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scuba diver?

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BSAC
Dive with us



Join the BSAC community

Meet great people and go on
diving adventures near you!



Get out there with BSAC

Do something amazing with your weekends! There's never been a better time to join diving on your doorstep with a BSAC club.

Firstly, a very warm welcome! As a qualified diver, joining our community is easy — you can dive with us using your existing qualification or continue your training with us if you choose.

Being part of a BSAC club means more than just diving. You'll join a great group of people, with access to a fantastic programme of club trips, socials and training. Most importantly, it's about having fun — because we think diving is even better when you're part of a club!

Here's your two-step guide to diving with BSAC:

Step 1: Find a club

Go to bsac.com/enquire and we'll help connect you with a club that suits you. Every BSAC club is different, so you can explore a few before choosing the one that feels right.

Step 2: Jump in!

Once you've joined, you'll have year-round opportunities to dive through the club network. It's all about meeting new people, building skills and sharing amazing underwater adventures together.



Not tried UK diving yet or want to brush up?

Your BSAC club will be able to provide you with any additional training you may need, including how to dive in a drysuit. With seasoned UK divers to support you, you will be able to build up your experience so that you can make the most of the fantastic diving the UK has to offer.



Your equivalent BSAC qualification

It's easy for qualified divers to dive with BSAC.

If you have a recognised qualification from another agency you do not have to do any further training to start diving with us. But if it's been a while since you have been in the water, your chosen club will happily run you through a 'refresher' to bring you up to speed.



BSAC scuba refresher

Not been diving in a while? Maybe not for six months or maybe ten years or more - that's fine! You can refresh your practical scuba skills with a qualified BSAC instructor in a pool.

A Scuba Refresher session will refresh skills up to BSAC Ocean Diver level (equivalent to PADI Open Water). Check out

bsac.com/ScubaRefresher to learn more.

Diver training grades

The diving qualifications listed opposite are considered to be of a similar standard to those of BSAC. However, the list is not definitive – there are many diving qualifications issued by agencies and federations from around the world. Check out bsac.com/equivalency for the most up-to-date list, including technical diver grades, or contact the BSAC diving and training team at drt@bsac.com or call **0151 350 6203**.

BSAC also recognises various speciality-type diving courses from other agencies, such as the PADI speciality courses and RYA boat handling and seamanship courses.

Diver qualifications

BSAC equivalent

Entry level

Ocean Diver

- PADI/RAID/SSI/NAUI/ACUC/NASDS – Open Water Diver/Advanced Open Water Diver
- SDI Open Water Diver/Advanced Adventurer
- SAA Open Water Diver
- CMAS One Star Diver
- GUE Recreational Diver 1
- Royal Navy Ships Diver

Second level

Sports Diver

- PADI/RAID/SDI/ACUC/NAUI – Rescue Diver
- SSI Advanced Open Water Diver with 'Stress & Rescue'
- SAA Club Diver
- SSAC Sports Diver
- CMAS Two Star Diver
- GUE Recreational Diver 2/Recreational Diver 3
- HSE Divers
- Military Class 2 Diver

Third level

Dive Leader

- PADI/RAID/SDI/ACUC/NAUI – Divemaster
- SSI Dive Control Specialist
- SAA Dive Leader
- NASDS Dive Supervisor

Higher level

Advanced Diver

- SAA Dive Supervisor
- SSAC Master Diver
- CMAS Three Star Diver

BSAC training opportunities

Diving is diverse and exciting, offering endless opportunities to explore new scuba horizons. BSAC offers a wide range of training courses (see chart opposite) designed to ensure you get the most out of your diving.

Diver Training Programme

BSAC training is well respected for being robust, person-centred and for developing excellent self-reliant scuba divers. Skills are taught progressively, with each new experience built upon step-by-step. There are six internationally-recognised BSAC diver grades in the Diver Training Programme from the entry level Ocean Diver through to our highest grade, First Class Diver.

bsac.com/divertraining

BSAC qualifications are accredited to international ISO standards.



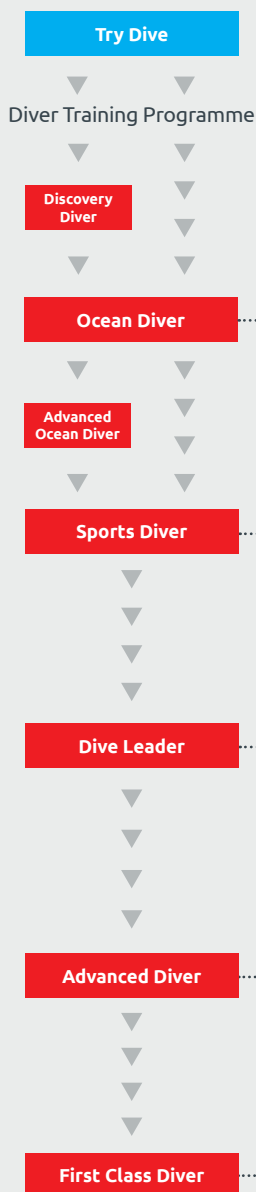
Instructor Training Scheme

BSAC's network of highly skilled instructors is the driving force behind our worldwide reputation for training excellence and safety. See **page 8** for more on becoming a BSAC instructor.

Snorkeller Training Programme

BSAC snorkel training is fun, accessible and perfect for all ages. It enables people to enjoy the water safely while building confidence and skills step by step. More at bsac.com/snorkelling

Diver training progression



Skill Development Courses...

Anyone can do these courses...

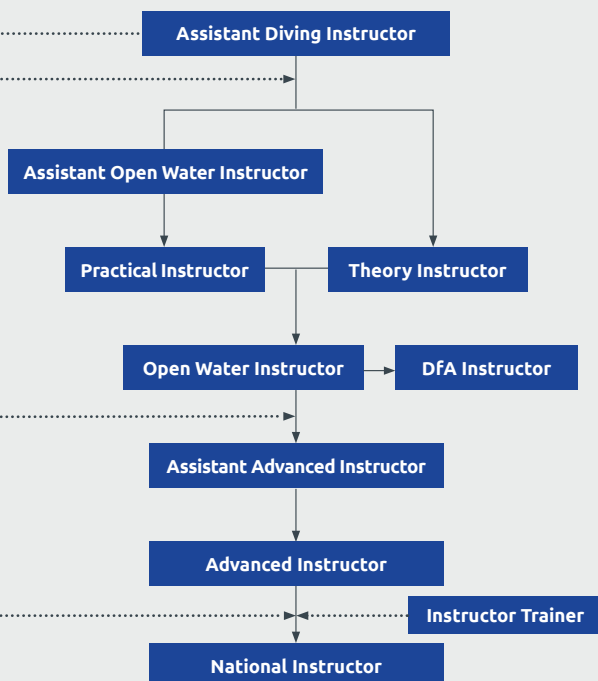
- Automated External Defibrillator
- Boat Handling
- Chartwork & Position Fixing
- Compressor Operation
- Diver Coxswain Assessment
- Shore Surveyor

For Ocean Divers (or equivalent) and above...

- Buoyancy and Trim
- Diving for All Awareness
- Drysuit Training
- First Aid for Divers
- Lifesaver Award
- Nitrox Gas Blender / Mixed Gas Blender
- Ocean Diver Nitrox Workshop
- Oxygen Administration
- RNLI Diver Sea Survival
- Underwater Surveyor
- Wreck Appreciation

For Sports Diver (or equivalent) and above...

- Accelerated Decompression Procedures
- Advanced Lifesaver Award
- Advanced Twin Set Diver
- Advanced Wreck Diver
- Dive Planning and Management
- Ice Diving
- Practical Rescue Management
- Primary Donor Workshop
- Search and Recovery
- Sports Diver Nitrox Workshop
- Twin Set Diver
- Underwater Photography
- CCR courses (45m/60m/100m)
- Open Circuit mixed gas courses (50m/60m/80m)





Become a BSAC instructor

From the equivalent of our Sports Diver grade, you can start training to become an instructor, enabling you to get involved in delivering your club's own Diver Training Programme.

BSAC's Instructor Training Scheme (ITS) runs over 100 events each year, providing training and assessment at all levels for both amateur and professional instructors.

Sports Diver (or equivalent) or above...

Your first step towards teaching is the Instructor Foundation Course bsac.com/ifc which qualifies you as an Assistant Diving Instructor, able to teach under supervision of a fully qualified instructor. From here, once a Dive Leader (or its equivalent) you can progress to Open Water Instructor and beyond to Advanced and National Instructor.

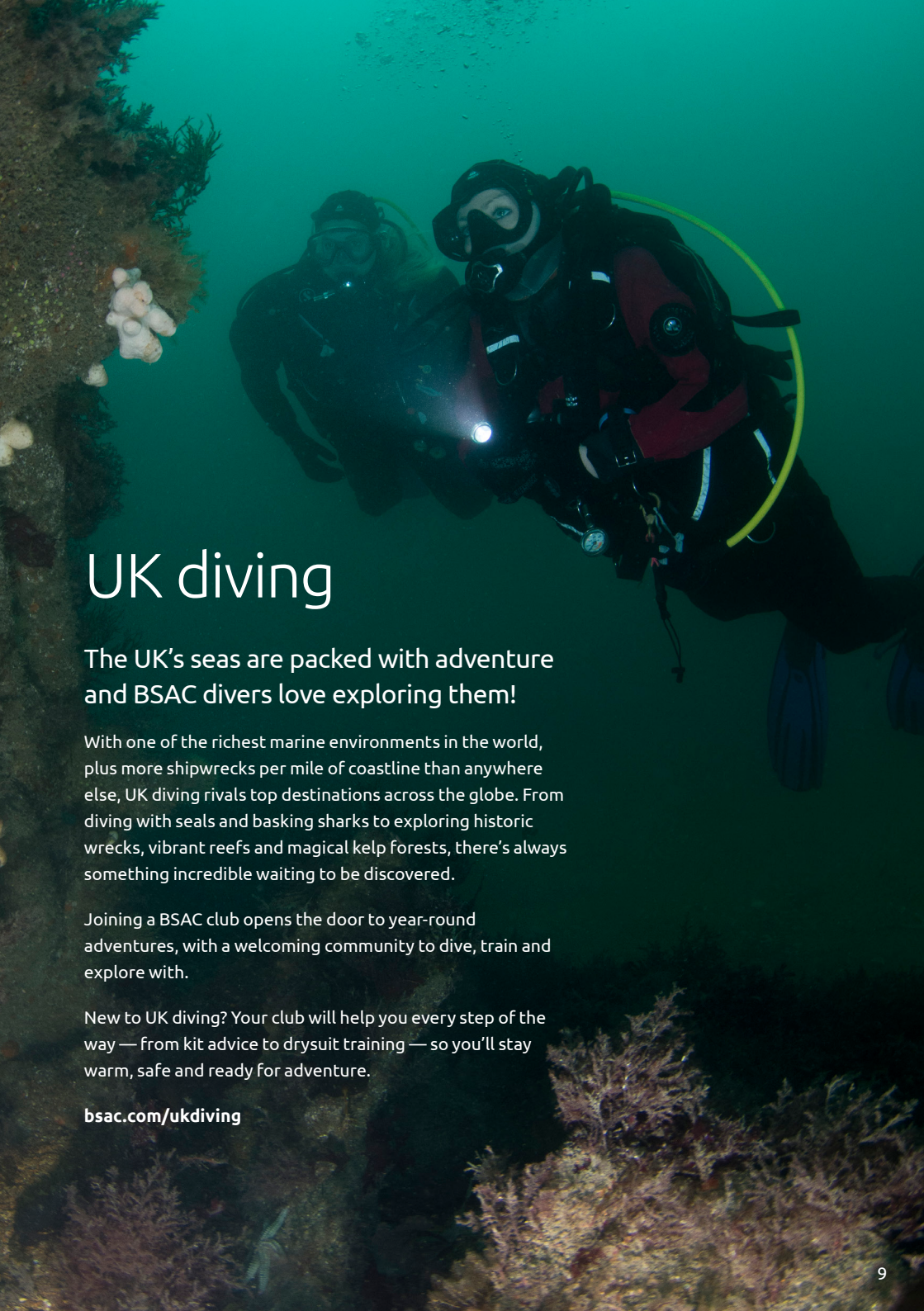
Please note that to maintain proper quality control, BSAC does not support independent instructors. All instructors must operate either through a BSAC club, Regional Team or as a professional in a BSAC-recognised training centre.

For more information on instructor training with BSAC, you can speak to your local club or visit bsac.com/instruct

The BSAC diving and training team are always here to support you, email drt@bsac.com or call us on **0151 350 6203**.

Already an instructor?

Instructors who have trained with other agencies are a fantastic addition to BSAC clubs. The induction process is straightforward and recognises instructor qualifications and accreditations, allowing already trained instructors to deliver BSAC instruction. More at bsac.com/instructorcrossover

A full-page background image showing two divers underwater. The diver in the foreground is wearing a black and red wetsuit, a mask, and a yellow BCD. They are holding a flashlight that illuminates the scene. The second diver is slightly behind and to the left. They are swimming over a rocky reef with some coral and sea anemones. The water is a deep teal color.

UK diving

The UK's seas are packed with adventure and BSAC divers love exploring them!

With one of the richest marine environments in the world, plus more shipwrecks per mile of coastline than anywhere else, UK diving rivals top destinations across the globe. From diving with seals and basking sharks to exploring historic wrecks, vibrant reefs and magical kelp forests, there's always something incredible waiting to be discovered.

Joining a BSAC club opens the door to year-round adventures, with a welcoming community to dive, train and explore with.

New to UK diving? Your club will help you every step of the way — from kit advice to drysuit training — so you'll stay warm, safe and ready for adventure.

bsac.com/ukdiving



Belong to a community

As the National Governing Body and a not-for-profit organisation, BSAC exists to support its community of divers and snorkellers.

We are one team working towards our vision to be the 'go to' community for anyone wanting to learn about, enjoy and protect the underwater world. We work to ensure diving is accessible and attractive to all. In conservation we lead by example, promoting environmental best practice for future generations. Through underwater clean-ups, surveying, campaigning for cleaner UK waters, following sustainable diving practices, and many other initiatives, our community makes a difference.

Members always come first. They are supported and protected with:

- ✓ Diving insurance cover (up to £10m) with support team*
- ✓ Access to world-class diver training
- ✓ Unlimited diving, safety and training support
- ✓ SCUBA magazine and exclusive offers on dive kit and travel

See the full range of benefits at **bsac.com/benefits**

* Some overseas countries are not included within the policy, please contact BSAC for confirmation if you live overseas

Get yourself onboard

Ready to start your BSAC journey? Go to bsac.com/enquire and we'll help connect you with the right club for you.

And if there's anything else we can help with, our small team in Cheshire is always happy to talk. You can reach us on:

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UK National Governing Body for scuba diving and snorkelling

“ With BSAC you can safely enjoy the most thrilling, challenging and rewarding diving you are ever likely to do. ”

HRH The Prince of Wales, President of BSAC





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