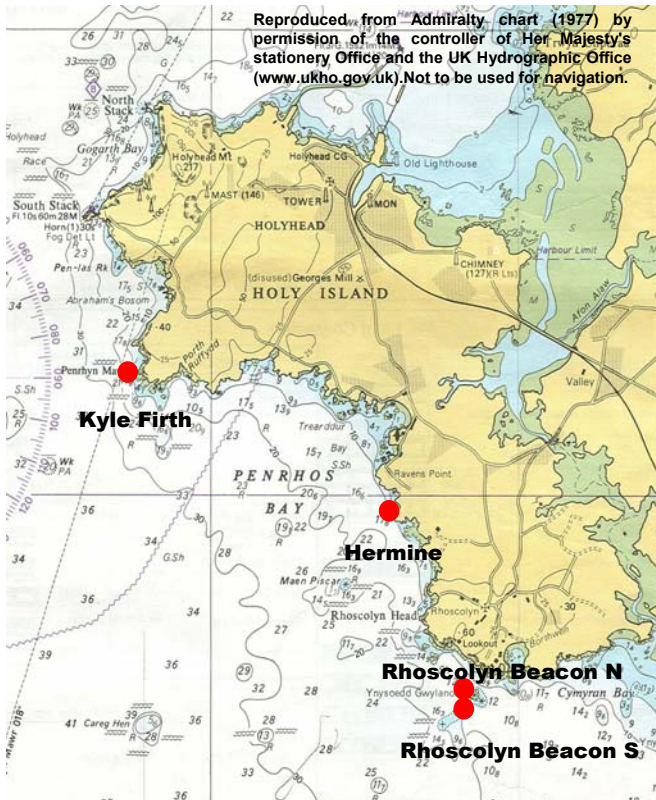




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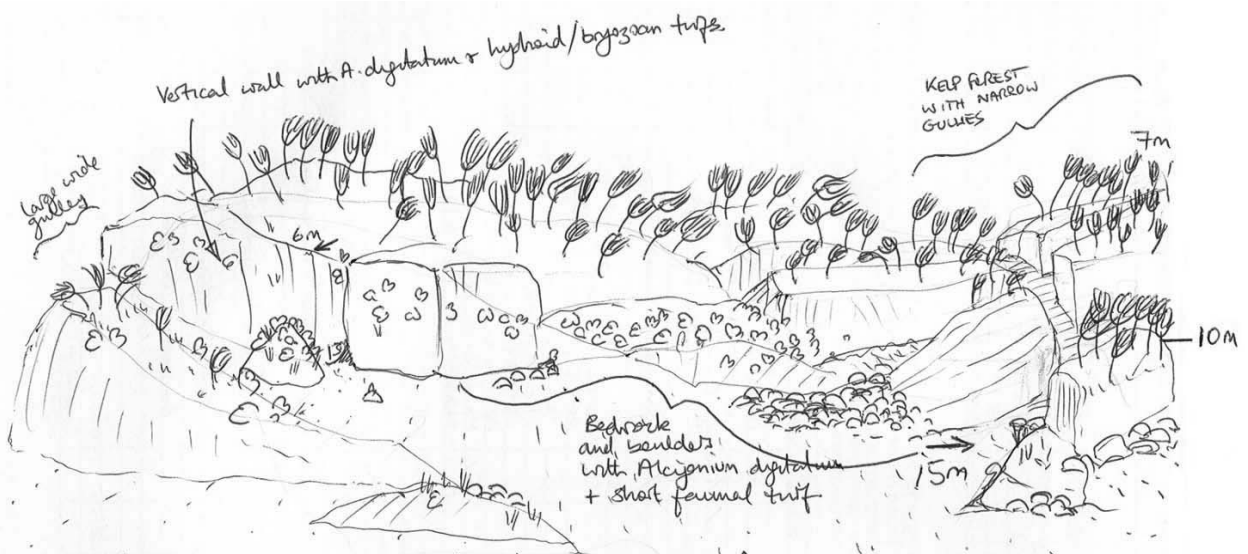
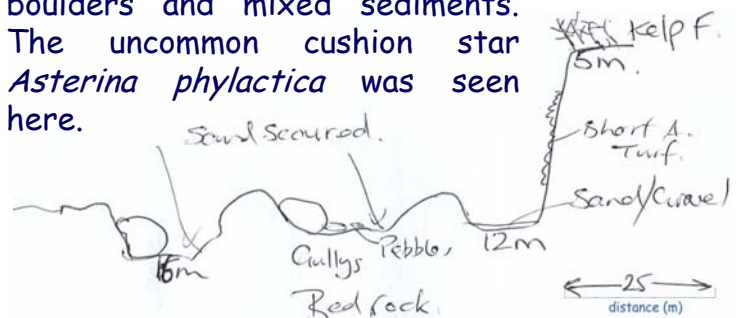


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Seven divers took part in the weekend, diving from a RIB chartered from SBS (run by Aubrey Diggle). Four sites were dived, two were wreck sites: the wreck of the *Hermine* and the wreck of the *Kyle Firth*, and the other two sites were close to Rhoscolyn Beacon.

Kyle Firth

The seabed around the Kyle Firth was a mixture of bedrock gullies, boulders and mixed sediments. The uncommon cushion star *Asterina phylactica* was seen here.



Rhoscolyn Beacon

The seabed here was mainly bedrock and boulders with lots of gullies, leading down to sand and gravel. The animal turfs on the rock here were rich in numbers of species.

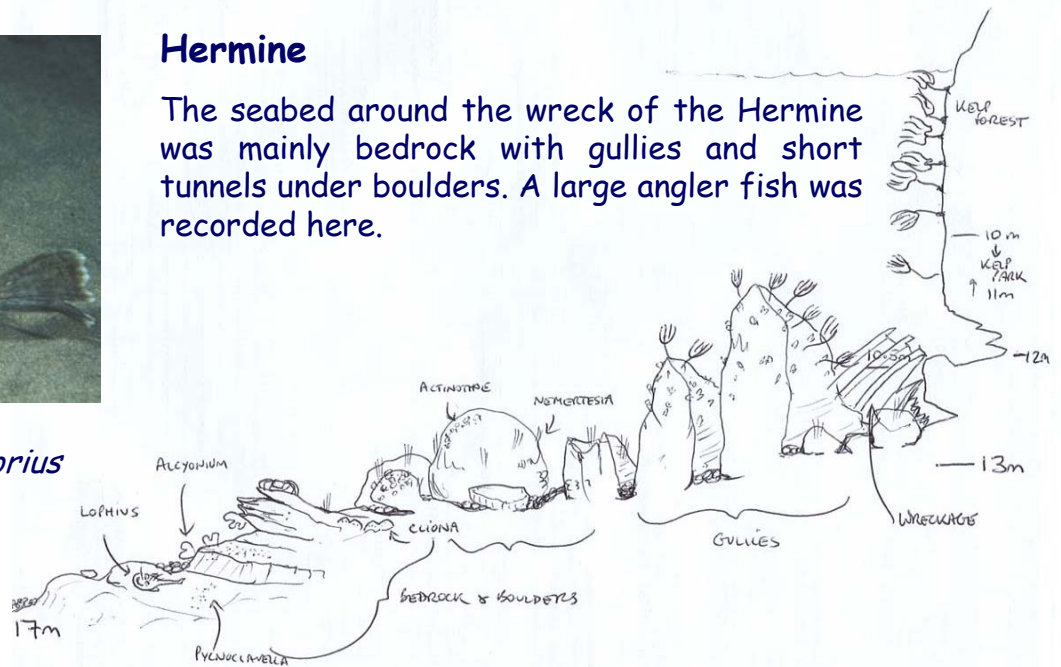
Coarse sand & gravel
in waves & ripples.



Hermine

The seabed around the wreck of the *Hermine* was mainly bedrock with gullies and short tunnels under boulders. A large angler fish was recorded here.

Angler fish *Lophius piscatorius*



Phylum	Common name	No. of species	Common species	
Porifera	Sponges	19	Boring sponge	<i>Cliona celata</i>
			Crater sponge	<i>Hemimycale columella</i>
Cnidaria	Anemones, hydroids, jellyfish	16	Dead men's fingers	<i>Alcyonium digitatum</i>
			Fried egg anemone	<i>Actinothoe sphyrodeta</i>
Platyhelminthes	Flatworms	1	Candy stripe flatworm	<i>Prostheceraeus vittatus</i>
Annelida	Segmented worms	6	Double spiral worm	<i>Bispira voluticornis</i>
Crustacea	Lobsters, crabs, barnacles	13	Edible crab	<i>Cancer pagurus</i>
			Velvet swimming crab	<i>Necora puber</i>
Mollusca	Shells, sea slugs	15	Sea slug	<i>Flabellina pedata</i>
Bryozoa	Seamats	9	Hornwrack	<i>Flustra foliacea</i>
Echinodermata	Starfish, urchins, sea cucumbers	7	Common starfish	<i>Asterias rubens</i>
Subphylum Tunicata	Sea squirts	12	Sea squirt	<i>Morchellium argus</i>
			Lightbulb sea squirt	<i>Clavelina lepadiformis</i>
Subphylum Pisces	Fish	13	Ballan wrasse	<i>Labrus bergylta</i>
Algae	Seaweeds	13	Kelp	<i>Laminaria hyperborea</i>
Total species		124		

A total of 124 species were recorded over the weekend. Some of the more unusual species included the garlic sponge *Stylostichon plumosum*, the green cushion star *Asterina phylactica* and the sea squirt *Pycnoclavella aurilucens*.

The weekend was organised by Kirsten Ramsay and participating divers were Linda Crawford, Clive Field, Rohan Holt, Kath Keirle, Ruth Sharratt, David Wayland and Ruth Wayland.

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