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Cornwall Fisheries Resource Centre

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NOW OPEN!

Introduction

Whether you are a fisherman, merchant or shore side engineer the Resource Centre is open to you. Although we are based in Newlyn, wherever you work in Cornwall we are here to help.

We aim to provide advice, guidance and help on a wide range of Fish Industry related issues and in particular funding or training - so please ask - any enquiry is treated in confidence and we will try and help.

We have 4 computers on-site which are connected to the internet and are FREE for you to use for business research or training. If you have not used one before don't worry as someone will be on hand to get you started.

Training Course Dates

The dates for the next mandatory courses run by the Western Training Association are:

Safety Awareness	14 October, Plymouth, cost £50
Firefighting	31 October, Plymouth, cost £135
Sea survival	1 November, Plymouth, cost £75
First Aid	2 November, Plymouth, cost £50

For a limited time only there is still 100% funding available for New Entrants.

For more information or to book a place on any of these courses please contact Jon Lansley at the Resource Centre on 01736 364324

Landings database

The Resource Centre now has access to a database of landings across Cornwall. Reports are available for quota and non-quota species and can be broken down into tonnages per month or by port and may help emphasise seasonal landing trends to your customers. If you would like a report on any particular species or port please contact Nathan or Jon.

Gill-net re-cycling- YOU CAN HELP!

A new pilot net recycling service is being set up in Newlyn to re-cycle monofilament net. However, to do this effectively they need YOUR help. To ensure the material can be re-used please follow these guidelines:

1. Strip off ALL head and foot ropes.
2. Remove any old fish, weed or other debris - setting twine can be left in.
3. Place the old netting into the stillages provided next to the mending sheds in Newlyn.
4. When the stillages are full inform the Harbour Authorities and new stillages will be provided.

For further information contact Gavin Rees on 01594 846 514

Grant for Research and Development

The SWRDA administers Grants for Research and Development. The Grant for Research and Development provides grants to help individuals and small and medium-sized businesses research and develop technologically innovative products and processes. There are four types of grant aimed at supporting different types of research and development project. These are micro projects; research projects; development projects and exceptional projects. Funding varies according to type of grant applied for. The closing date is the 31st October 2005.. <http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/innovation/grant-for-rd.shtm>

Training

Our aim is not to offer training for training sake, we aim to let you know about training courses that will genuinely help to develop work-related skills that will help you or your business. We also aim to run courses at a convenient time and place, and at minimum cost.

By now you should all have received a survey showing a list of courses that we will be organising over the next few months - if you are interested in attending any of these please contact us. This list is by no means exclusive so if you would like training that isn't listed again please let us know and we will try and find out more details for you.

Seafish

As well as courses offered by the Western Training Assoc. in Plymouth, Seafish Quality Advisers also offer a training service. Courses offered include:

- Introduction to Food Hygiene
- Foundation Food Hygiene
- Introduction to HACCP
- Care of the catch
- Assessing Seafood Quality

All of these courses are tailored to the Fish Industry and are offered at fix costs of £100 upto 3 hrs / £200 over 3 hrs. Each course can be run with upto a maximum of 15 participates. For further information contact the Resource Centre.

Other courses / workshops

We are now setting dates for our winter programme of workshops / events including:

- Vessel stability
- Trawl-net mending
- French language for skippers
- Fish filleting

Again we will try and arrange these courses anywhere in the County where there is a significant demand. If you are interested in attending any of the courses please contact us on 01736 364324 or e-mail: jon@cfrc.org.uk

Fisheries Enterprise Gateway

The Fish Enterprise Gateway is a new SW-wide project to help fish-related businesses develop and adapt to change. Working in collaboration with Plymouth University and Resource Centre the project will provide information and high-level research relevant to fish businesses.

The project will also provide business support and small amounts of funding (£1500) to help associations of like-minded individuals or companies work together. Training grants of upto £3000 are also available to these groups. For more information please contact the Resource Centre.

Supporting Food & Drink Manufacturers in Cornwall

The South West Food & Drink skills network is a partnership between SW Food & Drink and Duchy College. It has a team of food and drink advisers on-hand to provide free expert advice and training resources to benefit your business. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience enabling them to understand your business and skills requirements including both technical or legal.

They are also able to advise on technical issues ranging from sourcing raw materials to the latest in processing equipment. For more details on what they can offer your business please contact Emma Pate, Project Leader on 07710 147814 or emma.pate@duchy.ac.uk.

