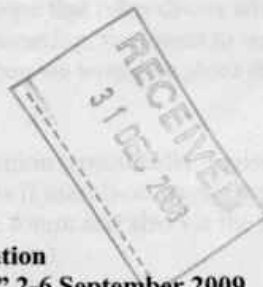


16 December 2008

Ardnamurchan Diving Expedition Grant Application

"The extremities of Scotland II—Ardnamurchan" 2-6 September 2009



Dear BSAC Expeditions Officer/NDC Diving Group members,

Please find following an application to the BEGS scheme to assist with our plan to explore around Ardnamurchan, which is the most westerly point of the British mainland.

Aim of Expedition

To explore and document unknown/undocumented dive sites around Ardnamurchan. Looking through dive books and the internet, there is only a small amount of detail on diving in this area, and it is rarely supported with photographs or consistent documentation. There is, of course, potential for wrecks in this area and more detailed research will be undertaken to identify potential sites. Another goal of the expedition is as a knowledge transfer and confidence-builder for members of the dive group to learn and develop their expedition skills in this area. Finally, this is the second in a series of expeditions to explore the extremities of Scotland (previous being Cape Wrath 2008).

'Style' of expedition

We will be self-contained, and self-sufficient, operating our own boats and running hired compressors. This will be a true 'exploratory' expedition. The diving will be within Dive Leader qualifications and non-technical sport diving. We will have no support from other groups/facilities.

Divers

A detailed list can be found further on in this document. The expedition will be lead and run under the Edinburgh University Sub Aqua Club 'flag', and consequently the majority of the divers will be from EUSAC. As with most University Clubs, EUSAC has to work hard to keep members and to expand knowledge as well as it's constant training, so this expedition is aimed at developing the Dive Leaders and recently qualified Advanced Divers within the club.

Logistics

We will have one hire van plus a personal van to carry the kit of 12 divers as well as towing the club boats, and one car with towbar. We will be hiring portable petrol compressors to provide air fills.

Reporting

Given the exploratory nature of this expedition, we hope that other divers will be interested to hear about our findings. Assuming our findings are remotely interesting, we intend to write an article for Diver/Dive. If our findings are *really* interesting (we hope so!), then we would be more than happy to present at the DOC.

Regardless, we intend to publish details of our expedition (specifically, logistics and challenges of the expedition, dive sites with descriptions and site charts if useful) on www.uwscotland.com as well as www.eusac.co.uk, and to get publicity at a local dive forum and also via the Edinburgh University Sports Union communication channels (e.g. student newspapers).

In support of all the above communication, we will be taking plenty of photographs and have four keen photographers in the group who are happy to do this.

I hope there is sufficient information here to be considered for a BEGS grant. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bullen
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	per day	Total pp	Total	Notes
Accommodation			£ 588.00	
Compressor hire			£ 150.00	£75/lea from EDC
Transit hire 1	£ 50.00		£ 250.00	shorts lwb+towball
Boat fees (club)	£ 4.00	£20.00	£ 240.00	may be able to discount?
Boat 1 fuel	£ 15.00		£ 180.00	
Boat 2 fuel	£ 15.00		£ 180.00	
Food	£ 5.00	£25.00	£ 300.00	
Car 1 fuel			£ 60.00	
Van 1 fuel			£ 70.00	
Van 2 fuel			£ 100.00	
Launching			£ 20.00	
		Total	£2,138.00	
Days	5	Divers	Total pp	
		12	£ 178.17	

Mem #	Grade	Branch	Instructor?	Training?	Expedition role	BSAC/branch Role	Kit	Branch	SDCs (not exhaustive)
Paul Bullen	A705226	AD	y	1st	Leader		CC RB	EUSAC	O2, 1st Aid, PRM, DPM, DCA, ABH, AND inst
Amal Al Sayegh	A705224	AD	y	1st	Medic	Area coach		EUSAC	O2, 1st Aid, PRM, DPM, DC, AND inst
Max Ruffert	A696692	1st	y	No	Mapping	Expeditions officer	SCR RB	eDivers/BSAC 21/EUSAC	O2, 1st Aid, PRM, DPM, DC, AND inst
Graeme Kirk	A725785	AD	y	1st	Boat manager		Twinset	eDivers/EUSAC	O2, 1st Aid?, PRM, DPM, DC
Sian Griffiths	A716475	DL	y	AD				EUSAC	O2, 1st Aid, PRM, DPM
Steve Czuprynski	TBC	AD	y	1st		EUSAC diving officer	Twinset	EUSAC	O2, PRM, DPM, DC
Dave Gibson	TBC	AD	y	1st			Twinset	eDivers/EUSAC	O2, PRM, DPM, DC
Sarah Boys	A764235	DL	y	AD				EUSAC	O2
Alexander Zacheshigirva	A782560	DL	y	AD	Kit officer	Equipment Officer		EUSAC	O2
Sarah Butler	TBC	SD	y	DL	Chairperson, EUSAC				O2
Pete Wasson	TBC	DL	y	AD	Training Officer, EUSAC				O2
Andrew Goddard	TBC	DL	y	AD					O2, 1st Aid?, PRM, DPM, DC