

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club
Trustees' Annual Report
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity Details

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club
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Committee Members

The Committee Members during the year were as follows:

1. Eddie Adie
2. Sarah Gregory
3. Stephen Logan
4. Jeremy Brown
5. Gareth Smyth
6. Ellis Bayne
7. Tom Lewis

Objectives and activities

The organisation's purposes are:

- To promote public participation in the sport of scuba diving by training scuba divers, providing opportunities to dive, and generally facilitating, developing and promoting training, knowledge, and understanding of scuba diving and all related activities in, on and out of the water; and
- To advance environmental protection by developing and promoting an awareness of the marine environment and our impact on it through scuba diving and all related activities in, on and out of the water.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The constitution, our governing document, was adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 7th September 2017. It outlines the rules for club operations, and you can find a copy on our website.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Throughout the year, no new Committee Members were recruited except during the AGM. Committee Members must be club members, although the Committee can co-opt additional individuals who are not club members if they possess specialist experience and/or skills that could benefit the Committee.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Committee's objective is to amass adequate reserves to cover at least a year's worth of overhead expenses.

Achievements and performance

Training:

We have a long-term pool booking at a school in West Lothian and whilst not ideal for an Edinburgh based club, it allows us to provide certainty to prospective clients that we will have the resources required to complete their courses.

During the reporting period from April 2024 to March 2025, we issued 96 certifications and 32 professional certifications. Marking a decrease from the 151 certifications issued in the previous year. This is primary as a direct result of instructor availability, a reduction in classroom courses and 2023/24 included a number of High School DSD sessions that has not taken place this year.

Recreational Certifications (96)

- 2 Advanced Open Water
- 38 Discover Scuba Diving Experiences.
- 24 Drysuit.
- 3 Emergency First Responders.
- 3 Enriched Air Diver
- 13 Open Water.
- 13 Reactivated Divers.

Professional Certifications (32)

- 2 Peak Perf Buoyancy Instructors
- 5 PADI Aware Instructors
- 2 OWSI
- 1 Night Diver Instructor
- 2 IDC Staff Instructors
- 3 Enriched Air Instructors
- 2 EFR Instructors
- 5 Drysuit Instructors
- 1 Dive Master
- 2 Dive against Debris Instructors
- 3 DSMB Instructors
- 1 Deep Instructor
- 3 Boat Instructors

Having our own PADI Course Director (Rob MacKean), has seen a fantastic increase in the capability of our instructors, with more gaining speciality teaching status and two new IDC Staff Instructors. This paves the way to offer increase course diversity and being able to support future IDC events.

Trips:

During the 2024 season, the club enjoyed a varied and successful programme of diving activities, beginning the year with a liveaboard trip to Egypt organised by Angus in collaboration with Diverse Travel. This provided an excellent start to the season, offering warm-water diving, vibrant marine life, and great camaraderie among members.

Closer to home, St Abbs remained a firm favourite, with regular day trips from April to September and consistently strong attendance. After the success of Anstruther in 2023, we upped to number of trips, offering four-day trips over two weeks which went down well. We also returned to the Clyde for two days of diving which was well attended and gives easy access to some very impressive wreck diving.

Several members, through their own initiative, started organising shore diving which was supported by the club. This was well received by members who took part and gives lots of encouragement to explore this in more detail during 2025.

For longer UK adventures, we returned to Lochaline for our usual three-day trip which did not disappoint. We also ventured onto a new liveaboard, the MV Honeydew, for a four-day trip around Mull. MV Honeydew was a firm favourite with members giving very positive feedback on the trip.

Towards the tail end of the season, the club headed to the Farne Isles for dives with the resident grey seals — always a memorable experience. While a few planned dates were cancelled due to weather, those who did make it out enjoyed fantastic encounters and playful interactions.

In total 54 (65%) members joined us diving this year, filling over 180 spaces on our organised trips — a strong reflection of the club's enthusiasm and engagement throughout the year.

The 2025 season has a similar schedule of day trips, including returning to the MV Honeydew for another 4 day adventure. Planning is well underway for 2026 with our Maldives trip already fully booked and rumours of a week on the MV Honeydew spreading.

Membership:

At the date of preparing this report we still have 6 months remaining in the 2025/26 membership year, yet our numbers are already higher than in the entirety of 2024/25.

Deep Blue Scuba continues to thrive as a vibrant, diverse and, I would argue, youthful club with an average age of 41. We are proof that scuba diving is a sport for all ages from our youngest diver at just 12 years to our most seasoned member at 81.

It is also encouraging to note that the number of female members remains steady in absolute terms. Whilst their overall percentage has dipped slightly, we recognise this as an opportunity for improvement and are committed to making the club even more inclusive in the years ahead.

All in all, the outlook for Deep Blue Scuba is bright. We are successfully retaining a strong core of returning members, whilst continuing to welcome fresh faces into our club.

	As at 11/09/2025	As at 31/03/2025
Male	65 (72%)	58 (70%)
Female	25 (28%)	25 (30%)
Total	90	83
Number previously a member	56	50
New members	34	33
Average Age	41	41
Maximum Age	81	80
Minimum Age	12	14

Financial review

As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) we prepare accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Comparative figures for the year to 31st March 2024 have been prepared on the same basis and are listed at the end of the report.

Income and receipts

For the fiscal year ending on 31st March 2024, income and receipts are consistent to the prior year, totalling £54.2k (inc. donations) (compared to £54.8k in 2024).

Payments and expenditure

In 2025, rising costs have affected our operations, especially pool rentals. We secured charity rates with West Lothian Council, but the requirement to book every weekend—even when not needed—has reduced the savings. Other expenses like air fills, boat charters, and PADI materials have also increased.

During the year ending 31st March 2025, payments for direct costs remained relatively static and in line with the services offered at £32.3k (compared to £32.2k in 2024).

Overheads, including premises, bills, kit servicing, insurance, van costs, etc., decreased to £20.6k due to lower motoring expenses, following purchase of the van. Changes in other overheads were not significant.

Operating and net position for the year

In summary, the club concluded the year leading up to 31st March 2025 with a small financial profit. The net profit amounted to £1.1k, compared to a deficit of 3.2k in 2024. A breakdown of Receipts and Payments, along with the Balance Sheet, can be found at the end of the report.

Future plans

As previously noted, the club continues to experience the impact of increased cost-of-living expenses during the most recent reporting period. In response, the committee is proposing a transition to a more transparent pricing policy for 2026, reflecting PADI fees as well as costs associated with pool and open water sessions. This adjustment will result in moderate increases for certain activities and reductions for others, thereby ensuring our pricing remains aligned with annual PADI rate changes.

Throughout 2025, we have maintained a steady level of monthly activities, including a schedule of training sessions and a comprehensive schedule of both domestic and international trips.

Having our own PADI Course Director (Rob MacKean) increased the capability of our instructors, and we look forward to being able to support Rob with further IDC(s) in 2026.

Our collaboration with the Edinburgh Diving Centre remains strong, and Jeremy has several offers, from a wealth of suppliers available to ensure our members continue diving.

Throughout the rest of 2025 and into 2026, the Committee will continue collaborating with our partners to provide the standard of training and diving experiences associated with a 5 Star PADI Instructor Development Centre.

A particular focus as we move into 2026 is to explore charity funding opportunities to allow the club to secure further financial stability. Efforts in 2025 were not successful, however extra guidance has been sought from other third sector organisations.

As always, we would like to thank the continued support of all our volunteers and members, without your contribution, the club would not exist.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity Trustees:



Print name

Gareth Smyth

Designation

President

Date

4th November 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	2025	2024
Receipts		
Courses	21,765	25,631
Fun dives & equipment rental	2,864	1,887
Membership fees	4,780	4,915
Merchandise	1,248	829
Other income	4,200	4,287
Trips - Overseas	1,399	950
Trips - St Abbs, Lochaline etc	16,881	16,387
Total Turnover	53,136	54,886
Payments		
Direct costs - accommodation & trips	4,207	2,229
Direct costs - air fills	4,720	4,863
Direct costs - boat charters	9,680	12,682
Direct costs – trips overseas	1,378	--
Direct Costs - Merchandise	1,081	810
Direct costs - PADI materials & PICs	5,471	6,270
Direct Costs - Pool rentals	5,841	5,342
Total Cost of Sales	32,378	32,197
Gross Profit	20,758	22,689
Administrative Costs		
Bank Charges	1,030	1,099
Insurance - premises & general	2,601	2,887
Maintenance	1,914	2,699
Marketing	458	1,005
Motor expenses	2,263	3,504
Office costs	509	521
Phone & broadband	--	215
Power	1,402	1,138
Rent	7,500	7,500
Repairs and Renewals	346	1,142
Van Insurance	1,906	1,266
Van leasing costs	737	2,969
Total Administrative Costs	20,667	25,944
Operating Profit	91	(3,255)
Other Income		
Donations	1,080	-
Total Other Income	1,080	0.00
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	1,171	(3,255)
Profit after Taxation	1,171	(3,255)

Balance Sheet

Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club

As at 31 March 2025

Accrual Basis

	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Equipment - cost	41,743	41,079
Equipment - depreciation to date	(39,504)	(38,065)
Fixtures - depreciation to date	(580)	(580)
Fixtures & Fittings - cost	640	640
Motor Vehicles	7,650	0
Motor Vehicles - depreciation to date	(1,594)	0
Total Tangible Assets	8,355	3,074
Total Fixed Assets	8,355	3,074
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
DBS HSBC Current	12,934	16,206
Paypal account	739	763
Total Cash at bank and in hand	13,672	16,969
Accounts Receivable	2,930	1,007
Inventory	685	789
Total Current Assets	17,287	18,765
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		
	17,287	18,765
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		
	25,642	21,838
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
HSBC loan - van purchase	3,655	0
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	3,655	0
Net Assets		
	21,987	21,838
Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	149	(4,049)
Retained Earnings	21,838	25,888
Total Reserves	21,987	21,838

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of
Registered charity number
On the accounts of the charity for the period

Charity name						
Deep Blue Scuba Dive Club						
SC 046575						
Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1st	April	2024	to	31st	March	2025
11 to 12						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: **29th December 2025**

Name:
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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