



YOUR GUIDE TO THE NEW

SNORKELLER TRAINING PROGRAMME

HELLO!

Thank you for your support of BSAC snorkelling.

We are pleased to announce the launch of phase one of the new Snorkeller Training Programme. There are new training packs, an instructor manual and resources. Plus, we have created new promotional materials for snorkelling clubs including posters, training progression charts and leaflets, all of which will be free of charge for our branches to promote their snorkelling activities.

We thought we'd put this mini guide together so you are clear on how the new programme and its associated materials will work – so you, your club and your members can get maximum benefit.

Thank you very much for your patience with regard to the launch of the new materials and please do let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions or feedback please do get in touch. You can email snorkellingfeedback@bsac.com or call us on **+44 (0)151 350 6200**.

Kind regards



Clare Peddie
BSAC Chair



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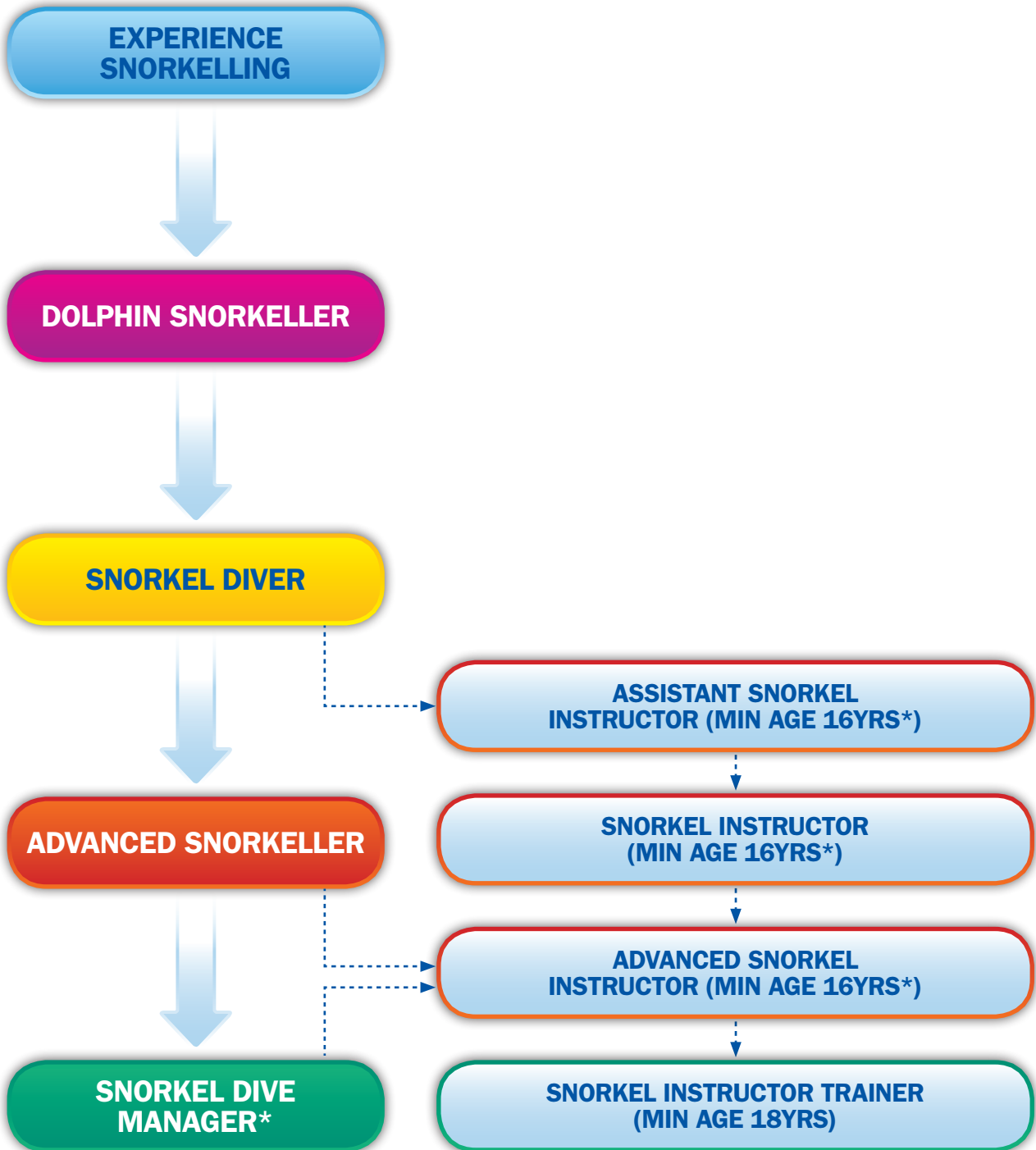
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BSAC SNORKELLING PROGRESSION CHART

These are the training opportunities for BSAC snorkellers...



* Snorkel Dive Managers and Instructors under the age of 18 need to be operating under the supervision of a responsible adult.

WHAT'S IN THE PHASE ONE LAUNCH?

Phase one of the new Snorkeller Training Programme includes the following new courses and materials.

For further information on instructing the programme, please see the Snorkel Instructor Resources CD. The CD will be posted free of charge to existing BSAC snorkelling instructors in November 2011 and provided to students who attend a Snorkel Instructor Training Course and Assessment (SITCA). It will also be available for purchase from the BSAC Shop.



Experience Snorkelling

An introduction to snorkelling skills, this have-a-go type session can be provided to both BSAC members and non-members of all ages. To progress further with BSAC snorkeller training within a branch, BSAC membership is required.

PARTICIPANT MATERIALS:

There are brand new participant packs for 'Experience Snorkelling' sessions that are available free of charge for clubs. The packs comprise of an A5 folder containing: a letter from BSAC's Chair, a 12-page 'Snorkelling with BSAC' booklet and an A5 certificate.

To order please contact the Membership Department (membership@bsac.com / +44 (0)151 350 6201) or go online at www.bsac.com/promomaterial

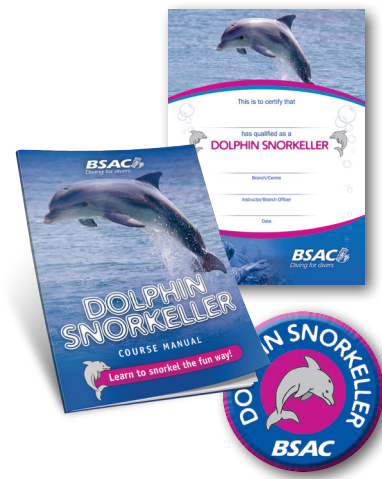


Dolphin Snorkeller

This course introduces snorkelling to children in sheltered water with a series of seven progressive sessions. Each session is named after a different type of dolphin and completion of a session results in the award of the corresponding dolphin sticker. Once students have collected a complete set of dolphin stickers they can be awarded the grade of BSAC Dolphin Snorkeller. Dolphin Snorkellers who wish to continue their training need only to complete the Snorkel Diver classroom lessons and knowledge assessment to be awarded BSAC Snorkel Diver.

STUDENT MATERIALS:

A5 manual in binder, Qualification Record Book (QRB), stickers, A5 certificate and cloth badge



WHAT'S IN THE PHASE ONE LAUNCH?

Snorkel Diver

This course teaches safe snorkelling in sheltered water conditions. There are classroom sessions to teach the background knowledge of snorkelling, coupled with practical lessons. (The practical skills are the same as those in Dolphin Snorkeller).

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Student Course Manual and binder, certificate and cloth badge. Please note that the course manual will also be produced in book format, called 'Go Snorkelling' and will be available from the BSAC Shop.



Advanced Snorkeller

This courses enables students to snorkel competently and confidently in open water environments.

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Student Course Manual and binder, certificate and cloth badge



Snorkel Dive Manager

COURSE UPDATE:

This is the only course in the Snorkeller Training Programme that has not been updated in phase one. The new Snorkel Dive Manager course is planned to launch in 2012. You are requested please to continue and award the qualification following the existing syllabus until then.



HOW TO ORDER MATERIALS AND QUALIFY STUDENTS

Experience Snorkelling packs are free of charge for branches to order and give out to participants.

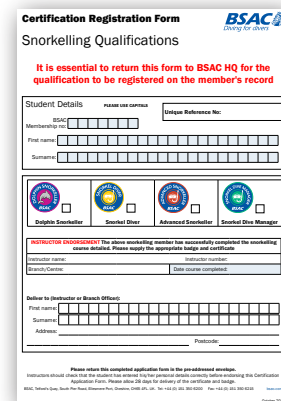
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For Dolphin Snorkeller, Snorkel Diver, Advanced Snorkeller and Snorkel Dive Manager materials and qualifications, the following process is currently in place:

1. Branch officers need to order student materials from the BSAC shop at www.bsacshop.com or you can call +44 (0)151 350 6202.

2. The materials will be posted to the name and address of the Branch Officer's choice (it could be one of the club's snorkel instructors). The delivery will include the materials for the students and also corresponding materials for the instructor as follows:

- If Dolphin Snorkeller packs have been ordered, the corresponding stickers for the Qualification Record Book (QRB).
- Certification Registration Forms (one for each of the course packs ordered, each with its own Unique Reference Number)



The form is titled 'Certification Registration Form Snorkelling Qualifications'. It includes a header with the BSAC logo and a red warning box stating: 'It is essential to return this form to BSAC HQ for the qualification to be registered on the member's record'. The form is divided into sections: 'Student Details' with fields for club membership no., first name, and surname; 'Unique Reference No.'; a grid for selecting qualifications (Dolphin Snorkeller, Snorkel Diver, Advanced Snorkeller, Snorkel Dive Manager); a 'PROFICIENT DECLARATION' section for the instructor/branch officer; and a 'Deliver to (Instructor or Branch Officer)' section with fields for name, surname, address, and postcode. A footer contains small text about the application fee and contact information.

3. On completion of the course, the instructor/Branch Officer needs to complete the Certification Registration Form in one of the following ways:

- **POST** - complete and post the hard copy form and use the pre-addressed envelope
- **EMAIL** - complete the hard copy form then scan and email to: snorkelquals@bsac.com
- **ONLINE** – complete online at www.bsac.com/snorkellingCAF

4. On receipt of the completed Certification Registration Forms (either by post or internet), BSAC HQ will post the relevant certificates and badges to the address of the instructor/Branch Officer's choice.

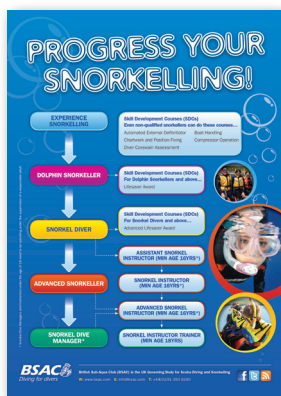


THE NEW PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS



The following promotional materials are currently available for your branch to promote its snorkelling activities.

All are available free of charge and can be ordered online at www.bsac.com/promomaterial or by contacting the BSAC Membership Team (membership@bsac.com / +44(0)151 350 6201.)



A4 and A3 Snorkelling Progression Charts



Go Snorkelling with BSAC leaflet (A4 folded twice)



A3 Go Snorkelling Poster

New Snorkel Member Packs

There are also revamped **Snorkelling New Member Packs** with a personalised letter and 12-page booklet called 'Snorkelling with BSAC'.

Please note: BSAC is planning on launching a new BSAC member handbook in 2012 and from that point the Snorkelling New Member Packs will include that handbook as well.



All Snorkeller Training Programme grades and Snorkel Instructor grades continue to be recognised. It is not mandatory for you to move forward to the next level although we do encourage all snorkellers and instructors to continue to develop and progress their skills and knowledge.

The following table describes the mechanism to move from your existing snorkelling qualification to the nearest equivalent grade or higher within the 2011 Snorkeller Training Programme, i.e. assessing the route from your existing qualification (column 1) to the new qualification (column 3). The final column (4) gives the level of instructor needed to deliver any training required as part of the cross over process to a new level.

Qualification	Route to	New Qualification	Instructor
Snorkel Diver			
Basic Snorkel Diver	SD course or Dolphin Snorkeller + SD theory	Snorkel Diver	Snorkel Instructor
Snorkel Diver	Workshop	Snorkel Diver	Snorkel Instructor
Ocean Snorkel Diver	Workshop	Snorkel Diver	Snorkel Instructor
Advanced Snorkeller			
Advanced Ocean Snorkel Diver		Advanced Snorkeller	
Ocean Snorkel Diver + Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver + Snorkel Dive Manager	Workshop	Advanced Snorkeller	Advanced Snorkel Instructor
Ocean Snorkel Diver	Advanced Snorkeller + Workshop	Advanced Snorkeller	Advanced Snorkel Instructor
Snorkel Dive Manager	To be defined	Snorkel Dive Manager	
Snorkel Instructor			
Assistant Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Course and Assessment	Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Trainer
Snorkel Instructor		Snorkel Instructor	
Open Water Snorkel Instructor		Qualification remains as Open Water Snorkel Instructor unless they upgrade to Advanced Snorkel Instructor (see below)	
Advanced Snorkel Instructor			
Advanced Snorkel Instructor		Advanced Snorkel Instructor	
Open Water Snorkel Instructor + Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver + Snorkel Dive Manager	Application to HQ Workshop	Advanced Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Trainer
Open Water Snorkel Instructor	Achieves Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver + Snorkel Dive Manager Application to HQ Workshop	Advanced Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Trainer
Snorkel Instructor	Advanced Snorkeller + Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver + Snorkel Dive Manager Advanced Snorkel Instructor Course and Assessment	Advanced Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Trainer
Open Water Instructor Scuba	Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and / or Snorkel Instructor Advanced Snorkel Instructor Course and Assessment	Advanced Snorkel Instructor	Snorkel Instructor Trainer
Advanced Instructor (Scuba)	Application to HQ Receive new materials	Qualification remains as Advanced Instructor (Scuba)	

Supporting Notes

HOW TO 'EXPERIENCE SNORKELLING'

('Experience Snorkelling' is a have-a go session)

- Delivered by any existing snorkel instructor
- Open to all age groups with appropriate adult supervision

HOW TO BECOME A SNORKEL DIVER

- For Ocean Snorkel Divers and Snorkel Divers there is to be a workshop to be delivered in Branch by an Snorkel Instructor to cover theory knowledge and practical skills not previously covered in the Ocean Snorkel Diver and Snorkel Diver programmes.

A Basic Snorkel Diver needs to complete the Snorkel Diver training programme using either the Dolphin Snorkeller programme designed primarily for children, if that is appropriate, and then completing the Snorkel Diver theory lessons, or completing the new Snorkel Diver course.

- Open to all age groups with appropriate adult supervision

HOW TO BECOME AN ADVANCED SNORKELLER

- An Advanced Ocean Snorkel Diver is an Advanced Snorkeller

OR

- An Ocean Snorkel Diver who achieves Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and Snorkel Dive Manager (Marshall) and attends an Advanced Snorkeller workshop to be run within Branch.
- Open to all age groups with appropriate adult supervision

HOW TO BECOME A SNORKEL DIVE MANAGER

A Snorkel Dive Marshall will become a Snorkel Dive Manager. Whilst the new Snorkel Dive Manager materials are being prepared members are requested to follow the existing syllabus to achieve the award and qualification.

- Open to all age groups with appropriate adult supervision

HOW TO BECOME A SNORKEL INSTRUCTOR

- Be at least age 16 years, a Snorkel Diver and attend a Snorkel Instructor Course and Assessment (SITCA) and be assessed as achieving the appropriate standards and entered on the register of SIs.

If the Instructor is under the age of 18 years they will be required to instruct under the supervision of an adult. The recommendation is that this should be by a BSAC Instructor or Branch Diving Officer until they reach the age of 18 years.

Should a candidate not meet the appropriate standard on assessment they will become an Assistant Snorkel Instructor and will be required to work under the direct supervision of a Snorkel Instructor or above until such time as they can be reassessed and meet the appropriate standard.

An Open Water Scuba Instructor who has registered with HQ as wanting to teach snorkelling and has the current snorkel training programme is able to deliver Experience Snorkelling and the Snorkeller Training Programme and, when they come available, the Snorkel Mini Courses within their qualification as an OWI.

If an Open Water Scuba Instructor wants formal recognition as a Snorkel Instructor they must attend and successfully complete an SITCA.

Supporting Notes

HOW TO BECOME AN ADVANCED SNORKEL INSTRUCTOR

The minimum requirement is to attend an Advanced Snorkel Instructor Course and Assessment (ASITCA) and be assessed as achieving the appropriate standards and entered on the register of Advanced Snorkel Instructors (ASI).

- An Open Water Snorkel Instructor, qualified as an Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and a Snorkel Dive Manager (Marshal) apply to attend an ASI one-day workshop, by arrangement, during the cross over period (option until November 2013)

OR

- An Open Water Snorkel Instructor who, during the cross over period (open until November 2013), achieves Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and Snorkel Dive Manager (Marshall) and then attends a ASI one day workshop, by prior arrangement.

OR

- A Snorkel Instructor, who meets the prerequisites to attend ASITCA, i.e. Advanced Snorkeller; Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and Snorkel Dive Manager; attends the ASITCA and is assessed as meeting the appropriate standard and is entered on the register of ASIs.

An Open Water Scuba Instructor can attend the ASITCA provided they meet the prerequisites of either Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and / or Snorkel Instructor.

An Advanced Instructor Scuba or above who has registered with BSAC HQ as wanting to teach snorkelling and has the current snorkel training programme materials can teach the full range of the Snorkeller Training Programme within their qualification as an Advanced Instructor.

HOW TO BECOME A SNORKEL INSTRUCTOR TRAINER

Advanced Snorkel Instructors wishing to become Snorkel Instructor Trainers (SIT) may apply

directly to the Chief Examiner for Snorkelling to work on nationally assessed instructor events. To apply please email snorkelchief@bsac.com

On acceptance of your application, the process involves the candidate first attending a one-day Snorkel Instructor Trainer Development Course (SITDC) and then being assigned to a mentor (normally an experienced Instructor Trainer) who in co-operation with event Senior Instructors will continually develop and assess your abilities. It is extremely rare for a candidate to be awarded the grade after one event and typically involves attending two or three events before you are awarded Snorkel Instructor Trainer status. The Chief Examiner maintains the Snorkel Instructor Trainer database and each year you will be invited to support national events.

DIVING INSTRUCTOR TRAINERS

SCUBA Instructor Trainers have been inducted onto the Instructor Training Scheme (ITS) following the same procedures and processes as outlined above for Snorkel Instructor Trainers having attended a two-day Instructor Trainer Development Course (ITDC). They typically will have been exposed to specific snorkelling elements, for example; teaching basic snorkelling skills and surface dives, but potentially have not worked consistently on presenting the whole snorkelling portfolio and will not be familiar with parts of the SITCA programme. SCUBA Instructor Trainers (SIT) are therefore required to work on events to demonstrate that their basic skills meet with the course standards and that they are able to work competently and confidently on all aspects of the course. Depending on their background and experience this may require attendance on one or more courses. The Senior Instructor along with the assigned event SIT is responsible to assess performance and competence and forward a report with an agreed recommendation to the Chief Examiner for Snorkelling.

PLANS FOR PHASE TWO – FOR LATE 2012

Phase two of the snorkelling training developments is scheduled for 2012 and is due to include:

Snorkel Dive Manager

Snorkelling versions of the following Skill Development Courses (SDCs):

- Advanced Lifesaver Award
 - Dive Planning and Management
 - Dive UK
 - First Aid for Divers
 - Lifesaver Award
 - Oxygen Administration
 - Practical Rescue Management
 - Search and Recovery
 - Underwater Photography
 - Wreck Appreciation
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Snorkel Mini Courses (SMCs)

The Snorkel Mini Courses are designed to be run 'in-house' by Snorkel Instructors – there will be no charge from BSAC HQ levied on Snorkel Mini Courses (SMCs). The aim of SMCs are to have fun, maintain motivation, increase confidence or extend skills.

Guidance notes will be included in the Snorkel Instructor Manual or supplied via HQ/BSAC website. There will be SMC logbook endorsements and a 'specialist' badge aimed at children available from BSAC HQ at a small cost.

Planned SMCs include:

- **Seal Snorkeller** – fun course, boost confidence – imitate seals etc
- **Rope Work Snorkeller** – learn to tie different knots on the surface and underwater
- **Marine Appreciation for Snorkellers**
- **Underwater Photography for Snorkellers** – based on current course but with adaptations to cater for snorkellers, remember younger divers who could use a camera (cheap and cheerful type)
- **Managing Snorkellers** – session aimed at parents/guardians/carers who are taking children on holiday – practical advice, hints and tips
- **Chartwork and Weather for Snorkellers**
- **Search and Recovery for Snorkellers**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: When is the new Snorkeller Training Programme going to be available?

A: The Snorkel Diver part of the new programme was piloted during 'Snorkel 4 All' from December 2009 to April 2010. The feedback was very positive and helpful. The final version of the first levels of the programme - Experience Snorkelling, Dolphin Snorkeller, Snorkel Diver and Advanced Snorkeller are available now.

Q: Why does it take so long to develop the materials?

A: All of the authoring and editing of the course materials has been done by a dedicated team of Instructors who are all volunteers; many are in full-time employment with heavy family commitments. Any updating of a major training programme generally takes a minimum of three years to deliver. A new SDC is normally produced over an 18-month timeframe. This is the reality of a volunteer structured organisation.

Q: What courses are in the new Snorkeller Training Programme?

A: Phase one of the new Snorkeller Training Programme includes:

- **Experience Snorkelling** – An introduction to snorkelling skills in safe sheltered water conditions. This can be provided to both BSAC members and non-members of all ages. To progress further as a Snorkeller, BSAC membership is required.
- **Dolphin Snorkeller** – seven sessions of practical skills in sheltered water conditions.
- **Snorkel Diver** – safe snorkelling in sheltered water conditions (includes the same practical skills that are in Dolphin Snorkeller).
- **Advanced Snorkeller** – snorkelling competently and confidently in open water environments.
- **Snorkel Dive Manager*** – able to organise, dive plan and manage snorkelling activities/expeditions in sheltered and open water for both small and larger groups.

* The new Snorkel Dive Manager course will be launched in 2012. You are requested please to continue and award the qualification following the existing syllabus until then.

Q: What is a Dolphin Snorkeller?

A: Dolphin Snorkeller is new and is supported with dedicated materials, available from BSAC HQ, geared specifically to motivating children. It has seven practical skill sessions, each with its own individual dolphin logbook sticker, that build progressively towards the Dolphin Snorkeller qualification. As the practical elements are the same as those covered in the Snorkel Diver Course, should a student wish to progress to Snorkel Diver they will require the Snorkel Diver manual and need to complete the Snorkel Diver theory sessions and theory assessment.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Who can teach Dolphin Snorkeller?

A: Snorkel Instructors can teach Dolphin Snorkeller as it covers the same practical skills included in Snorkel Diver and, with the completion of the Snorkel Diver theory elements and theory assessment, counts towards the Snorkel Diver qualification. Dolphin Snorkeller was recently introduced into the Commercial Snorkel Centres, for example leisure centres, where BSAC Snorkelling is taught to children. Snorkel Instructors in BSAC Centres and staff in leisure centres who have been trained as commercial snorkel instructors are also Dolphin Snorkeller Instructors.

Q: What has happened about Open Water Snorkelling?

A: The new Snorkeller Training Programme can be conducted in a pool or in sheltered water (pool like conditions). It is known that many people who learn to snorkel in a pool do not take their training any further but use their skills in the sea on, for example, a family holiday. The new programme is designed to accommodate this and for the situation where snorkelling is taught and there is no access to a swimming pool, for example; in the remoter parts of the UK, as well as in warm sea conditions such as the Mediterranean, Far East, etc.

Q: What is meant by sheltered water?

A: Sheltered water – a well-maintained swimming pool or water, which provides similar conditions, e.g. is generally less than 4m deep, with a stepped or gently shelving bottom of firm composition, has adequate visibility (minimum 5m), and is free from significant water movement from either waves or currents.

Q: What happens if we train our Snorkel Divers in a pool and then wish to take them into outside water conditions?

A: The Snorkel Diver course materials provide the information and skills needed for snorkellers to move from a swimming pool environment safely into outside sheltered water conditions. Snorkel Instructors have the responsibility to ensure that their students cover and understand all the elements of the Snorkel Diver course and are well prepared to adjust to outside sheltered water for example by using a wetsuit, adjusting their buoyancy and adopting safe snorkelling practices.

Q: What happens to people who are part way through the old Snorkeller Training Programme?

A: Any partly-completed courses should be completed under the old system up until November 2013.

Q: When will the revised Snorkel Dive Manager training material be available?

A: The preparation of the Snorkel Dive Manager material is scheduled so as to make it available in 2012.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Will there be a new Qualification Record Book (QRB) for Snorkellers?

A: Yes. A new QRB will be part of the first phase of the new Snorkeller Training Programme. A ring-binder loose-leaf style has been designed to be used for the recording of all levels of snorkel training and qualifications, including the Snorkel Mini Courses and Snorkel Skill Development courses which are being planned as part of the second phase of the revision of the Snorkeller Training Programme.

Q: Some of our snorkellers joined during the period when the old-style green QRBs were no longer available, how can they get a QRB?

A: Branches need to let HQ know the membership details of the members who have been affected by the situation. A branch officer needs to email the names and membership numbers of the members in question to membership@bsac.com stating that they would like the new snorkelling QRBs for those members. On receipt of the information HQ will send out the new-style QRBs to an address of the branch officer's choice.

Please note: the new QRB does not directly relate to the old-style programme. Therefore it is suggested that members complete their training to old-style level they are currently working through e.g. Snorkel Diver then cross over into the new programme, completing the additional theory for the New Snorkel Diver i.e. following the cross-over guidelines which are already available on the website. The cross-over provision is available until November 2013, free of charge.

Q: Is the new QRB part of the new member pack for new snorkel members?

A: No it is not. The new QRB can only be purchased as part of one of the student training packs, it is a requirement that each student on a course has their own training materials.

Q: How much are the new training packs and the QRB?

A: A: Prices are as follows:

Dolphin Snorkeller Training Pack (incl. QRB) £7.50

Snorkel Diver Training Pack (incl. QRB) £7.50

Snorkel Diver Training Pack (no QRB) £5.00

Advanced Snorkeller Training Pack (incl. QRB) £7.50

Advanced Snorkeller Training Pack (no QRB) £5.00

All training packs can be purchased by Branch Officers at the BSAC Shop

Please note: all packs contain an A5 manual. They also include an A5 certificate and cloth badge which are sent to the instructor/branch officer once BSAC HQ receives confirmation of the qualification.

Q: Do we have to buy a new QRB for each level?

A: No. The new Snorkeller QRB includes all levels from Dolphin Snorkeller through to and including Advanced Snorkeller and Snorkel Dive Manager. The QRB also accommodates Snorkel Mini Course achievements as well as Skill Development Courses.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Is it possible for members of the same family to buy just one manual between them but retain their own individual QRBs?

A: It is important that each Snorkeller has their own reference manual to use and refer to. There are legal and European Underwater Federation (EUF) implications as to what will happen in the event of an incident if a snorkeller has not complied with these requirements.

Q: What happens if members lose the new QRBs, can we get replacement ones?

A: Yes you can. Please contact the BSAC shop at shop@bsac.com or on 0151 350 6202. They will be able to check the members' membership/training details and arrange sending out replacement QRBs. Replacement QRBs are priced at £2.50 each.

Q: It appears that the levels of Snorkel Instructor have been reduced?

A: Yes, in the future we will have:

- **Level 1** – Assistant Snorkel Instructor
- **Level 2** – Snorkel Instructor
- **Level 3** – Advanced Snorkel Instructor
- **Level 4** – Snorkel Instructor Trainer

Q: Can Assistant Snorkel Instructors still be trained within the branch?

A: No. All instructor training is to be through attendance on a Snorkel Instructor Training Course and Assessment – SITCA, organised by BSAC HQ. This does not prevent Branch Instructors from coaching and assisting in the development of snorkellers who are planning to do a SITCA. Should a trainee Instructor attend an SITCA and not achieve the appropriate standard they will become an Assistant Instructor and at a suitable time they will be able to repeat the SITCA assessments. An Assistant Instructor will be required to work under the direct supervision of a Snorkel Instructor or above.

Q: Are there any restrictions placed on under 18s who have successfully completed a SITCA?

A: If the instructor is under the age of 18 years they will be required to instruct under the supervision of an adult. The recommendation is that this should be by a BSAC Instructor or Branch Diving Officer until they reach the age of 18 years.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I am a Snorkel Instructor – do I need to do any more training to teach the new programme?

A: No – as a Snorkel Instructor you have the skills and knowledge required for teaching the new Snorkeller Training Programme syllabus as detailed in the new Snorkel Instructor Manual, including the Snorkel Mini Courses, all designed to be run in branch. However extra support will be available to arrange a Snorkel workshop in your area for Snorkel Instructors to work through the new materials together.

Q: Phase two of the new Snorkeller Training Programme is to include Snorkel Mini Courses – what are they and when will they be available?

A: The Snorkel Mini Courses are designed to be run 'in-house' by Snorkel Instructors – there will be no charge from BSAC HQ levied on Snorkel Mini Courses (SMCs). The aim of SMCs are to have fun, maintain motivation, increase confidence or extend skills. Guidance notes will be included in the Snorkel Instructor Manual or supplied via HQ/BSAC website. There will be SMC logbook endorsements and a 'specialist' badge aimed at children available from BSAC HQ at a small cost. The SMCs are due to launch in 2012. Planned SMCs include:

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- Managing Snorkellers – session aimed at parents / guardians/carers who are taking children on holiday – practical advice, hints and tips
- Chartwork and weather for Snorkellers

Q: I am an Open Water Snorkel Instructor – have I now been downgraded to Snorkel Instructor?

A: No – as an Open Water Snorkel Instructor you can teach the range of skills, which include those in open water. If you have achieved the Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver you can also teach that course.

Q: I am an Open Water Snorkel Instructor – how do I upgrade to Advanced Snorkel Instructor?

A: If you are an Advanced Snorkel Life Saver and a Snorkel Dive Manager (Marshall) you can apply to HQ to be re-graded to Advanced Snorkel Instructor. Alternatively, if you have achieved the Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver but are not a Snorkel Dive Manager you must attend an Advanced Snorkel Instructor workshop to qualify as an Advanced Snorkel Instructor.

Q: What is the future for Advanced Snorkel Instructor?

A: You are able to teach the whole of the new Snorkeller Training Programme, including Snorkel

Lifesaver, Advanced Snorkel Lifesaver and Snorkel Dive Manager. Plus you can apply to attend a Snorkel Instructor Trainer workshop and become a Snorkel Instructor Trainer.

Q: I am an Open Water Instructor (Scuba) – what levels of the new Snorkeller Training Programme can I teach?

A: You will be able to teach Experience Snorkelling, Dolphin Snorkeller, Snorkel Diver, and, when they become available, the Snorkel Mini Courses.

Q: I am an Advanced Instructor (Scuba) – what levels of the new Snorkeller Training Programme can I teach?

A: You will be able to teach Experience Snorkelling, Dolphin Snorkeller, Snorkel Diver, Advanced Snorkeller, Snorkel Dive Manager and, when they become available, the Snorkel Mini Courses.

Q: As a Snorkel Instructor will I need to have a CRB check and how much will that cost me?

A: If you are going to have significant and regular contact with children and young people (i.e. anyone under the age of 18 yrs.) you will need to have a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. There is no charge to Instructors for this check. The Safeguarding policy is available to read at www.bsac.com/safeguarding

Q: With the delivery of Snorkel Dive Manager in 2012, how do we proceed?

A: You are requested to continue and award the qualification following the existing syllabus. Similarly, work is proceeding on updating the Lifesaver and Advanced Lifesaver courses content for snorkelling and diving. Until the new materials are released, we ask that you please continue with the existing syllabus.



USEFUL INFO AND CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need help with anything,
please get in touch...

Diver Resources Team

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