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Diving Officer report 2008-2009

This year has been a very busy personal period with the arrival of a second child in the family. This has limited my personal availability for the activities of the club, and I would like to thank all the committee members who took over some of my tasks.

Despite this, during the summer period and up to December 2008, we managed to organise a significant number of outdoor diving sessions which have allowed most of the diving students to progress well their levels in particular for those finishing Sports diver and Dive leader schemes.

As a specific highlight, I would like to mention the organisation of a very successful rescue scenario organised together with the “Randstadt Harings”, our partnering BSAC club from The Hague. This event took place on the 31st of August 2008 and mobilised more than 20 people belonging to the two clubs. This allowed a total of 7 dive leader students to pass the challenging lesson of diver rescue management.

Despite the Dutch weather at the and summer beginning of autumn, we have been very successful to organise dives until very late in the season, and this has allowed to compensate the lack of outdoor activities across summer. Indeed this year, it was particularly difficult to align dive activities and holidays of participants in the July/August period.

By November 2008, a total of

- 5 divers had validated their Ocean diver level
- 6 divers had validated their Sports diver level
- 3 divers had validated their Dive leader level.

In summary, 2008 has been a quite busy but quite successful period for training and qualification of divers.

Across September and October the active involvement of the diving/training officers together with the instructors lead to select 6 new dive student candidates + 2 CMAS 3 stars confirmed divers for the 2008-2009 season. However this has rapidly evolved into 4 new divers and then only 2 new divers left for outdoor training during spring 2009 (see Michel's report).

Despite it could be seen as instructor's waist of time and efforts, one should still see the positive side of it, which is the good opportunity for the club to offer more availability of instructor's time to help those divers who want to finish their levels in 2009 (Sports diver or Dive leader). We all know that we are limited by the number of instructors for open water, and the limited number of new students will in fact help us during the spring/summer period.

So all !, try to qualify the levels you are still missing, this is your best opportunity!

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Noordwijk, May the 10th 2009.