



Working out the cost of expedition dives using club RIBs

Club expeditions using club RIBs are required to be self-funding, and to also cover maintenance costs. They are not run using the dive banding system.

To work out the cost of each dive, you need to add boat and Shogun fuel and launching costs, plus £3.50 per person dive to cover maintenance costs and to divide these by the number of paid dives (towers using their own vehicles to tow get free diving, so their share of the costs needs to be covered by the other divers).

For example, if 10 people go on a trip with 2 boats, one towed with the Shogun and one with a private car, there will be 9 paying divers (any passengers pay as normal). If each diver dives twice over two days, there will have been 40 dives in total and 36 "paid" dives. The cost of each paid dive will be (cost of fuel, launching and trailer parking) /36 plus (40 x £3.50 (maintenance charge))/36.

If you have different people coming down on different days, it is easier to work out the dive costs each day, rather than wait until the end of the trip, especially if some of the divers are not Wednesday night regulars, otherwise the dive manager ends up chasing round after the trip to get the money (this is not a problem that you can simply put on the Treasurer!)

It is normal practice to fill the boats and Shogun up before leaving, using the club fuel card, and then to return them full at the expedition's expense (if you cannot fill them up before you return for any reason, fill them the following Wednesday night and make sure you've covered the cost, don't just stick it on the fuel card).