

WHAT'S BUBBLING?

The latest gadgets, gear and places to go...



HIGH SPEC The ND Guardian G-Tek is a heavyweight BC that offers lots of features at a competitive price. A hard backpack, masses of D-rings, big pockets, integrated weights plus trim-weight pockets at the rear, multiple straps, reflective panels, an airhorn and an integrated hose/dump are all included for only £235.

• Northern Diver 01257 254444

NO MESSING

The Dive range of Ribbeys from Ribeye have no frills but a double-jockey console that encloses a 90 litre fuel tank and a large locker. A six-way switch panel comes as standard and this features a circuit-breaker and 12V circuit, in addition to the wiring loom pre-installed.

Steering gear, mechanical or hydraulic, is included too. In four lengths from 5.4 to 7.2m, prices start at £8950.

Ribeye recommends Yamaha motors.

• Ribeye 01803 832060



DO YOU KNOW YOUR SEAWAY CODE?

The Seaway Code is the marine equivalent of the Highway Code and is issued by the Stationery Office in conjunction with the Royal Yacht Association. Anyone who ventures out in a small boat needs to know and understand its content. It contains a CG66 Safety Identification Scheme application form. £4.99.

• The Stationery Office
0870 600 5522

BRIEFLY Deep Blue Diving has moved to the Mount Batten centre in Plymouth, with nitrox, trimix and plans to run a 24m liveboard, 12m hard-boat and 6m RIB. 01752 491490, www.diveplymouth.co.uk ... Belfield Software has introduced a new Tide Plotter CD, 0121 777 6756 ... Scuba diving to 30m is covered as standard on travel insurance from Worldwide, 01892 833 338 ... Extreme RIBS is a video about those who push their boats to the limit. £24.95 from Digital Vision, 0207 277 4843 ... Gates camera housings are now distributed by Cameras Underwater, 08700 660384 ... The Dictionary of Shipwrecks off the Isle of Man is a historical reference book available on CD-ROM. £24.95 from adrian.corkill@manx.net



TANK-TRAPPING

Do you suffer from bruised fingers after a long diving week-end? The Namron cylinder-neck handle is designed to take some of the pain out of handling cylinders and stays as a permanent fixture. £9.42.

• Namron Scuba
01709 371006

BALD FACTS

The Scuba Do Rag is headgear for the more flamboyant diver with lots of hair. Wrap it up and keep it tidy with this Spandex head cloth, said to be less constricting and more comfortable than a hood. If you have no hair, it also provides protection from the sun between dives, and even has a secret compartment to take some small valuable items. Available in a choice of 12 colourful fabrics. US\$35.

• CoCoCheznaynay
www.cococheznaynay.com



WHAT 'TWO-PIECE RULE'?

From Stahlsac, manufacturer of those expensive but long-lasting bags, comes the Diver's Transporter system, claimed to "redefine how divers travel". No, you don't climb inside and send yourself cargo, but by connecting three bags together you can check it in at the airport for trans-Atlantic runs as one piece, provided it weighs no more than 32kg. With units also available individually, the complete Transporter system (W411-B) costs £310.

• Markat 01935 815424

