

## RCC Underwater Subvention Error

### **Introduction and History**

At some point in the 2006-2007 financial year, RCC Underwater was given approximately £4000 in SGI from the Union. At the time it was not known, by either the Union or the Underwater club, where the money came from. Last year the Underwater Chair at the time, Dominic Andradi-Brown investigated this matter with various people from the Union and came to the conclusion that the club could keep the money. In July 2010 it became known to us that the Union would be reinvestigating this matter as the Sabbatical Officers felt that they knew where the money had come from.

### **2009-2010 investigations**

At the start of the last university year, the chair of RCC Underwater at the time, Dominic Andradi-Brown liaised with Andrew McLennan about the issue. From what Andrew said in his email, he liaised with the DPFS and other Union employees who then came to the conclusion that the Underwater club could keep the money. This is detailed in the email below:

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**Date:** Wed, 30 Sep 2009 17:30:21 +0100  
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**Subject:** SGI

Hello,

I know I have spoken to Dominic on this however I don't know if Michiel, you have been briefed. In 2006/07 there was massive increases in your SGI, where normally money goes in and out, however this time only came in. It was under the creditor's due <1yr category. Altogether for both of you it amounts to about £35000.

I have spoken to the finance department and also the dpfs and everyone who has anything to do with money in the Union. No-one has any clue on how it got there. Therefore we have come to the conclusion that it is yours to spend. Enjoy. This will not affect the value currently in your SGI, however it does mean that you can have big capital expenditure from your accounts.

Also Dominic, you were asking how to set up a new CEP on your new boat, the answer is really arrange a meeting with the dpfs, but give him a bit of warning to do some reading up.

Hope this helps

Andy

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**What we have used the money for:**

Since being told we could keep the money the underwater club has invested it into a new inflatable boat, which was funded 50% by this money. In addition, being such a large dive club with a lot of equipment Underwater has an ongoing financial plan that ensures that when a piece of essential equipment comes to the end of its expected life we know where we are going to get funds to replace it.

The money currently in our SGI has been being saved up for use over approximately 6-8 years, as part of a larger Underwater club financial plan. This year we have a CEP maturing to replace our compressor which is now getting very old. The CEP is only expected to cover only part of the costs associated with buying and fitting a new compressor into the Underwater stores, hence we have been saving up money in our SGI for this huge expense. Obviously a compressor to fill our air tanks is essential for us to be able to dive, and we don't want to let our members down by ending up in a situation where people can't dive or learn to dive because we can't get air into our cylinders!

**Matter for decision**

1. Underwater club to keep the money from the accounting error.