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Well, a very Happy New Year to you all. I do hope you managed to have a break over Christmas and New Year. Maybe you have been on a permanent 'break' for some time now in view of the current restrictions.

Let us hope things will improve this year.

I decided to change the months that TRAINER is sent out. It did not seem logical to have them as we have had, for the last two years, although it did follow the months that IDEST sent out TORQUE.

So here is the first, in January 2021, and the others will follow every quarter throughout 2021.

COVID Guidelines

The country is in 'lock-down' again with many areas being in Level 4. It does not appear to be clear as to how long this state of affairs will exist. I am presuming that training of new technicians can be considered as 'at work' for you.

Therefore, I hope that all training centres will have created suitable guidelines and procedures for continuing training despite the COVID restrictions. Perhaps the ones included in the last Trainer Newsletter may have been of some help.

I am still getting several enquiries each week for training from dive centres and technicians wanting to extent their skill base. My response is always the same; *'contact our listed training centres and get a quote and an idea of availability'*.

Several come back telling me who they have booked a course with, which is great news. Long may it continue.

Visual Assessment Course - should it continue?

The responses from you were overwhelming! A big fat ZERO.

I gather from that that you did not consider the VAC to be a valuable course to run with, so I am going to delete it off the list of available events.

It was a good idea at the time but clearly not one that has proved at all popular. Another one bites the dust.

Virtual e-training

Again, your response was very limited. My thanks to John Timperley and Howard Bardsley, who offered his help in setting up these videos.

We have now done some 'shotting' at M60 Scuba as part of a draft version. This is because I have never created such a video before and was not sure what it entailed. We now know that there is more to it than first thought. The editing has been done but what it showed was that several obvious steps to the process have been missed out.

So as soon as we can start moving about again, I will be over to Stockport again to fill in the gaps. Once the filming is done and edited, it is down to adding the dialogue.

The aim of this first video, for the TIC1, is not to replace the excellent trainers we have at the centres. Its purpose is to facilitate training of students that are some distance from a training centre, like Malta, Middle East and such distant locations.

IDEST Tutorials

Not sure if any of you have taken the time to look at the tutorial on Calibration Certificates as I have had no response on this either.

If you have had time to look at it, please send me your feedback.

If it has worked for you then I will consider creating another tutorial on the Thread Gauges.

Amended TIC 2 Instructor Manual

At the start of December, I reviewed some changes I had made to this Instructor Manual and sent them off to Mike Clack, who does my PDF versions.

Neil and Gordon came back with further amendments and so the decision was made to make a brand, new version. This will be version 1.5.

I have amended and updated the PowerPoint presentation and with further help from Neil and Gordon, have rewritten the Instructor Manual. Both have been sent off to Neil and Gordon for their feedback and adjustments.

Why the need for a new version? Well, it would appear that more centres are turning to Proof Testing as their main form of testing. At a recent Scheme Committee Zoom meeting, it was decided that Proof Testing must be included in the course. This is both in the theory presentation and in the practical session.

Many of you are still using the water Jacket method of testing but Proof Testing can still be demonstrated using such equipment. All that needs to be

done is use the empty jacket chamber as your safety shield and demonstrate proof testing with the cylinder standing in the chamber.

Further advice and guidance on how this can be achieved will be in the Instructor Manual version 1.5.

Once the IM and PowerPoint presentation are completed, Mike C will produce the PDF version and then the updated Student Course Manual. I will inform you at to when they are ready and upload them to the Instructor Resources folder in Dropbox.

Oxygen Cleaning Course

Several centres have asked if IDEST has an Oxygen Cleaning Course (OCC) and the answer has been 'NO'. During lock-down I have put pen to paper and created an Instructor Manual and PowerPoint presentation for an OCC.

These have been sent out to Neil and Gordon for approval and feedback. I have over loaded them recently with this course and the new version of the TIC 2. They have plenty to read during lock-down and the dark nights of winter.

Once they have approved the final version, I will proceed with the PDF version and Student Course Manual. As soon as they are ready, I will inform you as usual, probably in the next Trainer Newsletter in April.

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. TC012**

Training Centres leaving since the last issue of TRAINER

- **NONE**