

# **BFA COMPETITION OFFICER REPORT FOR 2015**

## **Summary**

2015 has been a successful year for British Freedivers at competitive events, domestically and abroad. Main competitions included the UK Pool National Championships and Individual World Championships (both pool and depth).

4 competitions were applied for and approved by the BFA in 2015 (listed below). The Competition Grant was awarded for the Great Northern (pool and national championships).

Proposed idea of organising a UK Depth National Championships abroad was refused. It would require a significant financial input from BFA with potentially limited attendance of British athletes. Therefore, it was deemed as not the best use of BFA budget at this time.

Options for future depth competitions will be revisited during AGM.

Informal discussions took place with potential organisers with regards to UK based pool competitions in 2016.

## **World Championships**

### *Pool*

Strong team including Wild Card holders represented UK in Belgrade, Serbia in all disciplines. Competition turned out to be a great success for British athletes, including 2 medals.

- Gold and Bronze medal for Alice Hickson (DNF and STA)
- 2 athletes in Women DNF finals
- 5 athletes in STA finals (4 in women finals/1 in men final)

### *Depth*

Strong team represented the UK in Limassol, Cyprus. Good results and top 10 places for Liv Philip (CNF, FIM) and John Moorcroft (CNF).

## **UK National Championships**

The BFA Pool Nationals took place in Liverpool (March 2015) in familiar formula from the previous years. The Great Northern was classed as an international competition and also the final qualification opportunity in a run up to the Pool World Championships. It had good attendance and high level was underlined by 2 UK National Records.

Grant for a pool competition and a National Championships was awarded for the above event.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Manchester Classic Competition**

Smaller, one day/one discipline competition took place in Manchester (November).

## **Blue Hole competitions (12<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June)**

Two small depth competitions took place in Dahab, organised by Brian Crossland.

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