50 at 50

As part of our 50th birthday celebrations, several of our members will be undertaking an expedition to Cornwall between 4th and 8th July. Their mission is to complete 50 dives at latitude 50’ 00.00N. This latitude runs through the Lizard Point in Cornwall. Wreck and recreational diving will be conducted.

For the wreckies, this is where one can find the infamous Manacles reef, which has a sinister and evil reputation only matched by its bleak and forbidding appearance, as it stretches out nearly one and a half miles into the sea.

Lying mostly submerged waiting to entrap the careless or just plain unlucky, it is the resting place of The Mohegan, wrecked in October 1898 after running almost full speed onto the reef. Passengers were about to sit for dinner when she hit the reef, sinking in 20 minutes. 107 souls were lost.

A vicious place for the unwary, but the reef is a beautiful undersea world for the recreational diver made all the more enjoyable in good visibility.