



Furness Diving Club

FDC welcomes new members and have provided here some information and important links to help you to make the most of your membership.

Social Media & the internet

Our Web Master is in charge of our social media and internet profile with support from other members. If you have any pictures or diving links that you would like to share either do so directly onto our Facebook page or send to the Web Master for him to add to our pages.

Please follow and rate us on Facebook, we have one page for the public ([20+ Furness Diving Club - BSAC 61 | Facebook](#)) and one for members only ([20+ Furness Diving Club | Facebook](#)).

Our website is [Furness Diving Club | Come dive with friends \(bsac61.com\)](#).

The BSAC website also contains a huge amount of useful information for all divers and BSAC member and is worth looking through [Home - British Sub-Aqua Club \(bsac.com\)](#).

If you are interested in planning your own dives there are some useful sites including [Finstrokes](#), and [The worlds largest internet resource for divers - UK Diving](#).

There are some fantastic critter identification sites including: -

habitas.org.uk/marinelifelife
marlin.ac.uk
marinespecies
seawater
welshmarinefish
sharktrust.org
naturalhistory.museumwales

seawater
tonmo.com

Committee Meetings

Our Committee meetings before Covid 19 were held on the first Monday of every month at Barrow Labour Club. [Barrow Labour Club & Institute ▷ Barrow-In-Furness, 97 Cavendish St \(cylex-uk.co.uk\)](#)

Since Covid 19 we have been hosting our Committee Meetings at 7pm on the first Monday of every month via Skype. All members are welcome to join our Committee meetings where our Committee members provide monthly updates and we discuss any matters relevant to the running of the Club, from fundraising ideas, dive trip suggestions, and boat maintenance, to promotion of the Club and recruitment of new members.

All minutes are shared with members via email after each meeting and all are welcome to suggest items for discussion – get in touch with our secretary if there is anything you would like to raise.

Here is the rolling invite to the Committee meetings: - <https://join.skype.com/n5iKu2grdhLe>

We hold our Annual Committee Meeting in January every year where the Committee step down and a new Committee is elected. We are always keen for new members to join the Committee and if you are interested in any of the positions please speak with one of our Committee.

The Committee

All our members are happy to welcome new members and provide advice and support as necessary.

Our Committee members are listed below and all would be happy to answer any queries you may have about diving or the running of our Club.

Committee Member	Position(s)	Email	Telephone
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Mike Fallows (Faz) 	Treasurer, Membership Officer & Joint Fundraiser	mike.fallows2@baesystems.com	07801276007
Oliver Coulson 	Diving Officer & Chief Instructor	olicoulson@gmail.com	07397585111
Neal Postlethwaite 	WebMaster, Compressor Operator & Joint Fundraiser	wizzlord@hotmail.co.uk	07704923752
Graham Coulson 	Training officer	gcoulson@sky.com	07677756402
Dave Buxton 	Welfare Officer	d.buxton79@hotmail.com	07736377112

Diving

We dive most weeks on a Sunday morning. Prior to Covid 19 we would meet at Lightburn Road in Ulverston at 10am on Sunday mornings and travel to the site in convoy from there. If we were diving Wastwater or Cummock Water we would meet at Grizebeck Services on the A595 at 9.15am. Due to Covid we have been meeting on site, and due to the increasing number of visitors to the Lakes we have been meeting earlier to ensure parking is available. Keep an eye out for diving plans from the DO and if you're unsure ask a Committee Member or in our WhatsApp group or Facebook page.

Lots of members dive at other times, we often have mid-week evening dives during the summer months, and some members work shifts and so will suggest dives on different days. If you are looking for a buddy or planning a dive put a message in the WhatsApp chat and/or on Facebook and make sure you let the DO know of your plans. We believe it's important to be inclusive to all members and open up diving for all where possible.

Our most frequent and regular dive is Underwater Cliff or Bayliff Wood at Coniston, but we also dive many other sites on Coniston as well as other lakes such as Windermere, Wastwater, Crummock Water and rivers including Devil's Bridge at Kirkby Lonsdale. We have two boats and try to get out into the sea whenever possible but this is often frustrated by the weather conditions.



Cylinders

Cylinders are filled for free as part of your membership fee. Our compressors are located in the Red Brick Building at Cavendish Docks. For security reasons we cannot allow all members to have keys to the facilities. When you want to drop off your cylinders either ask if any key holders are available in the FDC WhatsApp Group, or pick up the spare keys from Roy's and let yourself in, making sure to return the keys to Roy's garage when you leave.

We have limited numbers of compressor operators but cylinders are usually filled a few times a week. If you need a fill within a specific timescale please ask when fills are being done on the WhatsApp group.

If you would like to be a Compressor operator speak with the Compressor Operator or ask one of the Committee.

Pool use

We have a standing booking at [Life Leisure Barrow Park - Pool, Sports, Fitness for Everyone](#). We have sole use of the pool from 7.30 – 8.15pm every Tuesday evening. This is for training, try dives, and for swimming for members and their families. This is covered within your membership fees.

Red Brick Building

We now have tenancy of a large building at Cavendish Docks in Barrow which we are working on with the aim of having inside storage for our two boats and our training equipment, toilet facilities and a mezzanine for training. If you have any practical skills or fundraising ideas that will help to complete our renovation plans please speak to one of the Committee.

Expeditions

We have lots of trips away each year, with Scapa, Mull and the Farnes being regular haunts, and additional trips regularly planned to the various Scottish Lochs, St Abbs, Wales and the South Coast.



We also have group expeditions abroad when travel restrictions allow including Egypt, Thailand and other well-known diving sites. Keep an eye out for emails and Committee Meeting minutes for trip plans and speak with our Expeditions officer if you want to plan a trip yourself.



Training

All of our Instructors (and all Committee members) are helping the Club in their spare time for no fee. We will support you with any training needs, but this will need to fit around the Instructor's availability. All of our members are able to complete qualifications to their desired level.

If you have a specific deadline you would like a qualification to be completed by you may be able to come to an arrangement with one of the Instructors. For example you may wish to cover Instructor expenses such as travel and entry fee to Capernwray to expedite training. .

If you are struggling to match your availability with one instructor it may be worth speaking to one of the others, and our Chief Instructor is able to give advice and recommendations in relation to this.

Social Life

We have two main events most years, our Christmas party and our Summer Social. Outside of these we also have day trips with families and picnics, and diving of course, and are always open to new suggestions for social activities.

