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* **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
* **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
* **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
* **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
* **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**
* **Discover Diving IOM. TC012**
* **Innovative Technology Asia Co Ltd, Phuket, Thailand. TC014**
* **Dive Right Co. Ltd, Pattaya, Thailand. TC016**
* **Cylinder Testing Station, Redditch. TC017**
* **Scuba Shack Ltd, Sedgley. TC018**
* **Rec2Tec Diving, Milton Keynes. TC019**
* **Poole Diving Ltd, Poole, Dorset. TC020**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER **NONE** |