



# Scapa Flow Trip

September 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

This year we visit the German World War 1 Fleet again in Scapa Flow. The last time we visited we dived around 8-9 of the wrecks including the deeper battleships and the shallow block ships. This year we will be doing much the same with a bit of tweaking to get the best dives in. Colin wants to dive the Brummer 12 times.

We will again be diving from the converted fishing boat come livaboard the MV Sharon Rose. Please see the attached sheet for more information on the Sharon Rose.



The trip to Scapa Flow this year will cost between €550 and €675 depending on the type of accommodation the group decides on. This price does not include ferry fees or food for the duration of the stay. It does include accommodation and 2 dives a day for 6 days aboard the Sharon Rose. The price includes air but not nitrox.

The accommodation choices we have are as follows:

The Ferry Inn: Local Bar, well situated for pier ~ €35 per night

Self Catering Houses: (Sleep 4-6) 1-4 miles from Pier ~ €25/night

Hotel: Local – well situated for pier ~ €50/night

On board: Basic accommodation ~ €15/night

Our choice would be to get 2-3 Self Catering houses as this gives the freedom to do what we like. The pub last year was crowded and a little bit all over the place.

In order to dive Scapa Flow comfortably you must have:

- a) Experience of diving below 30m and preferably 40m
- b) A Dry Suit and at least a 15L cylinder (Pony is also good)
- c) Nitrox qualification and experience using it

Due to the ferry timetables and the length of time it takes to drive through Scotland we have taken the liberty of coming up with the following schedule for driving and ferries – please by all means come up with your own if you are not happy with these. This information is correct as of Feb 2009 but may be subject to change.

Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Depart Larne (Northern Ireland) at 15:30pm  
Ferry: P&O Line - Larne to Troon  
Cost: £180 + around £50 per extra passenger (Return)  
Arrive: Troon at 17:30pm and drive (3-4 hours) to an overnight destination possibly Inverness.

Date: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Depart Overnight Destination and drive to Scrabster  
Ferry: Northlink Line – Scrabster to Stromness  
Cost: £150 + around £40 per extra passenger (Return)

Dives are only suggestions!

Date Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 Dives (Brummer & Koln)  
Date Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – 2 Dives (Dresden & Karlshue)  
Date Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Dives (Markgraf & Tarbarka)  
Date Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Dives (Kron Prinz William & Grenabor)  
Date Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – 2 Dives (Brummer & Doyle)  
Date Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – 2 Dives (Koln & Tarbaka)

Date Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Depart Stromness at 9:00pm  
Ferry: Northlink Line - Stromness to Scrabster  
Arrive Scrabster at 10:30am and you have 2 choices  
a) Drive 350 miles to Troon and get the 20:20pm ferry home  
b) Drive to overnight destination and get the ferry the next day.

The for the ferry portion of the trip based on 2 in a car is very roughly €250 per person. You can try to squeeze 3 into a car as we did the last time but you may find this quite cramped although it does considerably reduce the cost of the ferries to around €180 each.



**The Sharon Rose** is a 67 ft dive charter vessel. The Sharon Rose is fully fitted as a live aboard, but is also available for charter as a day boat.

The Sharon Rose is skippered by Kevin; he's an old sea dog well maybe not so old. He has been with us for 4 seasons now and now well on his way to being an old hand. We have a permanent crew member onboard who ensures that you get keep well supplied in tea, coffee and also cooks the breakfasts if required. Jimmy should be back with us this year and is a dab hand at making home made soup. That is just what's needed after a dive. He's also there to pass equipment to you on exiting the boat and for safety reasons.

**Onboard accommodation includes:**

- 6 x twin berth cabins forward
- Above deck, there is a spacious open plan saloon with dining table and galley with cooker and fridge as well as a full set of utensils and crockery.
- Recent upgrades have extended the washing facilities and there are 2 x showers and a toilet on board for your use.
- The cabins are heated and there is a colour TV/DVD player in the saloon for your use in the evenings.
- 240-volt power is available for battery charging etc. from an onshore metered mains supply.
- We also provide duvets, pillows and covers. So just bring a towel...

**The Sharon Rose is designed and equipped as a large and stable diving platform.**

- Air, nitrox and trimix are all pumped on board.
- Two compressors (1 x 18 cubic ft and 1 x 12 cubic ft) provide a fast and quiet air supply.
- Recent upgrades have included clearing the deck making kitting up a far more spacious procedure as well as adding seating for 12 divers to both gunwales.
- There is a large heated changing room above deck with ample storage space.
- The Sharon Rose comes fully equipped with 2 x VHF, 2 x radar, GPS and colour echo sounder.