Sandra	SB	Annette now Sports Diver. Again Arctic conditions with surface temp of 4c. Probably last dive of year
282					Annette		
283			8.8m		Sandra		
284					Annette		
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