

## Trip Report: Stealth Mission – Part Two and Three, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

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Those of you who are avid readers of our trip reports will recall a short write up I did back in November last year, where I hinted at a brilliant idea we stumbled across after a few too many beers one evening. I didn't say what the idea was, nor do I intend to now as we are still in the development stage, but what I can say is that phase 3 has just been completed successfully. And phase 4 will be happening shortly. Of course the sharp eyed amongst you may have seen a picture of phase 2 posted on the SDNZ forum a while back, but since that security/secretcy breach we've been keeping a more careful track of information. This is strictly a need to know project.....



This is just a small selection of all the dive equipment we required for this dive.

- Full double tank gear
- Deco bottles with 100% oxygen
- 1 \* Stage bottle (air)
- Lots of rope
- 1 tarpaulin



And as the most important piece of gear a 1m \* 1m Flexi-Bin – crucial to the whole exercise. Kev from OceanBlue is acting as our model for this one – wondering 'Do you think Flexi-Bin might sponsor us for this?'

Mazurka – Tutukaka's friendliest live-aboard was our dive base/surface support for this dive.



Here's Mel at the start of the first dive, with all her kit streamlined in true GUE fashion – not an entanglement hazard in sight!

Clearly when we do this for real all the kit will have to be colour coded in 'tec black' to match the rest of the extreme technical diving explorer image.



Inside the hanger on the HMNZS Waikato – our creation is starting to take shape. This isn't quite the shape/outcome we were hoping for but it is another step forward from our initial trials in November.

We already have a cunning plan for phase 4.....



Kev in the air bubble. Not sure what the expression says: 'Rabbit in the headlights' or 'WTF am I doing – I could be at home watching the football.'

Personally I think he's wondering how he managed to let Mel get her hands on his expensive camera.