

Kraken Guidance *Cupar Sub Aqua Club*

Prior to arrival:

Print and fill out a dive planning sheet. Consult the boat officer for guidance if required.

For weather:

www.xcweather.co.uk

www.windguru.cz

www.metcheck.com

BBC inshore shipping forecast

Beaufort 4 is normally considered the maximum for safe diving

For tides:

www.visitmyharbour.com/tides/140/uk-tables/anstruther-easter-tide-tables

<http://www.wrecksite.eu/refPosView.aspx?145447>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/coast_and_sea/tide_tables/7/233#tide-details

For passage planning and anticipated current:

Use either paper charts or electronic software. Several club members have software and will be happy to help.

At Anstruther, the lowest launchable tide height is 2.6m

At St Monans lowest height is 3.8m (based on Anstruther)

These are absolute limits, any less and Kraken will be stranded in the mud

Use the club membership list to record divers' relevant qualifications

Check the Anstruther Lifeboat website <http://www.anstrutherlifeboat.org.uk> to check for planned exercises (they will occupy the slipway).

Inform the boat officer that you are planning to take the boat out.

Arrange arrival time and location for divers, and at least two people to collect Kraken from the boatshed (do not expect the same people to always do it).

Think about **buddy pairs**. Try to pair less experienced with more experienced divers, but also consider equipment configurations and what depth each diver would like to go to.

Think about **how many waves** of divers are going to be possible and how best to arrange them. Ensure at least one capable boat handler is on the boat at all times.

Before towing:

Boatshed key is hidden, ask the boat officer if you don't know.

Fill out the **boat checklist** in full. Allow at least 30 minutes.

Put dive planning sheet and checklist into plastic wallet, stowed aboard Kraken.

Attach trailer and wind jockey wheel back up to ensure it is locked on.

Check **handbrake** is off.

Check towing regulations and ensure driver and vehicle are legal. BSAC PDF of guidelines is available on the club website here - <http://www.cuparsubaquaclub.co.uk/docs/4580479114>

Double check the boat and trailer for anything that might come loose or drag.

Launching:

After towing, check wheel hubs for excessive heat.

Remove trailer board, rear ratchet strap and prop cover(s) and leave them in the towing vehicle.

Use the slipway quickly, then clear the slipway for other users and the lifeboat.

Have someone watch and help while reversing, especially when the carpark or slipway is busy

Try not to put wheels into the metal groove in the middle of the slip (the edges can be sharp)

Warm the engine for a few minutes before heading out of the harbour.

Under way

While under way, the cox'n is responsible for the safety of the vessel and those aboard.

Cox'n must wear the kill-cord at all times, even when motoring slowly.

Keep the engine raised while in the harbour, or whenever she is in shallow water.

Use the ratchet strap to secure dive gear to the bottle rack. All kit should be secure while under way – divers should not have more than one kit bag each.

Keep all weights and heavy equipment in the bow on the protective matting.

Recovery

Double check that lights and water are switched off in the boatshed.