

going overboard

HERE WE ARE at the start of another year; the temperature of the sea is still falling but the days are getting longer and the darkest days are behind us. So what can we look forward to in 2014?

Well ... implementation of the new Training Schedule (TS) will keep instructors and regional coaches busy for a while. There was a workshop held in February to introduce the TS to instructors which was very well attended.

The current TS has evolved over many years and while much of it is a response to new equipment and lessons learned from incidents, there comes a point at which you have to stand back and see what works and what doesn't. The new TS therefore is not radically different from the old one but hopefully it will be more user-friendly both for trainees and instructors, and should make it

easier for branches to get trainees in the water quicker.

Of course there are some old buffers who think it's all becoming too easy (if they had their way trainees would be required to swim across Loch Fyne before they were allowed to fill in an application form). Diving - fun! Not if we can help it. I used to be in that camp but guess what, I grew up and realised my views are out of date; so I'm happy to let younger people get on with it and just go diving.

Anyway enough of offending my old chums or ex-chums as the case may be, what else can we look forward to as far as ScotSAC is concerned? One of the things Alex my successor as director of communications identified as needing updated was the ScotSAC website. He convinced the board to invest in a more interactive site that will make



it easier to complete online membership, book courses etc. It should also be easier to put information on the site and the challenge for the Board and National Diving Council is finding a way of getting, if not all their minutes, at least a condensed version of them online. I know much of what is discussed is of no interest to ordinary members and some has to remain confidential but there must be a way to get the message out quicker.

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