

Dorset Seasearch is running a series of dive weekends in 2019 in order to record the diversity of marine life along the Dorset coast. Seasearch is a partnership between the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), The Wildlife Trusts [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk), statutory nature conservation bodies and others, co-ordinated nationally by MCS and co-ordinated and delivered locally in England by Wildlife Trust and MCS local co-ordinators. For more information on Seasearch please visit [www.seasearch.org.uk](http://www.seasearch.org.uk)

If you are a suitably qualified SCUBA diver do join us and see how we are building up a picture of Dorset's marine life: we photograph and identify rare species, describe habitats, record marine litter and other impacts. Our data are used to support conservation and management of marine protected areas.



- **Seasearch Observer course** – Portland 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A one-day course aimed at giving divers new to the project and new to marine recording a basic grounding. The second (optional) day is spent putting the course into practice with a couple of local dives. At the end of the course you should be able to complete the Seasearch Observation form and take part in Seasearch dives either on your own, with your club or on dives organised by Seasearch partners.
- **Seasearch dives 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May** from Lyme Regis dives in the protected area of Lyme Bay on the dive boat Blue Turtle <http://www.blueturtle.uk.com/about-blue-turtle>
- **Seasearch dives 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July** from Poole on the dive boat Rocket <http://divingpoole.com/> looking at sites in the new Poole Rocks marine conservation zone and as far east as Christchurch Ledge.
- **Seasearch Dives 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> August** from Swanage with Swanage Charters <https://kyarra.com/> exploring the current swept rocky reefs along the Purbeck coast.
- **Seasearch Dives 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August** out of Portland aboard Scimitar <http://www.scimitardiving.co.uk/> we will target rocky reefs and other special habitats around Portland Bill and along the coast to Lulworth.
- **Seasearch Dives 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October** from Lyme Regis dives in the protected area of Lyme Bay on the dive boat Blue Turtle <http://www.blueturtle.uk.com/about-blue-turtle>

Four boat dives over a weekend cost £110, for further information and bookings please contact: Lin (Dorset Seasearch Coordinator) at [dorsetseasearchdiving@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetseasearchdiving@gmail.com)

Please note that you need to be a qualified diver to join us on these dives (BSAC Sport Diver, PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent) with some experience of boat diving in UK waters.

