

Brighton, March 2012

Trip organised by Greg Steele

Report by all of us

Diving

Great boat, with lots of space (even for kitting and dekitting), with easy access from the parking just opposite. Very dark, at 25 just as at 15m, might have been a night dive, visibility 1-3m or worse. The wreck seems very interesting, from what we could perceive of it, and had a nice variety of life, saw quite a few lobsters and crabs during both dives. Drift dive again in complete darkness, visibility worse than on the wreck, floating along a chalk reef that could however hardly be seen. Again, had some interesting features, but would have been better with better viz.

Functioning torches and DSMBs mandatory, and some good nerves to deal with drifting in the darkness as well :)

It was a great days diving although pretty black and murky! I have always wanted to dive one of the chalk reefs and it was amazing to finally do that today.

The trip had good and not quite so good sides - the good was that all the logistics worked OK. Everyone was there in good time and the boat was great - good skipper, nicely fitted out and loved the sea lift! The less good was really down to the vis, which was poor. Very dark down there with maybe 1-2m on the first dive, and down to 30-50cm on the drift. It would be great to go back there with better weather - the wreck looked like it was thriving with marine life. I'm not sure I saw the chalk reef, but certainly hit it on the way down.
