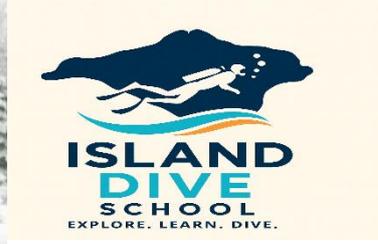


Hi everyone, and welcome to the **Christmas edition** of



The Splash

Unsurprisingly, there has been very little diving since our last meeting. A combination of unavailability, pool closures, and the water temperature at Andark Lake dropping into single figures has kept us all above the surface for now.



That said, we haven't been idle. Behind the scenes we've been working on a number of odds and ends, including partnering with a company to develop our own range of branded merchandise. We've also been liaising with the organisation currently developing our new online systems, ensuring everything will be ready to support the club as we move into the new year.



We have continued to meet up with our colleagues at **Esprit Diving**, so if any of you fancy a trip underwater *without* air tanks—and down to some frankly ridiculous depths—please let me know. I can put you in touch with our colleague **Claire**, who runs Esprit Diving here on the Isle of Wight. She already has a couple of trips abroad planned for next year, and if there's enough interest, we may even join her somewhere in the Mediterranean.

<https://www.esprifreedivers.com/>

Another interesting conversation took place with STW's founder Victoria Thorneton-Field from the **Seapool Project**, which is gathering real momentum. Once completed—target date **2029???**—the Seapool will provide a fantastic new training venue in Yaverland for scuba divers on the Island. Please do take a moment to visit their website and offer any support you can.

<https://isleofwightseapool.org.uk/>

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And so to our own training schedule for the next few months. We already have Introductory Scuba Sessions planned for both January and February, and we're delighted to have a couple of people beginning their Open Water Diver training programmes, as well as a couple more who will be completing theirs. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting start to the year.

Our next pool sessions will be held at the UKSA pool on:

25 January, 11:00-13:00

22 February, 11:00-13:00

Then, depending on the weather, we hope to return to Andark Lake towards the end of March or April, followed by a planned May dive trip to Vobster Quay. This will be a great opportunity to spend a weekend training with anyone looking to complete their Advanced Open Water course or looking to do a couple of days fun diving in one of the best inland venues in the country.

As always, if you're interested in joining any of these sessions or events, please drop me an email and I'll get you booked in.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all back in the water in 2026!

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