

Graeme Campbell Challenge Cup

This cup is for winning Diver of the year and is awarded to the person who does most for diving in the year by way of personal achievement and/or contribution to club activities.

As well as looking at personal achievement and contribution to club activities, which suited the nomination, we look at other factors of the winners Dive club life.

The winner this year has continued to support the club in its diving and training activities and been a great source of knowledge for others to turn to for learning.

Whilst they may not have done as many club dives in 2018 as they normally do, their visibility around the club has still been noticeable and arranging Skill Development Courses has meant that others have benefited from their knowledge and expertise in subjects such as Chartwork and Position Fixing, plus Buoyancy and Trim workshops.

The skills they can bring on dives and the continued ability and confidence they have in themselves as a diver became clear on one dive in July when at a depth of around 40 meters they needed to do a controlled buoyant lift on their buddy who looked to be in some difficulty buoyancy wise.

I first witnessed this person do a rescue like this in June 1992 when diving in Scapa Flow and they had to bring someone up from the bottom at 27m who was vastly over-weighted on the first dive of the trip.

Considering the 26 year difference in the two rescues, it just shows how keeping on top of your skills by diving regularly, practicing what you do, being involved, and in some ways being an active Instructor, that continually allows you to do that.

It's even more impressive to stay calm and control panic and emotion in a rescue situation when the person you are rescuing is your wife.

And for that, the committee this year has decided to award Diver of the Year 2018 to Richard Scarsbrook.