



THE DIVING MUSEUM
is run entirely by volunteers and members
of the Historical Diving Society.

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From ancient times man has reaped the natural treasures of the oceans – pearls and coral have been collected since at least 5000BC. The 18th century saw an explosion of interest in recovering treasures from sunken vessels. Experimentation with diving bells was followed by the invention of the diving helmet in the 19th century – commercial diving was born. After the Second World War, sport diving became popular. Today, divers can work at depths as great as 300m doing everything from military operations, oilfield support, salvage and construction to fish farming, archaeology, research – and even just for fun! From ancient to modern, it's all at THE DIVING MUSEUM.



THE DIVING MUSEUM is open on Bank Holidays and weekends from April to October inclusive.

OPENING HOURS: 10am – 5pm

ADULTS £2.00 / CHILDREN (5–16) & OAPs £1.00

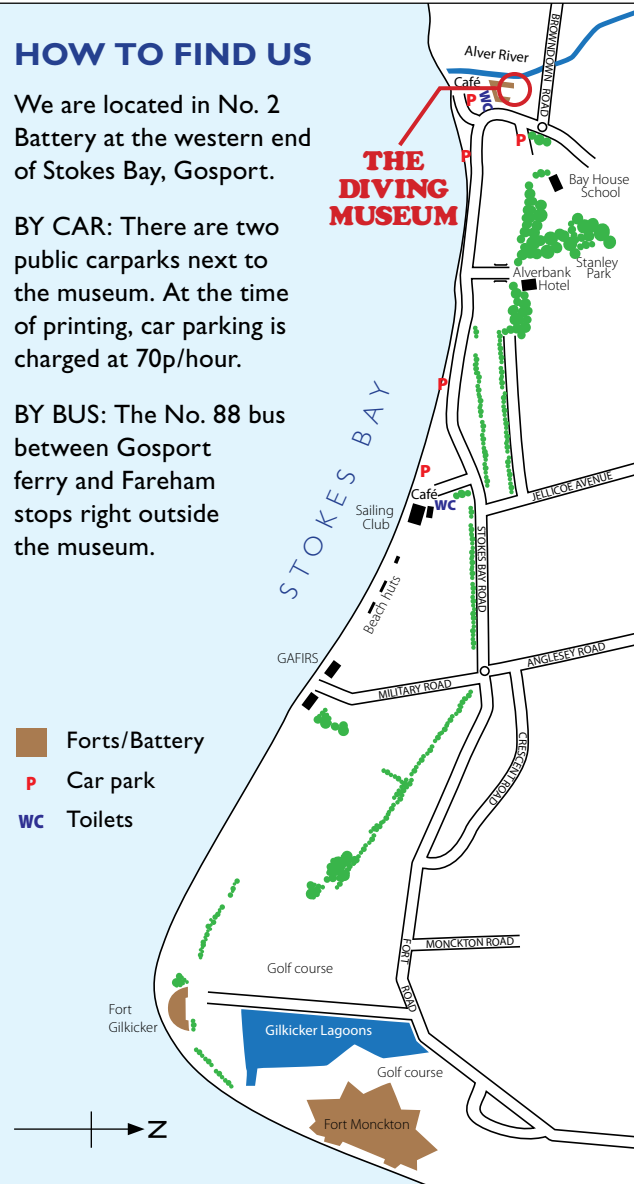
Because the exhibits are both heavy and fragile, we regret that we are unable to admit unaccompanied children. All under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

HOW TO FIND US

We are located in No. 2 Battery at the western end of Stokes Bay, Gosport.

BY CAR: There are two public car parks next to the museum. At the time of printing, car parking is charged at 70p/hour.

BY BUS: The No. 88 bus between Gosport ferry and Fareham stops right outside the museum.



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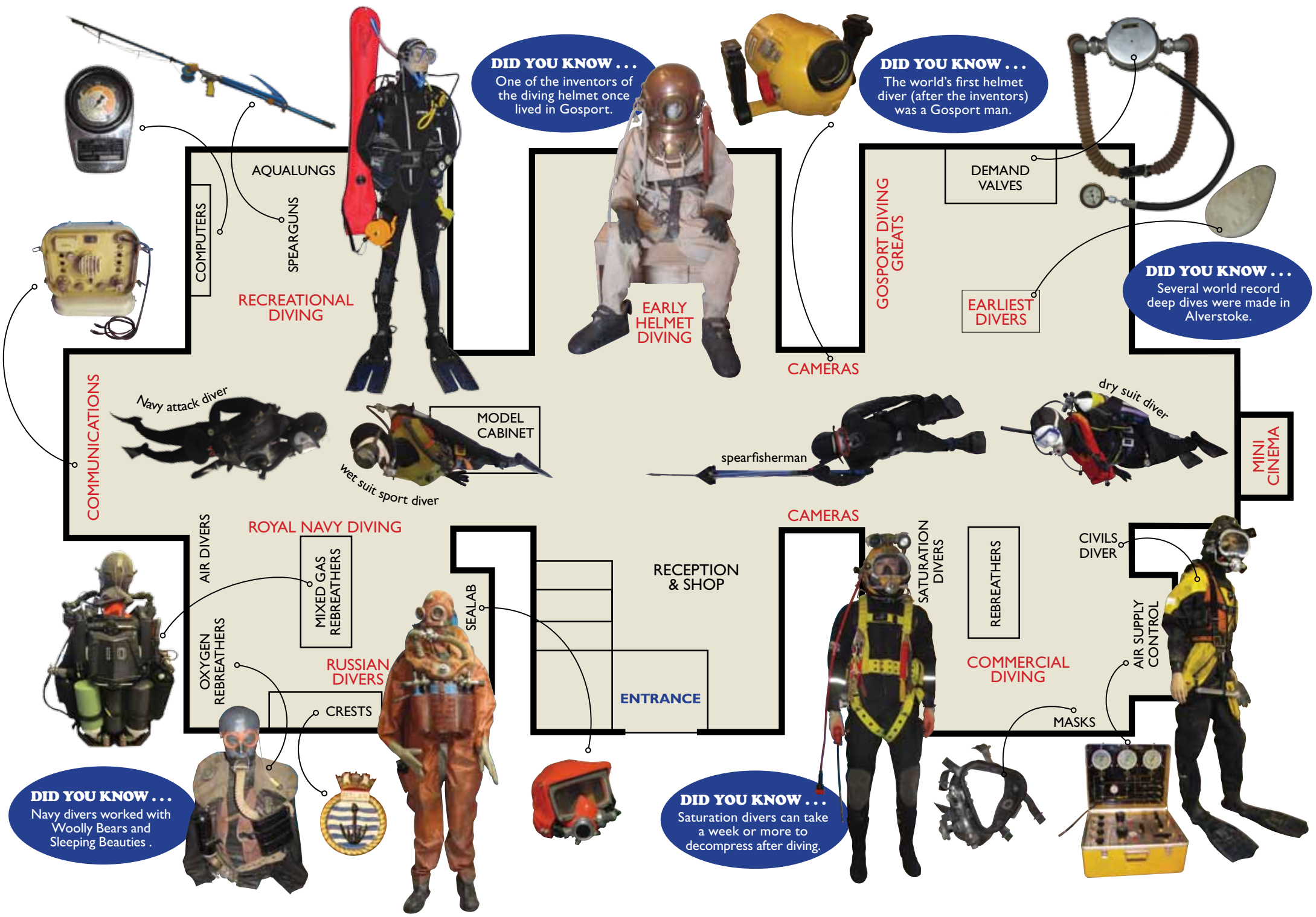
DID YOU KNOW ...
One of the inventors of the diving helmet once lived in Gosport.

DID YOU KNOW ...
The world's first helmet diver (after the inventors) was a Gosport man.

DID YOU KNOW ...
Several world record deep dives were made in Alverstoke.

DID YOU KNOW ...
Navy divers worked with Woolly Bears and Sleeping Beauties.

DID YOU KNOW ...
Saturation divers can take a week or more to decompress after diving.



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CRESTS
RUSSIAN DIVERS
SEALAB

CAMERAS
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REBREATHERS
COMMERCIAL DIVING
MASKS
AIR SUPPLY CONTROL
CIVILS DIVER
MINI CINEMA
dry suit diver