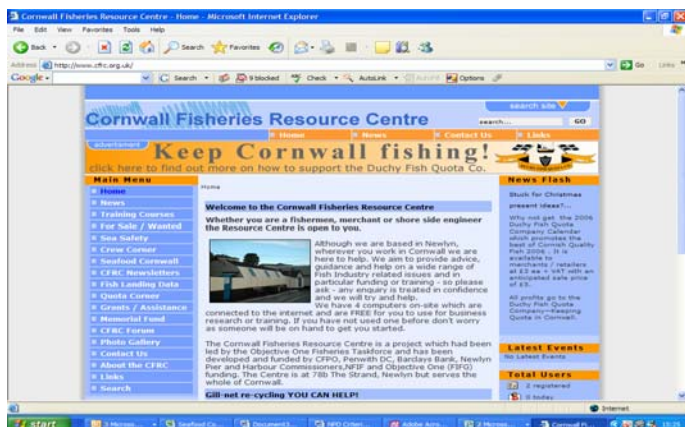


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CFRC Website ON-LINE

The CFRC website is now 'live' at www.cfdc.org.uk. and is a truly online resource centre with training dates, Seafood Cornwall information, message boards, photo galleries, crew database, links to top weather sites and 'galley table' chat room - all online. If you have access to the Internet please have a look and tell us what you think, if you don't have internet access please drop into the Resource Centre and use one of our computers to use the site. If you would like to advertise on the website or would like to see other sections added please contact Jon or Nathan on 01736 364324.

RNLI demo - Man-Overboard System

The RNLI's SW Fishing Vessel Safety Co-ordinator, Simon Armstrong will be giving a demonstration of the new McMurdo Guardian MOB System in the **Cornwall Fisheries Resource Centre, Newlyn on Wednesday 1st March at 1pm.** Other dates and venues can be organised on request. For further details please contact Simon on 07881 470851 or call into the Resource Centre.

Maritech 'Wisefish' demo CD

The CFRC has been given information and a demo CD on Maritech's 'wisefish' traceability software, which has been developed by Maritech in partnership with Microsoft to meet the specific needs of the Seafood Industry. For more information contact Chris Hempelman on 01738 575757.

Microbiological analysis of food samples

Occasionally customers may request a microbiological analysis of your fish products to test food samples for various microbiological agents. Bacteria tested will usually fall into 2 broad groups, pathogenic or spoilage. Tests for pathogenic bacteria are usually by name e.g. Salmonella sp or Staph Aureas.

For further advice contact Jon 01736 364324

Seafish Vessel Economic Survey

Seafish are undertaking a new economic survey of the UK fish catching sector.

Rising fuel costs, stock recovery measures and quota and effort regulations are continually influencing the structure and economic viability of the UK fishing fleet. It is now more important than ever that industry representatives and fisheries administrations have up-to-date financial information, to assess the economic pressures on the UK fleet.

The previous survey was carried out in 2001 and received excellent support with over 450 vessel owners submitting financial information. The success of this survey depends on vessel owners granting Seafish Economics Department access to their accounts for 2003/2004, and 2004/2005.

All information provided will be treated in strict confidence and no individual vessel details will be identified in the final report.

Jon Lansley will be contacting SW boat owners to discuss participation in the study. If anyone has any questions and/or would like to participate please call Jon on 01736 364324 or John Anderson at Seafish on 0131 524 8662.

Training dates

Sea going - WTA mandatory courses

	Feb		March	
# Fire Fighting	6	20	6	20
# Sea Survival	7	21	7	21
# First Aid	8	22	8	22
# Health & Safety		17	9	
# Safety Awareness	9			
First Aid 3 day			14 - 16	
First Aid 5 day			27 - 31	

Health and safety 17th Feb is being provided in Newlyn, all other courses in Plymouth.

= 100% funded places for new entrants **AND** renewals for existing fishermen who completed courses over 3 years ago – **old certificates must be produced as evidence.** For help tracing old certificates and/or booking course please call Jon 01736 364324.

Fork lift truck driving

Do you have any unqualified experienced forklift truck drivers? We are able to organise courses to experienced operators at a reduced cost, providing operators are **truly experienced** (currently operating under instruction). If training 6 cost per individual will be £40 each, if training 3 cost per individual will be £60 each.

SW Handliners AGM

The South West Handline Fishermen's Association AGM is being held at 7.15pm on Monday 30th of January in Mevagissey Social Club. The proposed increase MLS for Bass to 45cm will be one of the main items on the Agenda. New members always welcome.

Spanish Courses

We are trying put together a 'Spanish for beginners' course (for merchants or fishermen) and need firm numbers before we can arrange further details. If you are interested in learning Spanish please contact Jon Lansley on 01736 364324 or e-mail jon@cfr.org.uk

Fisheries Enterprise Gateway

Business Links across the South West have developed the Rural Enterprise Gateway (REG) Project to help rural businesses develop and adapt to change. The project which offers a region-wide business support package for the rural land-based sector is now being extended to the fisheries sector. FISH REG aims to help fisheries businesses and particularly groups of fisheries businesses through access to information, training and business development support. Groups of businesses wanting to develop will receive funding and support to ensure that they can address their particular needs and priorities. The project will also provide a gateway to other initiatives that help the fisheries sector develop its ideas and expertise across the region, and to help businesses make the most of the wide range of support available to them. FISH REG can offer the following support to fisheries businesses;

Knowledge Transfer a service that provides an interface between the research community and businesses. The Knowledge Transfer will translate research into a digestible format to send to relevant groups both upon request and proactively.

Network Support. Skills, expertise, knowledge transfer and best practice can be developed through networking. The project actively encourages networking between clusters and individual members.

Bursary of £1,500 pa towards technical assistance/development e.g. website.

Bursary of £3,000 pa towards training costs (awarded at 50%-75% of total costs).

This project will pull together a strategic partnership between the RDA, Business Link, the fisheries research community and the CFRC to deliver a flexible and accessible service to groups of fisheries businesses.

A dedicated FISH REG Project Officer will be in post in early February 06, in the meantime for more information please call Jon or Nathan on 01736 364324.