

PROGRAMME

Main Hall running order

Your host for the day is underwater explorer, BBC presenter and member, Andy Torbet



CONFERENCE STARTS 09.15

09:15 Host Andy Torbet opens conference

09:25 BSAC Diving and training update

National Diving Officer, Sophie Rennie and Head of Diving and Training, Sophie Heptonstall

09:55 Opening up our sport - The future of BSAC snorkelling

Sophie Heptonstall and Andy Torbet

10:15 Thriving clubs share secrets of success

Jim Burke/Rebecca Martin/Sarah Kingston

10:55 COFFEE BREAK

11:25 Saving seagrass: The role of divers

Dr Celia Marlowe, Project Seagrass

11:40 Secrets of the Baltic Sea

Tiffany Norberg

12:10 National Instructor Awards

Sophie Rennie and Sophie Heptonstall

12:20 Wilkinson Sword

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12:25 Mistakes divers make

Dan Orr

13:15 LUNCH

14:30 Scubapro (Luna 2.0 computer) Prize Draw

Andy Torbet and BSAC CEO Mary Tetley

14:35 Incident Report 2023 and lessons to be learned

Prof Clare Peddie

15:15 Safety awards and stories

Prof Clare Peddie and Jon Parlour

15:30 Revisiting the Mona's Queen

Dr Michelle Haywood MHK

16:05 Diving open forum Q&A

Panel of conference speakers

16:25 Living with oceans on a hotter world

Gaia Vince

17:15 Closing and thanks

Andy Torbet and BSAC Chair Edward Haynes

17:20 ADJOURN to post-event drinks courtesy of DYNAMIC NORD



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Breakout sessions

Breakout session places need to be reserved online when you buy your conference ticket.



Vox suite 1

Newly-qualified Open Water Instructor (OWI) workshop 08:20-09:00

Sam Clarke

Aimed at recently qualified OWIs, this session will help you to become a successful active instructor. It will cover tips and advice on getting started, what to expect in your early teaching days and how to progress your training.

How to raise £30k for your club 11:00-11:35

Adam Chase

Discover how one dive club successfully raised over £30k using crowdfunding techniques. Gain valuable tips and insights from their experience to help your club achieve similar fundraising success.

Club oxygen safety considerations – Lessons learned 13:45-14:25

Mick Battye, Rob Jackson and John Todman

Following an Oxygen fire that resulted in serious injury, the club has taken steps to reflect and create positive impact on safety for all club activities. Their learnings will be shared, to help improve Oxygen safety for all club and centre activities.

Women in diving: Breaking barriers and building community 14:35-15:35

Rachel Quinn

A session to discuss the unique challenges and triumphs of women in diving and share ideas and strategies for fostering a supportive community. A community where women and girls feel compelled to remain.

Boardroom 1

Safeguarding and your club 11:00-11:35

Linda Ritson

Safeguarding isn't just for those under 18 - everyone can be vulnerable and deserves protection. This workshop, aimed at Welfare Officers, outlines key risks and how to mitigate them to ensure duty of care.

University clubs workshop 13:45-14:25

Yasmine Thorne and Joe Westnedge

This session is for members of university clubs. Clubs will be updated on support available. Plus, the session will provide a platform for challenges and ideas to be shared, both with fellow uni clubs and with BSAC.

Thriving clubs – Q&A session 14:35-15:35

Jim Burke, Rebecca Martin and Sarah Kingston

Following the "Thriving clubs share secrets of success" talk on the main stage, join the speakers for a Q&A breakout where you can ask direct questions. Gain insights and practical advice on how to apply their successful strategies to your own club.

Vox suite 2

Diving Officer workshop 08:20-09:00

Sophie Rennie

The role and responsibilities of the all-important Diving Officer position within clubs will be outlined in this session. The session will offer practical tips and advice to support you in your role. Training Officers and others welcome too!

Instructing for all 11:00-11:35

Sophie Heptonstall and Alex Warzynski

Hints and tips on engaging and adaptable teaching techniques to boost your skills and deliver more enjoyable lessons. Aimed to improve adaptability and inclusivity, this session will look at how instructors can adapt teaching styles to a wide range of members' needs.

Safety issues for the older diver 13:35-14:25

Dan Orr

This session, incorporating a Q&A session, will cover how aging affects diver safety and offer strategies for risk mitigation. Understanding and accommodating these changes can enable safe diving well into one's later years.

Empowering clubs with the new AMS: Benefits and Q&A 15:10-16:10

Jack Waddingham, Chris Horan and Sandra Crowley

Workshop on BSAC's new AMS (Association Management System), designed to showcase how it can enhance club operations and improve member engagement. Discover the key benefits of the AMS, being supplied by Sport80, followed by Q&A.

Boardroom 2

BSAC centres - new developments and have your say! 11:00-11:35

Adrian Collier and Julia Branagan

Adrian and Julia will outline plans for delivering greater value in the BSAC centre offering. The floor will be opened up so dive business owners and representatives can feed back, share challenges and discuss opportunities.

How to grow your club's active instructor base 13:45-14:25

Adrian Collier and Linda Ritson

Does your club have enough active instructors to service demand? This session will deliver practical advice and tips on how to work towards tackling a shortage of in-club instructors. Share experiences and learn from others.