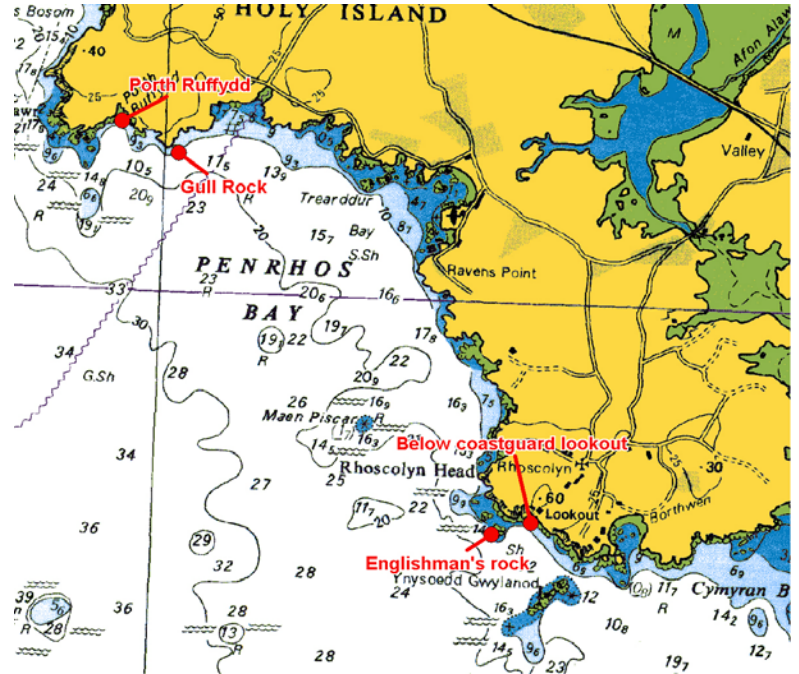


West Anglesey weekend 11-12 June 2005

The aim of the weekend was to dive previously unsurveyed sites. Ten divers took part, diving from a RIB chartered from SBS (run by Aubrey Diggle). Four sites were dived, two to the south and two to the north of Trearddur Bay. The visibility was an impressive 10m and the weather calm and sunny (on the first day anyway!).

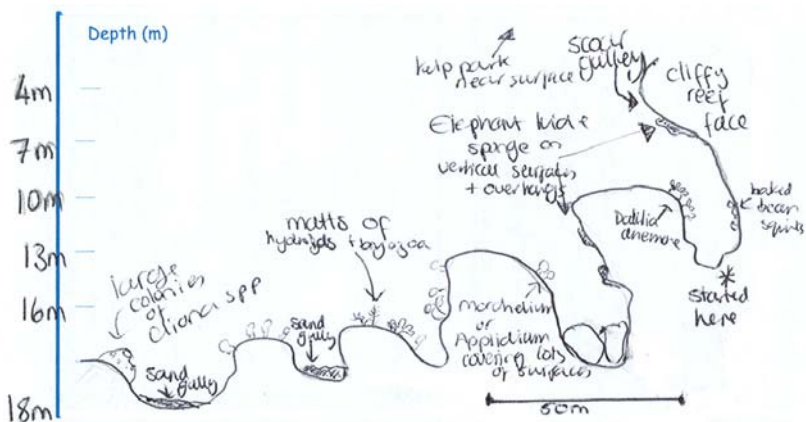
Porth Ruffydd

The seabed here was a rocky slope to about 12m with some boulders. Most of the rocks were covered with either kelp or mixed red seaweeds. In the crevices there were several sea cucumbers *Pawsonia saxicola*. Divers also found fishing line and weights on the seabed.



Gull Rock

This was a rocky site, with cliff faces, overhangs and gullies down to 18m depth (sketch below left). The seabed cover types were kelp park in shallower water and short animal turf on the vertical walls and in deeper water. In some of the gullies divers found the baked bean squirt (*Dendrodoa grossularia*) and the white lacey sponge *Clathrina coriacea* (picture below right).

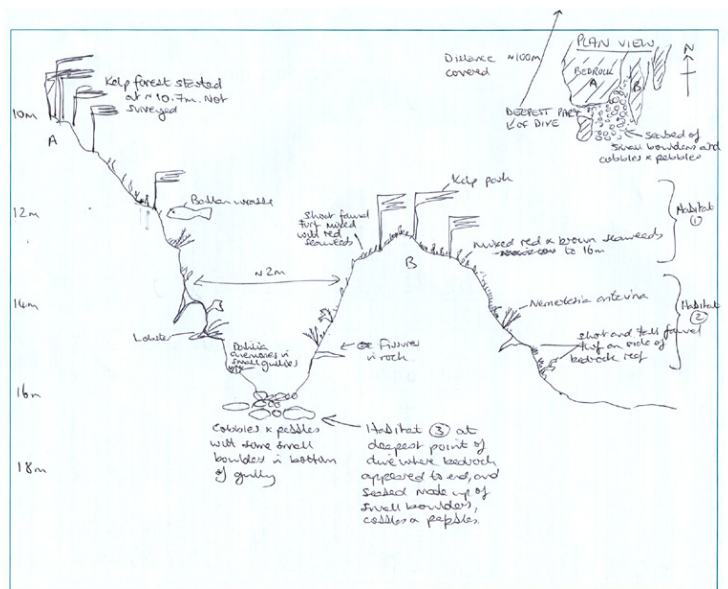


Beneath coastguard hut, Rhoscolyn

The seabed here was mostly boulder and cobble slopes with the occasional large bedrock outcrop. The sloping areas were covered in a dense red algal turf.

Englishman's Rock

The seabed here was rugged, with bedrock steps, ridges, gullies and slopes to 14m and then small boulders, cobbles and pebbles below that (sketch opposite). The site is tideswept and as a result there were many anemones (*Actinothoe sphyrodeta*) and dead men's fingers (*Alcyonium digitatum*). There were also patches of dense featherstars (*Antedon bifida*).



Sea slugs seemed to be out in force during the weekend; a total of 7 species were spotted and many appeared to be engaged in x-rated activities!

Left: *Doto* sp., Below: *Polycera* sp., Bottom left: *Tritonia lineata*.



During the weekend we completed three survey forms and nine observer forms. The divers who took part were Rohan Holt, Lucy Kay, Paul Kay, Liz Morris, Ian Paton-Smith, Kirsten Ramsay, Ruth Sharratt, David Lewis-Waller, David Wayland and Ruth Wayland.

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