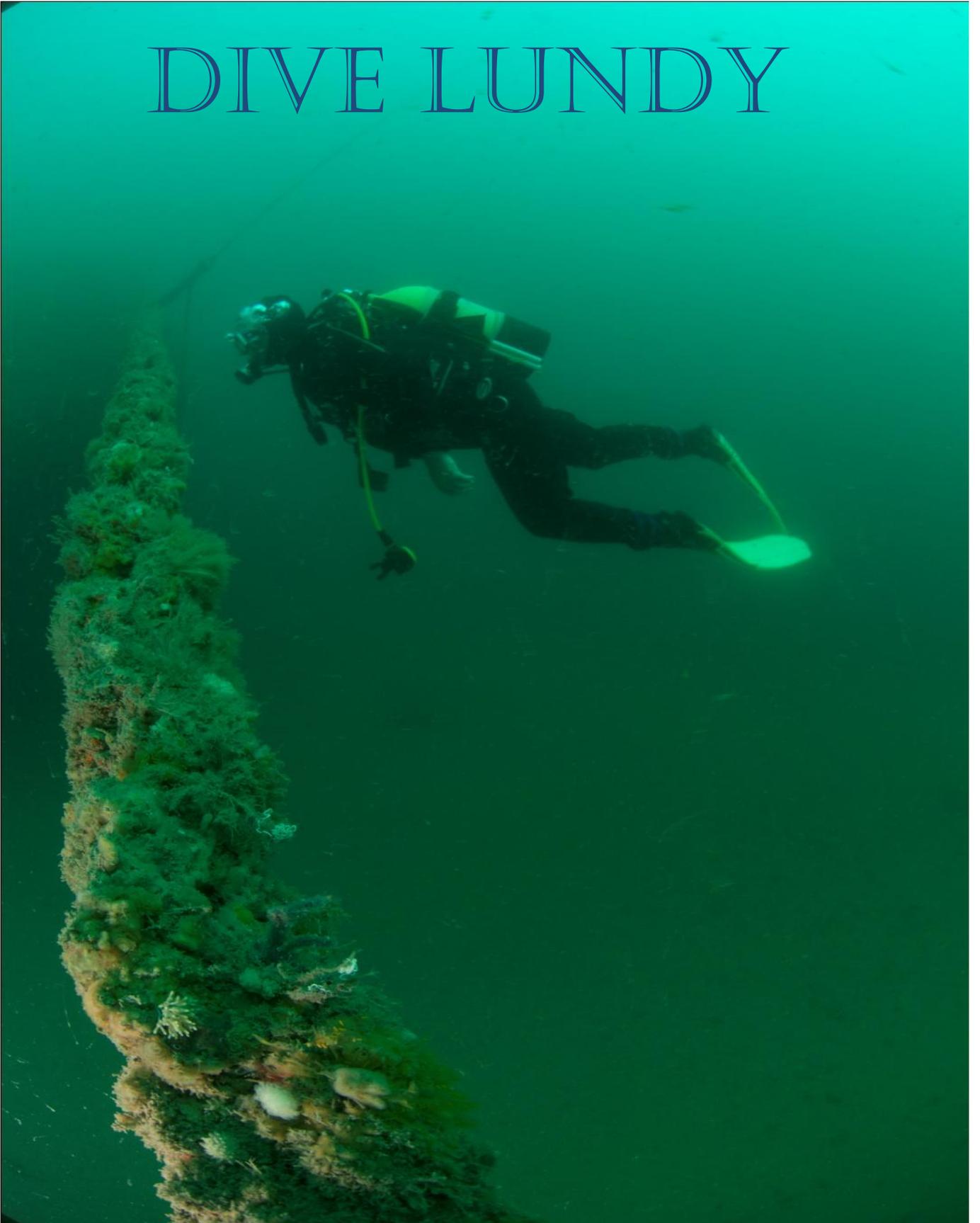


DIVE LUNDY



Thank you for your enquiry about diving around Lundy. This information sheet should tell you all you need to know about diving on Lundy and planning your holiday.

Please note that from October 2014 we require all vessels to operate at below 5knots within 100m of the shoreline.

WHY DIVE LUNDY?

The simple answer is because the marine environment around Lundy is spectacular and it provides divers with unique experiences that they will treasure. Lundy was established as a voluntary Marine Nature Reserve in 1971, this was followed with the first Marine Nature Reserve designation in 1986. Since then, the islands importance has been recognised through further designations as a Special Area of Conservation in 2000 and was nominated as the first Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) in 2010. Along with these designations, an area to the east of the island has been declared as a No Take Zone since 2003¹, this means that no fishing or collection of sea life of any kind can take place in this area. We ask that you respect this and report any activities to the Warden.

The protection that Lundy has been given, ensures that the marine life is amazing and along with spectacular scenery, above and below the waves, will allow you to experience some of the most varied diving in the UK. Many divers return to Lundy after having dived in the unique waters littered with wrecks and diverse marine life including the playful resident seals and beautiful anemones and corals.

Lundy's waters are home to two protected wrecks: the Iona II and the Gull Rock Wreck. These wrecks are protected by the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 due to their significance and therefore cannot be dived without a licence. A new dive trail for the Iona II is due to be released in June 2014 by English Heritage.

DIVING AROUND LUNDY

Lundy's location on the edge of the Atlantic means that we enjoy unpolluted water which can have excellent visibility, particularly in the calm summer months. However the position of the island means it can be subjected to very strong tidal currents so it is essential that you understand the tidal streams at each site. It is advisable to use one of the experienced dive charter boats as their skippers have excellent knowledge of the dive sites making the whole experience safer and more enjoyable. Shore diving is limited to only a couple of safe entry points from the shore.

¹ Please refer to the MCZ Zoning scheme chart for details.

The Lundy Warden oversees the management of the Marine Conservation Zone, No Take Zone and Special Area of Conservation including the day-to-day running of the dive facilities and is happy to advise you on any aspect of diving on Lundy. Please feel free to contact the Warden before your visit on warden@lundyisland.co.uk or come and speak with her during your visit.

We encourage safe diving practices therefore each group should nominate a diving officer who is responsible for organising and supervising the group's diving activities. The diving officer is also responsible for raising awareness of the group as regards the legal protection of Lundy's marine protected area and should ensure that all divers abide by the code of conduct².

Shellfish: Please be aware that the regulations surrounding diver caught shellfish are currently changing and the requirements will be confirmed in March 2014. At present, it appears that all divers taking scallops, crabs or lobster will require a permit from either the MMO or Devon and Severn IFCA. Recreational divers would be limited to a bag limit of 2 lobsters, 3 crabs and 15 scallops per diver per calendar day. However, many local charters operate a no take policy and their capture is not encouraged.

In December 2013, a new byelaw was passed stating that no Crawfish (Spiny Lobster) can be taken by anyone from the Marine Conservation Zone at Lundy. To assess the state of the Crawfish population at Lundy we are running a survey in which you can participate in. Local charter skippers have copies of the survey sheets and further sheets are available from the warden (warden@lundyisland.co.uk).

“Take only photos, leave only bubbles”

Please be advised: Lundy is subject to fierce tidal races and sudden changes in weather which make it no place for inexperienced divers. The use of permanent surface marker buoys is strongly recommended. Persons diving off Lundy do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. The Landmark Trust and the Lundy Company accepts no responsibility or liability for injuries or accidents which occur when diving in the waters around Lundy.

IONA II DIVE TRAIL

The Iona II Dive Trail was opened at the Splash In! in 2014. The Iona II is a paddle steamer which founder off the east coast of Lundy after setting sail to assist in the American Civil War. There are four elements to the trail for you to immerse yourself in and assist in the monitoring of this protected wreck. Please be aware that

² Please refer to the 'Lundy Codes' leaflet.

as the Iona II is legally protected, you are required to have a licence in order to dive her. All the details are available on our website: [Iona II Dive Trail](#)

DIVE FACILITIES ON LUNDY ISLAND

Please book facilities a minimum of 1 month prior to your visit to ensure that we are able to meet your needs and to receive your 10% discount on airfills.

The Beach Building has been built with divers in mind and offers:

- Basic lockable storage/changing areas for two dive parties (approx. 6 persons per party) free of charge. Please note that these must be booked in advance and are subject to availability.
- Dunk tank for washing kit. Please note that during dry spells, the water may not be refreshed as frequently due to water restrictions and that the indoor tap is not for washing kit.;
- Air-fills: the triple filter compressor can supply air up to 230bar and tanks will be filled for you by island staff. Please book air-fills in advance to receive a 10% discount. Please ensure that tanks are in test with a visible test stamp (those without a visible in-date test stamp cannot be filled). During busy times, if your stamp is not obvious then your tank may not be filled.

Please note that you will receive a bill each day that is to be paid in the Tavern by the end of the same day. If you wish to receive a bill at the end of your stay please arrange this prior to your arrival with the Warden. Twin-sets are made up of two separate tanks and will be charged as such.

Prices for fills per tank are:

Up to 3litres	£3
4lr-15lr	£6.50
16lr +	£8.75

ACCOMMODATION

Many divers come to Lundy for a weekend but for many this is not nearly long enough to experience everything that Lundy has to offer. Staying on the Island maximises the time you spend diving and minimises travel time. The range of accommodation includes self-catering properties and camping facilities. The Barn is our largest self-catering property and has space for up to 14 people in two dormitory style rooms. It is advisable to book well in advance as island accommodation and facilities are limited. The full range of accommodation can be viewed at and booked through our [website](#) or via the Lundy Shore Office. Please note that the Warden cannot process accommodation bookings.

THE LUNDY SHOP

The Lundy Shop carries an extensive range of fresh, frozen and canned food, along with toiletries, household

goods and souvenirs. A range of wines, beers and spirits are available from the shop and Marisco Tavern. There is a good supply of fresh produce, which is replenished on sailing days. If you choose to bring your own groceries with you, please ensure that they are in a sealed plastic container as open bags represent a rat hazard and must remain on the boat.

The shop also stocks t-shirts, identification guides on the island's marine life and other souvenirs.

The shop opening hours are displayed in the shop window and on the Tavern notice board. Many divers find that on the first day they arrive outside of shop opening hours due to their diving schedule. You can however make an advanced order which will be delivered to your property on the day. The advanced order form has must be received **at least two weeks** before your visit. For further information please contact the Island shop on 01237 431831 or shop@lundyisland.co.uk

If you enjoy eating outdoors, there is a large gas BBQ available for hire (disposable BBQ's are available to buy) and the shop has an excellent range of BBQ foods.

If you prefer someone else cooking for you the Marisco Tavern provides a variety of delicious meals.

MARISCO TAVERN

The Marisco Tavern is the focal point of island life for everyone on the island. Food is served throughout the day; however please refer to the board in the Tavern for serving times and menus.

Packed lunches are available on request. Please place your order with the Tavern staff the day before to ensure that the kitchen has enough notice.

A variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available including real ales such as Old Light, named after the oldest lighthouse on the island.

GETTING TO LUNDY

You can get to the Island either on one of the charter boats, on your own boat³ or on our ship the MS Oldenburg.

Fares and sailing times for the Oldenburg can be found on our [website](#). The ticket price is inclusive of the Lundy landing fee (£6 or free to National Trust members) and luggage transport fee (£3 with a minimum charge of £10).

There is a luggage allowance of 20kg per person on the Oldenburg and anyone carrying luggage in excess of this will be charged accordingly. A charge of £16 is payable for the carriage of personal diving equipment such as tanks, weights etc. and is not considered as excess luggage.

³ Sometimes the weather prevents small boats like the charter boats or RIBs from getting to the Island so please make sure you arrange your own insurance as we cannot refund the cost of your accommodation.

If you would like to use your own RIB or inflatable whilst you are here, this can be transported on the Oldenburg at the cost of £100 per boat and must be booked via the Shore Office on (01271) 863 636 . Please note that we are not responsible for any damage or loss caused to boats or equipment during shipment or whilst on Lundy so please ensure your belongings are appropriately insured.

If you come to Lundy using one of the charter boat services please note that there is a luggage transfer service available at a cost of £3 per person (minimum £10), all luggage must weigh no more than 20kg (excess will be charged for) and all food must come over in sealed plastic containers.

If you do decide to dive from your own vessel please be aware that conditions around Lundy can change very quickly and make sure that you carry all the appropriate safety equipment including a VHF radio or other means of communication.

Petrol on Lundy is a limited commodity and we cannot offer it for sale other than in an emergency. If you are bringing your own boat you must organise to bring sufficient fuel for your stay. If you are using the Oldenburg, please speak to them well in advance because they are restricted in the hazardous goods they can carry. Diesel may be ordered in advance on the Dive Facilities Booking Form.

Please remember Lundy is a Marine Conservation Zone and you must exercise extreme caution when storing fuel and re-fuelling your boat.

There is one visitor mooring in the Landing Bay therefore please consult a member of Island staff on arrival to establish if it is available. Please note that mooring is undertaken at your own risk. The Landing Bay provides a sheltered anchorage when the winds are from the western quarter, but is vulnerable to winds from the East or North East. During adverse conditions, inflatables can be hauled out of the water but this is not practical for RIBs therefore please consult a reliable forecast prior to your arrival.

Since 2006, Lundy Island has been rat free for the benefit of the Manx shearwaters and Puffin populations. To ensure that we remain this way, it is important that visitors to the island take extra precautions to reduce the risk of a reintroduction therefore we have some requests. If you are bringing your own boat, please check it for rodents immediately prior to your visit and keep any food sealed or in sealed containers.

BOOKING CHECKLIST

- Book your accommodation on the island by either contacting the Lundy Shore Office (01271) 863 636 or by visiting our [website](#).

- Book a charter boat. There are a number of independent⁴ charter boats that operate around Lundy:
 - Clovelly charters: **Jessica Hettie** (max.6 divers) - Clive Pearson on 01237 431405 or 07774190359 or alternatively visit Clive's [website](#)
 - Lundy Murrelet**, (max.12 divers) - Colin Eastman on 01237 431875 or 07974805086 or alternatively visit Colin's [website](#)
 - Appledore charters: **Lundy Castaway** (max. 10 divers) – John Fanthorpe on 01598 740198 or 07970474273 or alternatively visit John's [website](#)
 - Ilfracombe charters: **Obsession II and Silver Spirit**, (max. 12 divers each) –Andrew Benguey on 01271 866325 or 07971462024 or alternatively visit Andrew's [website](#)
 - JAY JAY**, (max.12 divers) – contact 01271 863398 or 07827679189 or alternatively visit their [website](#)
- Complete a Dive Booking Form and email it directly to the Lundy Warden warden@lundyisland.co.uk along with a completed advance order form for the shop if required.

⁴ Please note that as these are independent operators, neither The Lundy Company nor The Landmark Trust can accept responsibility on their behalf.