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The Coronavirus or Covid-19 appears to have dominated our lives for a while now so I have included a short comment about that. The other items are just reminders of changes I have made regarding the student manuals and to course documents, as we find errors or improvements.

## Coronavirus Impact

The news has been full of advice and guidance on what to do during this fight against the Coronavirus.

I am sure this may impact on the training side of your business in that customers will not be applying to come and get trained.

I hope it does not last too long and things can return to normal for you all soon. I do not anticipate that this virus will affect the way IDEST operates over the forthcoming months though.

## Change to TIC1 & IMCA Procedure document

As a result of the Aberdeen IMCA course, we have introduced the need to dismantle and clean the valve. This stage is an essential part of a cylinder inspection and a hydraulic test so must be covered in the course and thus appear on the procedure.

The new version of the procedure is now in the Dropbox Instructor Resources folders for these two courses.

## All manuals are digital

As of 1st April, all manuals will be digital. They will be included in the Instructor Resources folder for each course under the Student Manual folder.

To send these manuals to the students prior to the event, simply copy from the folder and email to the students.

Please ensure that you have sent a request to me or Pat for the billing of these manuals. The price remains at £25 per manual.

There are a few paper copies of the VAC and TIC2 courses ready for distribution while stocks last.

## Aberdeen IMCA course

I was up in Aberdeen presenting an IMCA course for K D Marine technicians. There were supposed to be two but on arrival I was informed that it was now three.

No problem, the course was run in one of their disused offices, as last time some two years ago.

The students found the course *'interesting and informative'* and said that it covered everything they needed to conduct visual inspections.

I had the pleasure of meeting up with Ken Scott from Moray Firth diving Centre

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## My final note

This morning, Thursday, 30th April I sent my letter of resignation to our Chairman, Tony Marshall. These last few weeks, in lock-down, have given me the time to rethink my life and the time I have available. I will try and continue to serve you guys with the Training side of IDEST but none of the other roles. Hopefully there will be another issue of TRAINER then later in August.

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## IDEST Training Centres update

This is the current list of Training Centres:

- **Bristol Channel Diving Services, Cardiff. TC001**
- **M60 Scuba, Stockport. TC003**
- **Sunderland Scuba Centre, Sunderland. TC004**
- **C & R Testing, Sowerby Bridge. TC007**
- **D V Diving, Northern Ireland. TC009**
- **J M Scuba Services, Leicester. TC010**
- **Moray Firth Dive Centre, Moray. TC011**
- **Discover Diving, IOM. T012**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

- **NONE**
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