

## Murdo Mackenzie



**Please give details of all diving industry related interests, whether remunerated or not, and any other potential conflicts of interest**

I am a dive leader and an assistant instructor. I started with PADI and did a cross over to BSAC. I live in Scotland and love drysuit diving, interested in all underwater life, enjoy wreck diving and shore diving, but prefer boat diving.

**What do you think are the key challenges facing BSAC, and what should we be doing to address them?**

I think the big challenges facing BSAC is getting youth involvement, especially in the current economic crisis. I believe Scotland needs more training courses in the North. Most in the north need to travel south to get courses. I believe BSAC needs to get more inter club activities as well training, more support for remote clubs and for DOs to progress small clubs.

**Please describe how you would contribute to any / all of these areas**

I am a member of the RNLI, been at sea most of my life both above and below the waves. Have ran many charitable events. Also a good communicator and listener. I have an experience of a wide diversity of people and organisations.

**Personal statement**

I am a conscientious and self-motivated person with a clear awareness of the importance of Diving safely in hazardous environments, I have developed over nearly 30 years in a number of roles in the offshore industry. I am an excellent communicator and utilise this skill to establish effective relationships with colleagues and motivate them to buy into safety programs willingly, able to demonstrate confidence in formal interactions with management and external

agencies. I can use analytical and logical problem solving skills to resolve issues and identify practical solutions. I am able to find common ground between groups experiencing conflict and to empower individuals to resolve issues. Being Part of the RNLI and a Bsac assistant dive Instructor I have good communicative skills. I am a director of my own ltd Company in which I am a sole trader for offshore. Good knowledge of underwater equipment from my own diving and my offshore experience.