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Training Officer report 2008-2009

After the try-dives of September last year, a total of 6 new students were taken up. This number was limited on purpose, due to the expected low availability of instructors (Peter and John often available, Mario en Manuela little available, Göran very little available due to heavy work load). Of the students, 4 were starting from scratch and 2 were PADI divers interested in a conversion to become BSAC Ocean Diver.

Of the four novices, soon after the start of the training two determined they did not have time for all the lessons, and are now planning to join training end of this year. The other two after some months determined they intended to only work on their Ocean Diver (OD) level for this year. These two followed all the OD theory lessons and successfully completed the OD pool lessons, but did not yet pass the OD exam. However, for personal reasons it appears that neither of them will complete their OD training anytime soon and it is doubtful they will remain members of the club.

The 2 PADI divers followed some Ocean Diver theory and pool lessons to get acquainted with BSAC and to refresh their skills. They will soon complete their Sports Diver (SD) pool lessons. They may then join our club's open water lessons, but were initially planning to do SD lessons elsewhere (in warmer water).

In addition 2 advanced CMAS 3-star who recently joined the club followed a few of the SD lessons to get acquainted with BSAC (specifically the dive tables).

The theory and pool lessons did give a number of our club's Assistant Diving Instructors experience in teaching, but it is a pity that for all their efforts and that of the instructors the "output" of the theory and pool lessons in the end has been rather low, with only 2 new students for the Sports Diver open water lessons.

Dive Leader (DL) theory lessons have started for three of our members. One other student attended these lessons last year, but still needs to complete his DL theory exam.

Open water training will start soon. There are 9 members willing to complete their DL lessons, 1 for SD lessons and maybe also the new SD students will want to do open water lessons with us. Despite the low number of new students, there are thus plenty of open water lessons to be done this year.