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Dear Club Secretary / Club Contact,

Region Weekend + Courses update

Regional Weekend.

As you will recall from previous communications I am arranging a Y+H Region Weekend to be held at Capernwray on Saturday and Sunday 31 May + 1 June 2008. The idea, like the 2007 occasion, being that we can meet up socially, get wet (inside and out), try kit and generally have a good time. There will be opportunity for Clubs with few, or no, Open Water Instructors to use the talents of Instructors from across the Region for open water training. There will also be at least 1 manikin there for lifts. Loads of accommodation locally for those that want it. Longlands Hotel (www.longlandshotel.co.uk) or local TIC (www.citycoastcountryside.co.uk).

Capernwray Diving and Leisure Ltd., the owners of Capernwray, kindly donated some Nitrox fills last time – I'll be seeing if we can repeat that. If I am successful I will raffle those off at 1200 Saturday 31 May – so everyone who attends should see me before then to ensure their name goes in the draw.

I will be in the café at Capernwray from as soon after it opens at 0900 until 1000 to meet and greet SAA members (and put names in the draw for the Nitrox) – please come and see me as soon as you have signed in with the staff there as normal.

Anyone who has not been diving at Capernwray before will have to register (£2.50 for trainee divers and £10 for qualified divers) so please remember qualification books. Registered divers – please bring your Capernwray card.

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Any member / Club who wish simply to attend and dive as a self-contained unit – just turn up (but an e-mail letting me know you are supporting the venture would be appreciated).

Any member / Club who wants to attend and take advantage of Instructors / manikin etc. please fill in a National Course Application Form (NCAF) entitled “Y+H Regional Weekend” with details of what you want.

I will need at least 6 week’s notice to ensure that there are sufficient Instructors and equipment to fulfil need, so all NCAFs need to be with me by 14 April 2008. I do need that notice. *If I do not get NCAFs by 14 April I am unlikely to be able to arrange the requisite Instructors.*

2008 Yorkshire and Humberside Region Courses.

The 2008 round of SAA Courses are planned our Region. I enclose a list of all courses scheduled to take place next year. It is important that if members are interested they submit NCAFs to me as soon as possible to register that interest.

If insufficient members have submitted a course form by 1 month prior to the date of the course, the course co-ordinator has no option but to seriously consider cancelling that course. Whilst there is sometimes the possibility of last minute places being available, the course still has to be viable one month before the date. The month is needed to confirm venues (the cancellation of which often incurs a cost) and Instructors (who have lives and need some notice to give up their time).

Any Open Water Instructor or above who would like to assist on Region Courses either with a view to becoming a skills instructor, or to get back into it, please let me know.

Region Website

Y+H Region now has its own website. It is still under construction but can be found at <http://www.saa-yorkshireandhumberside.org.uk/>. All course dates are on there as well as a picture gallery. Any one with any pictures etc. that they want putting on please e-mail them to me.

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Finally...

I periodically circulate items of interest to the Region's Clubs by e-mail. If any Club has additional e-mail addresses that they would like adding to my list, please e-mail me with details and I'll add them. Also we have a group of Regional Instructors spread across Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. If any Club needs support – let me know. Equally if any Club wants me to attend a meeting for a chat, send me an invitation and we'll sort a suitable date.

I hope that as many members as possible come to Capernwray on 31 May + 1 June, I look forward to seeing you there.

Steve Love
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