

TSAC Guest/Visiting Diver Policy and Guidance Notes

As a branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club, TSAC welcomes members from other clubs (or BSAC Direct) to join in training and diving activities, subject to the following:

- Priority will be given to TSAC members where boat spaces are limited (but see note 1 below);
- Guest divers are limited to a maximum of two dives, after which they will be expected to join TSAC (see note 2 below);
- Visiting divers who are genuine “one-off” visitors from outside South Devon are limited to 4 dives during their visit (see note 3 below);
- Invited guests from the local diving community (see note 4 below).

Guidance Notes:

1. A BSAC member visiting from outside South Devon who has arranged in advance to dive with TSAC will be allocated a space on the dive as if they were a member of TSAC (it would be unreasonable for them to travel down on the basis they will be diving only for us to then “bounce” them off the dive because a TSAC member has asked to dive at the “last minute”).
2. “Guest divers” are potential members considering joining TSAC and wanting to have a “test dive” with the club to see if they like how TSAC dives/UK diving.
3. Visiting divers are limited to a maximum of 4 dives during their visit and if they make a repeat visit would be expected to join TSAC.
4. Such invitations will be at the sole discretion of the Diving Officer and are limited to a maximum of 2 dives.
5. Any qualified diver, whether they be a lapsed BSAC member or a diver trained by another organisation, looking to join TSAC can 'guest dive' with the club and will be covered by BSAC's third party liability insurance. It is a requirement that all members of TSAC are also members of BSAC and non-BSAC divers will also need to join BSAC when joining TSAC.
6. Before allowing a visitor/potential member to take part in diving activities, the Diving Officer must see evidence of the diver's qualification and can ask to see their logbook to assess competence and experience. Attention should also be paid to evidence of current fitness to dive (medical self-declaration) and BSAC membership.
7. As long as it is valid, a diver with a qualification from another agency can simply dive within the limits of their current diver grade (and within BSAC's Safe Diving guidance).
8. If the Diving Officer then finds that the diving abilities and standards of the visiting/guest diver are below standard diving activities may be restricted.