



## CLARENCE HOUSE

As President, and being only five years older than this august institution, I am delighted to send my congratulations to the British Sub-Aqua Club and its members on your sixtieth anniversary. For the duration of its life the Club has been at the forefront of sport diving in the UK and has gained huge respect for its training and service to the diving community. Divers are the eyes of our sub-aqua realm and your passion to preserve it for future generations is thoroughly commendable.

To all the staff and volunteers in the many BSAC clubs around the Country and the world, who give so generously of their time and enthusiasm, I can only express my heartfelt thanks and urge you to keep up your efforts. To the young people who are beginning your training, I can only encourage you to continue so that you, too, can experience the wonders of our seas.

Diving equipment and training has evolved over the years, but there remains today the same pioneering spirit and sense of fun in the Club that were there from the beginning. When I was a bit younger – and next year I will have been President for 40 of your 60 years! - I was fortunate enough to be involved in some wonderful dives, including diving on the wreck the Mary Rose before it was raised. The project to raise and preserve King Henry VIII's Flag Ship would not have been possible without the hundreds of BSAC divers who helped to excavate such an important part of Britain's maritime heritage. It is but one example of your sterling work.

At my age I am proud to call myself a retired BSAC diver - so my very best wishes go to the BSAC and all its members for the next 60 years.

Safe Diving!

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