

## Admin Information

### **BSAC TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

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Since its formation in 1953, BSAC has acquired a number of awards and trophies covering the whole spectrum of amateur diving activity. While most awards are granted as the result of decisions taken by BSAC Council or National Diving Committee, Branches and individuals with a good chance of winning one are often overlooked because HQ is not informed of this possibility, or because an application / nomination for an award is not received in time. It is hoped that the following notes will acquaint Branch Officers with the range and scope of BSAC awards and trophies, and give them further encouragement to nominate members, or apply on behalf of the Branch.

**The Heinke Trophy:** A large ornately figured shield, held for one year only, with a commemorative plaque as an award in perpetuity, and a cash prize of £1000, awarded annually to the Branch judged to have done most to further the interests of its members and BSAC. The winning Branch and 'highly commended' Branches also receive presentation certificates.

*Judging is undertaken by a panel appointed by BSAC Council.*

**The Colin McLeod Award:** A medallion and certificate to be held in perpetuity, presented annually by BSAC to a person or persons who, in the opinion of the Trustees of the BSA Jubilee Trust, have made a significant contribution to furthering international co-operation and harmony in diving and associated activities.

*The BSA Jubilee Trust makes recommendations to the Council of the BSAC as to who should receive this award.*

**The Scubapro Award:** A trophy held for one year only, and a prize of diving equipment in perpetuity, awarded annually by Scubapro and BSAC NDC, to BSAC member judged to have done most to further the aims and objects of the Club.

*The National Diving Officer decides who should receive this award.*

**Branch of the Year Award:** A reward for the top branch in terms of diving, training and member recruitment throughout the year. The winning branch will receive a fantastic prize of more than £4,500 worth of Scubapro kit for their Branch.

*A criteria of points met in each category will determine which branch will receive this award.*

**The Wilkinson Sword Trophy:** An engraved sword mounted on a wooden stand, awarded annually to the candidate who, through rigorous judging, proves to have demonstrated the most admirable performance in the BSAC National Instructor Examination.

Winners also receive **The Weezle Award**. A set of Weezle thermal protection clothing, consisting of a Russian style hat, undersuit and socks.

*The National Diving Officer and ITS Chief Examiners decide who should receive these awards.*

**The Lighthouse Torch Award:** A Kowalski Torch supplied by Lighthouse Torches, awarded annually to the candidate who, through rigorous judging, proves to have the most admirable performance in the BSAC First Class Diver examination.

*The National Diving Officer and Chief Examiners decide who should receive this award.*

**The Analox Award:** A trophy awarded annually by the NDC to the candidate who is judged to have had the most meritorious performance in a BSAC Advanced Instructor examination.

*The National Diving Officer and ITS Chief Examiners decide who should receive this award.*

**The Collins and Chambers Award:** A trophy awarded annually by the NDC to the candidate who is judged to have had the most meritorious performance in a BSAC Open Water Instructor examination.

*The National Diving Officer and ITS Chief Examiners decide who should receive this award.*

**The Alan Broadhurst Award:** A certificate that recognises lifesaving endeavour using good diving technique. Where extreme bravery was displayed by the rescuer, a medallion is also presented, to be held in perpetuity.

*The BSAC Incidents Advisor reviews BSAC Incident / Accident Reports and nominates suitable candidates to the National Diving Committee, who then decide who should receive this award. Several of these awards may be made each year.*

**The BSAC Safety Award:** A certificate presented for endeavouring to save life where actual diving techniques were not used, and applicable to incidents both on land or at sea.

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*When submitting reports of diving accidents and incidents, Branches are invited to ask the BSAC Incidents Advisor to consider members for an Alan Broadhurst Award if the rescue involved diving and application of diving skills; or a Safety Award if a member has used life saving skills learned during diver training in non-diving situations.*

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for the British Sub-Aqua Club:** A medallion to be held in perpetuity and a certificate to the team leader, and certificates to each person involved in the team, personally presented by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in recognition of outstanding achievement and research in the field of underwater swimming.

*Leaders may nominate their project for this award. The BSA Jubilee Trust selects three project reports for submission to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, who makes the final selection of the winner. Certificates are also awarded for commended applications.*

**Peter Small Trophy:** An engraved trophy awarded annually to the Branch considered to have conducted the most worthwhile and ambitious underwater project of the year.

*Leaders may nominate their project for this award. The National Diving Officer and National Diving Committee decide who should receive this award.*

**BSAC Expeditions Trophy:** An annual award presented annually by the NDC to the organiser of the most significant British exploratory diving expedition of the year. The trophy, an aneroid barometer, is held for one year.

*Leaders may nominate their expedition for this award. The National Diving Officer and National Diving Committee decide who should receive this award.*

**British Sub-Aqua Jubilee Trust Grants:** Cash grants to assist Branches or individual members engaged in scientific or other worthwhile projects.

*Individuals complete and submit an online application form. The Trustees of the BSA Jubilee Trust review applications and decide on the level of grant to be offered.*

Further information and application details where relevant, may be obtained from BSAC HQ.