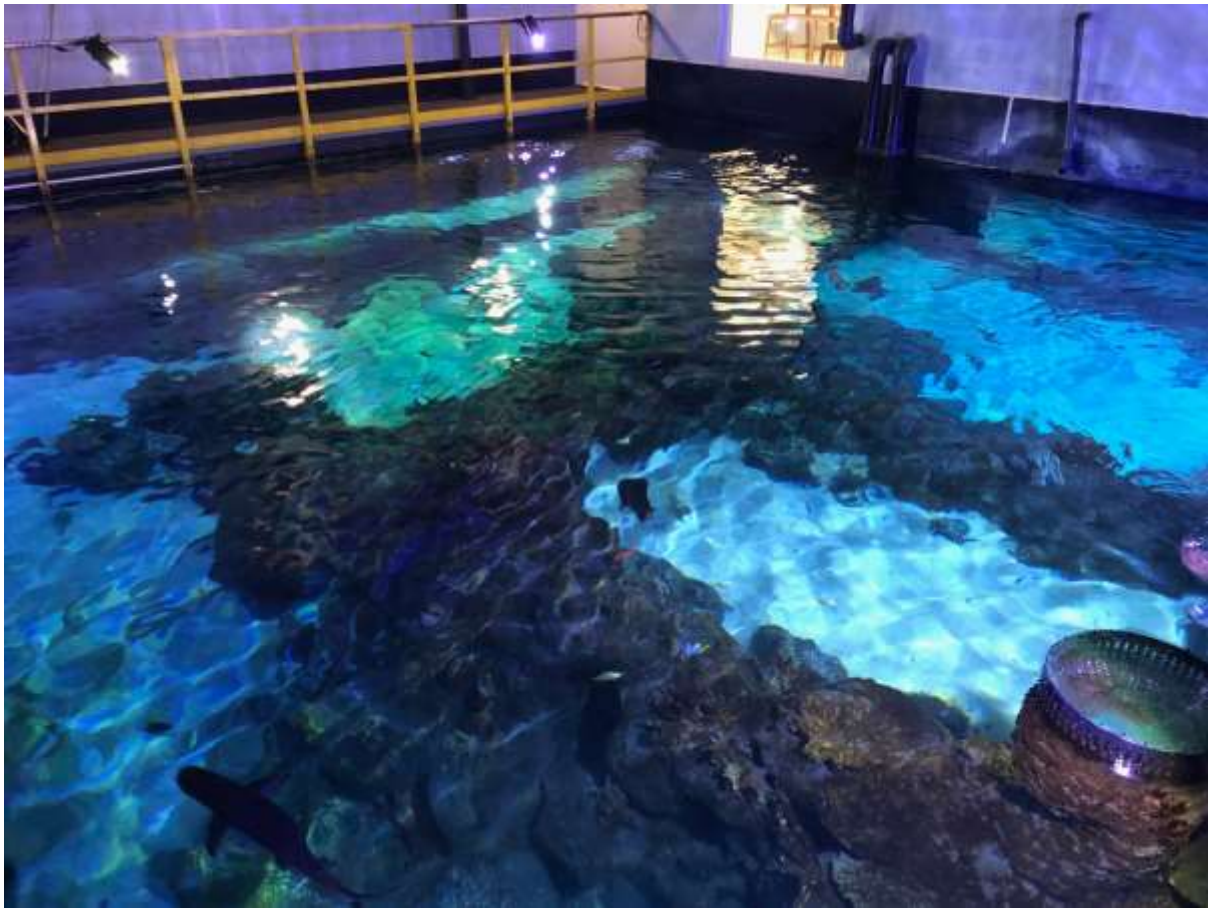
Diving with Sharks at Skegness Aquarium: Saturday 24th February 2018

Charlie, Mark, Derek, George, Stuart, Bryan, Tracy, Jordan (Steve's daughter) and 4 of her diving club friends and myself went to Skegness to go diving with sharks in an aquarium.

After all the form filling and video briefing we were put into 4 groups.
Group 1: Jordan, Stuart, Bryan
Group 2: Charlie, Mark, George
Group 3: Jenny, Derek, Tracy
Group 4: Jordan's 4 uni friends

Each group had a videographer and a dive leader with them on this 30 minute adventure.



Once we were into the water a weight check was established. I carried 12kg in sea water wearing a 3mm wetsuit, 7l tank and no fins! Keeping negativity buoyant was needed to be able to keep to the floor of the 4m deep tank with water temp at 22 degrees.

We followed the dive leader around the tank, then knelt down for a few minutes looking around and pouring sand over the fish and giving them an exfoliating bath. The dive leader used a vegetable block which he crumbled into the water to attract the fish.

Plenty of marine life was found in the tank but the main attraction were the black tip reef sharks, which were fearful of our bubbles, a banded hound shark and a large zebra shark.

There were also four bat rays and a starry dogface puffer, as well as batfish, porkfish, triggerfish, chromis, unicorn tang, sweetlips, soldierfish and many more.

An enjoyable day out was had by all with a lovely evening meal at a local establishment.

After an overnight stay in Skegness Charlie, Mark, Derek and myself went to the local Seal Sanctuary.