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Here we are with the third newsletter for 2021. Time just seems to be flying by this year. The topics bring you news of two new ideas; one to improve what the student gets for their money and the other an opportunity for you to bring in more customers.

Do make sure you have a good read and keep up-to-speed with what is going on with IDEST training. Feedback on any topic would be most welcomed.

Discover Diving IOM returns

It is with great pleasure that I can tell you that Discover Diving, TC012, on the Isle of Man, has returned to the Training Centre group. A recent enquiry for training courses from a client, actually on the island, was enough to persuade Steve to commit. Welcome back Steve and Michelle.

Registration cards coming

After several centres suggesting IDEST issues some sort of registration card along with the certificates, the decision has now been made to follow it up.

A good, reliable source for the cards has been found and a price that does not break the bank. Buying a card making machine was considered but the price was too high for the number of cards likely to be issued.

These will be added to what students already receive on completion of the course. It does mean that the cost of the student materials will increase to £35 each.

This cost is in line with most training agencies and will improve what the students receive from their training. The cards will have their photograph on one side, along with their name, course attended, registration number and course date.



On the reverse side will be the IDEST logo, a list of all the current IDEST courses and the IDEST website URL. **The sample above has been drawn on to ensure it is not used for real!**

It is planned to provide these cards to students from 1st August 2021. As such you will receive, at the end of July, a message informing you that the pack prices are increasing to £35.

It also means that every student must now provide a photograph similar to a passport photo. It means that some centres will have to add this to their 'to-do' list at the end of an event.

Oxygen Cleaning Course (OCC)

A quick update on the progress of this course is that the Instructor Manual has now been completed and there are some final amendments to be made to the PowerPoint presentation.

Once that is done, the Instructor Manual will be digitised and the Student Manual formulated from the IM content, which is the usual process.

TIC1 for gun shop owners

Several years ago, we produced a three-fold leaflet, with the help of Steve Gibson of Sunderland Scuba.

It explains the difference between a diving cylinder and a gun-charging cylinder. It explains what is involved when the cylinders are inspected and when they are pressure tested.

If you would like a copy of the leaflet, please let me know and I will send it to you. You can then print them off and pass them to clients, who bring in gun-charging cylinders.

We hear many reports of some gun shop owners receiving valves and separate cylinders and then putting the units together. This is presumably without any training in gauging the two items or torquing the valve in correctly.

As a result, would the TIC1, which covers external and internal inspection of diving and breathing gas cylinders, be of benefit to them?

The content of the TIC1 is outlined in the '**Promotion material**' in the Instructor Resources folder. If you know of any gun shop owners, it may be of benefit to your business to approach them with a view of running a TIC1 for them. This would broaden the scope of your clientele while bringing some safety into the gun shops.



UK Register of Learning Providers

Over the past two months I have been investigating how IDEST training can become more recognised in the offshore oil industry and professional diving circles.

It would appear that IDEST needs to register with several organisations along the way. We have now paid our fees and are registered with ICO, which covers us for data protection and the legal keeping of student records. We are also registered with Dun & Bradstreet and have a DUNS number, which is part of

Company's House registration. The next step was to register with the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP) and get a UKPRN number from them. We now have that registration and our UKPRN is 10089020.

Now we have all these registrations completed, we can start looking at getting our training courses approved by Ofqual. Myself and Neil Minto are meeting up with Blackburn College Engineering department, later this month, to discuss a way forward. By doing the registration through an education establishment I think we have a better chance of success.

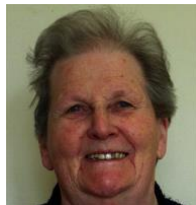
2021 Centre certificates

As you may know Admin has been moved to Tony Marshall's premises. As a result, a few items of admin have gone amiss. I contacted you all to ask the question of whether you had paid for 2021. It would appear you all have now and so I set about printing your 2021 wall certificates. These will be in the post later this week.

During that exercise I discovered that you never received any 2020 certificates as Admin had not passed the information across to me. So, apologies for no 2020 certificates and for the delay in getting 2021 certificates out to you.

This will not be happening in the future I can assure you.

Pat finally retires after 30 years of service



And finally, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, Pat has decided to retire. Her daughter, Jeanette, has been holding the fort for some months now to allow Pat time to fully recover from her illness earlier in the year.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Pat and Jeanette will have retired and a new Admin Office person will have been appointed, to my knowledge and understanding from Neil.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Pat, and Jeanette, for the sterling work that Pat has provided us over the past 30 years and Jeanette over the last six months or so. I am assured that all centres will be informed of the contact details of the new Admin person and that the transition will be seamless.

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