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NEWSLETTER **BRISTOL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

July 2025

Welcome to the July edition of our Members Newsletter!

This month we cover two club competitions – the usual monthly event, themed on Nudibranchs and the annual club splash-in from Plymouth. Plus kit for sale & dive resort review!

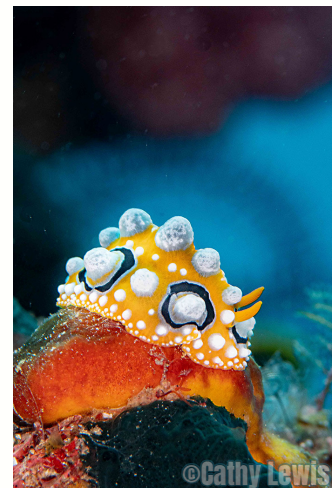
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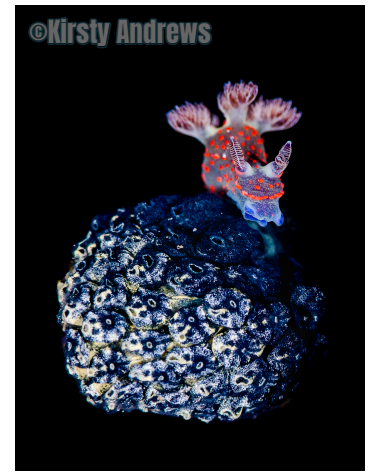
July Competition – Nudibranchs

This month's themed club competition saw a good mix of images with a total of 18 entries for this popular macro subject. A total of 17 votes were very evenly distributed across the entrants, but there was one winner with 3 votes in total....

Top spot went to **Kirsty Andrews** for her very colourful image of an egg-eating Nudi.
In joint second place were **Mark Drayton, Dan Bolt and Cathy Lewis (2)**.



Six images tied for third place with a vote each, from **Christine Platt**, **Kirsty Andrews**, **Mike Harding**, **Rick Ayrton**, **Dan Bolt** and **Trevor Rees**. Well done to all who took part!



2025 Splash-in Weekend

This years' event saw several club members going 'head to head' in a time limited photo competition, held on Saturday and Sunday 21-22nd June.

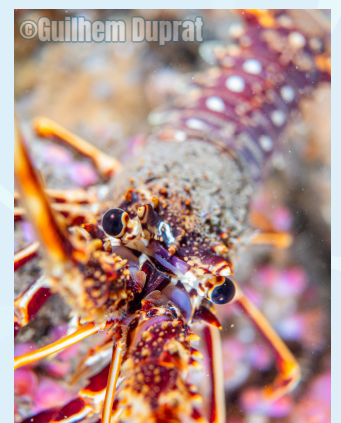
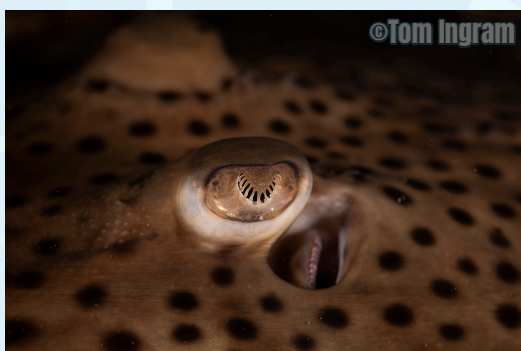
Hosted on the Red Alert dive boat out of Plymouth, the group visited several sites to try for a mix of images covering wide angle, macro and fish portrait. The weather held up and so did the proliferation of Octopus, which of course featured greatly in the subjects submitted.

Judged by **Rick Ayrton**, the winners were....



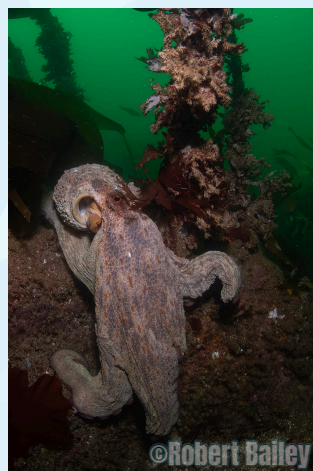
MACRO

First place was **Kirsty Andrews** with a close-up of an Octopus eye peering out through its tentacles. Second was **Tom Ingram** with a Ray eye and third was **Guilhem Duprat** with a Lobster.



WIDE ANGLE

First place was **Yo-Han Cha** with an action shot of two Octopus grappling each other. Second was **Peter Plume** with a Spider Crab vista and third was **Rob Bailey** with a cheeky Tompot Blenny.



ANIMAL PORTRAIT

First place was **Kirsty Andrews** with an elegantly posed Octopus. Second was **Rob Bailey** with a climbing Octopus and third was **Yo-Han Cha** with a nicely contrasted Octopus.



Overall winner of the Splash-in with the best combined score was **Kirsty Andrews**. Many congratulations Kirsty!

Trips for 2025 & 26 on Red Alert Plymouth

18th -19th September 2025 & 29th April-2nd May 2026 - Contact Chris or Cathy Lewis!

Kit for Sale

Nauticam WACP 0.36 wide angle converter lens, guide price £2,500. Some minor scratches at the bottom of the flotation ring, otherwise in excellent condition.

If this is bought by someone with a crop sensor system, there is a Nauticam 35mm extension ring (£200). For a Nikon user, there is also the 18-55 Nikkor lens plus zoom gear (£150 for the pair).

FIT 200mm optical glass dome port with carrying case. Barely used, £700.

Photos available on request, offers considered.
Contact: libby.gawith@outlook.com



Dive Trip Review: Roots Red Sea, Egypt

Review submitted by **Mike & Sarah Harding**

Where is the resort?

Near El Quseir, about halfway between Hurghada and Marsa Alam on the Egyptian Red Sea Coast.

When did you go?

Early June 2025

What facilities were there?

Camp style set up but with proper buildings and A/C, plus on-site dive centre with house reef and guided day trips to other sites

What were the diving highlights?

Unlimited house reef ideal for photography, with many macro and wide angle opportunities. Food excellent with lots of choice even for Veggies!

Anything to think about?

Accommodation is basic, but clean and staff very friendly. 10 minute walk from resort to house reef, so need to carry your camera gear.

Overall rating: 8/10

Have you been to a dive resort recently?

Why not submit a review and share with members?

Porthkerris Diving Trip 2026 - Book Now!

Friday 5th - Monday 8th June, Diving off the CAT - very limited places.

Contact Nick Watson for details: 07798-625832

Competition Calendar & Programme

2025

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

Theme

Long Exposure – meeting online
Super Macro – meet at Severnside
Theme Portfolio – meeting online
Wrecks – meeting online
Underwater Excellence (portfolio) – meet at Severnside
Silhouettes – meeting online
Nudibranchs – meet at Severnside
Sunbeams – meet at Severnside
TBC
Best of British (portfolio) – meet at Severnside
Portrait – meeting online
Beginner's Portfolio & Print Competition – meet at Severnside

Please check the rules before entering any of our competitions – a copy can be found [here](#)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th August

Please try to make it in person to our next meeting as its always great to meet members face-to-face.

Finally, many thanks to **Kirsty Andrews** for leading this month's session on photo-editing, which was very useful to all members. who attended the meeting.

Why not submit your tips, hacks or workflow ideas to share and we can publish in future newsletters?

If you have any news, feature ideas, trips or product reviews, then please drop me a message. You can email info@bupg.co.uk or contact me directly [here](#)

Best regards and Happy Diving!

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