

# Newsletter 7

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## Cornwall Fisheries Resource Centre

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### EverybodyOnline at the Resource Centre

EverybodyOnline is an initiative run by the charity Citizenonline and supported by British Telecom. The aim of EverybodyOnline is to help overcome any barriers people may have to technology so they can take full advantage of the wealth of opportunities digital technology and the Internet has to offer. EverybodyOnline support will be available at the **Fisheries Resource Centre** in Newlyn this autumn. EverybodyOnline will be offering informal one to one support with using the internet to setting up an email account and getting CV's online. From finding out about how the internet can help to find work and training, to paying your bills and online shopping. You can find out more about EverybodyOnline by contacting Gary Palmer on 07793 742351 ; [gary.palmer@citizenonline.org.uk](mailto:gary.palmer@citizenonline.org.uk) [www.everybodyonline.org.uk](http://www.everybodyonline.org.uk)

### Marine Bill

The UK Government is committed to bring forward proposals for a Marine Bill that will introduce within its area of responsibility a new framework for the seas, based on marine spatial planning, that balances conservation, energy and resource needs.

**The main themes of the Bill** - The UK Government is developing policy for the Bill in five significant areas. These areas are; *Managing marine fisheries*; *Planning in the marine area*; *Licensing marine activities*; *Improving marine nature conservation*; and *The potential for a new marine management organisation*. For a more detailed report visit [www.cfrc.org.uk](http://www.cfrc.org.uk)

### GMDSS Radio Courses

This certificate forms an important unit in the pathway to obtaining a Fishing Mates ticket (level 3 VQ), Skipper limited (level 4 VQ) and is a legal requirement to operate Sat C radios. Owing to demand from the catching sector CFRC have managed to organise an LRC course based in Newlyn running 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October. The cost of this course will depend upon the number of participants, guide cost is £450 - £300 based on 12 – 8 people participating. Crews on CFPO boats will be eligible for 50% grant & further grant aid is currently being sought. Before booking please consider that these dates run over a weekend; the course is intensive and demanding and will require personal input including evening work. **Places still available!** To reserve a place (min £50 deposit required) call Jon on 01736 364324.

### Invest in Fish SW

Invest in Fish South West brings together fish catchers, processors, retailers, restaurateurs, anglers, environmental groups and statutory & conservation agencies to identify options for managing South West fish stocks. The project will soon begin consulting with fishermen and fish buyers over these management options and we hope you'll get involved. For further information contact the liFSW office on 01736 333733.

### Grant aid for Safety Equipment

Two Cornish skippers have had grants approved towards improvement of safety on their vessels in the past month. The works include upgrading of the wheelhouse, new safety hatches and liferaft. We are checking on the eligibility of a whole range of other work so please contact us for more information. Please note that improvements to crew comfort and working conditions are also eligible for grant aid as well as upgrading care of the catch. If you are considering an upgrade or refit this winter then please contact SW Pesca Ltd 01872 270333 or at the CFRC in Newlyn on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## Training dates: WTA Courses

The WTA (Western Training Association) are able to provide the following course; **Stability Awareness** - a workshop and one day course, for existing fishermen in basic engine operation and maintenance. Min 8 people required. **To be run in Newlyn 11<sup>th</sup> August.** Call Elaine on 01752 770589 to check availability.

The WTA and Seafish are also able to provide the following additional courses; **Bridge Watchkeeping** – various training courses for existing fishermen in basic navigation and watchkeeping skills.

**Engineroom Watchkeeping** – various training courses for existing fishermen in basic engine operation and maintenance.

**Risk Assessment** – onboard advice and guidance on undertaking risk assessments and completing the Seafish Fishing Vessel Safety Folder.

WTA are able to provide these courses FREE for a limited period. Please register interest on any of the above courses with Jon on 01736 364324

Courses are FREE for new entrants **AND** renewals for existing fishermen who completed courses over 3 years ago – **old certificates must be produced as evidence.** For further information or for help tracing old certificates please call Jon Lansley on 01736 364324.

## Training—Environmental Management

Cornwall Business School are leading on a project in partnership with Resolve Kernow and Community Energy Plus.

As part of this project Cornwall Business School are delivering the CIEH Environmental Management at Work Level 3 at various locations around the county, at the extraordinary price of just £50 for SME's in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly area.

The normal cost for this course is over £500 so please contact us and confirm your eligibility for this limited offer. For further details and dates please contact Cornwall Fisheries Resource Centre.

## Fish REG funding Increased

Funding for groups of fisheries-related businesses registered on the Fish REG project has been increased. There will now be £3,000 allocated to each Fish REG group for business support (previously £1,500) to fund consultancy services and technical support. Examples of activities eligible for grant support include website design, feasibility studies, market studies and brand development. There are also grants available for training activities. For more information, contact Evonne Amblin, Fish REG Project Officer on 0845 600 9966.

## Funding for MSC pre-assessments

Fisheries in the South West considering applying for Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification may be eligible for funding to enable them to get the certification process underway promptly. Benefits of MSC certification can include access to new markets, competitive advantage in existing markets and a better price for the product. The MSC pre-assessment is the first formal step performed in the certification process; it identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the fishery and recommends to the client whether or not the fishery should progress to the full assessment stage. The pre-assessment process normally takes between one and nine months.

Fisheries intending to seek certification are encouraged to apply for grants of up to £1,500 through the Fish REG initiative to fund pre-assessment. Applications to Fish REG are considered swiftly and an offer letter can normally be sent out within one to two weeks of receiving the application for funding.

*For more information on Fish REG, contact Evonne Amblin on 0845 600 9966, or email [evonne.amblin@bldc.co.uk](mailto:evonne.amblin@bldc.co.uk).*

**CFRC RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE SEA FISH INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (SEAFISH) AND FIFG OBJECTIVE ONE**

