

## **KIT MAINTENANCE.**

Unless you're a Lyndajim and dive throughout the year, now's the time to carry out that all important dive kit maintenance.

Drag it all out of the cupboard, where you chucked it in, thinking that there would be one more dive, before you neatly bundled it away !!

### **Cylinders.**

Strip the boot and inspect cylinder for digs and rust spots.

Is it in test and when expires, (middle of next dive season ?)

Yearly test if nitrox, 30 months if not.

You can re-paint body of cylinder with a Hammerite type paint, but not the collar, which must be black n' white segments.

Leave with approx 15 bar pressure inside cylinder.

### **Regulator.**

Inspect hoses, mouth pieces. Send away for test if reg's have had problems last season.

Re-configure any bit of hose which annoyed you, when diving.

Wash, dry and store with hoses coiled.

### **Buoyancy Compensator.**

Blow up and inspect for leaks, tears, or any other damage.

Sterilise the inside (Milton).

Strip down and clean all valves.

Inspect and adjust webbing straps. (Was it too baggy or tight last dive).

Remove and lubricate all those clips you fitted years ago !

When dry, store.

### **Fins, Mask, Snorkel.**

Inspect straps.

Clear algie from inside mask.

Is snorkel still water tight. Condition of mouth piece

NB. These should be used every pool night during the winter, to keep you lot fit !!

### **DSMB and reel.**

Unwind reel to check if string is actually attached to reel. Check string for damage when re winding on reel. Is the clip in good working order. Lubricate.

**Is DSMB knackered. They don't last forever !**

**Torch.**

**Remove batteries or charge rechargeable types.  
Clean. Remove "o" rings, lubricate and reassemble  
Buy spare lamp.  
Check bungee, straps, clips for damage.**

**Dry Suit.**

**Now's the time to send it away, if it leaked last year. (Hammond nearest manufacturer).  
Inspect for damage.  
Wash, dry and lubricate zip.  
Talc the wrist and neck seals.  
Store as advised by manufacturer, usually loosely rolled up, out of sunlight.**

**Wet suit gloves and hood.**

**Check for damage (fingers missing).  
Lightly talc and store with dry suit.**

**Knife and Cutters.**

**Clean, remove rust.  
Sharpen blades.  
Grease up.  
Check straps for damage.**

**Weight Belt.**

**Remove excess weight. !**

**This lot should take a while, but have it ready for Sunday 6th March.**

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