

The Association of Diving Contractors



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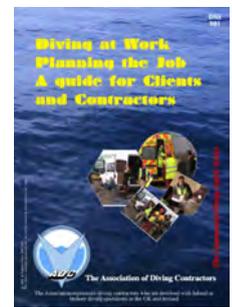
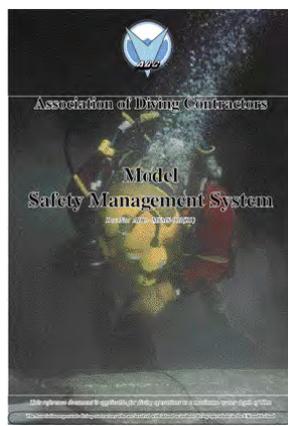
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ADC



Diving Safety DVD 001

Members: £25.00
Non Members: £30.00

ADC Model Formats
ADC Model Safety Management System
Assurance of Diving Plant and Equipment.

Members: £35.00
Non-Members: £45.00

NEW

Updated Professional Divers Log Book I/I now with Supervisor Log Book Pages included.

Members: £16.50
Non-Members: £20.00
(Inclusive of VAT, P&P to a UK Address)

2nd Edition Supervisors Manual

Existing Supervisors £25.00
Members £30.00
Non-Members £45.00

Pre-printed and hole punched update page packs available to Manual owners.

Each Issue Update: £7.50

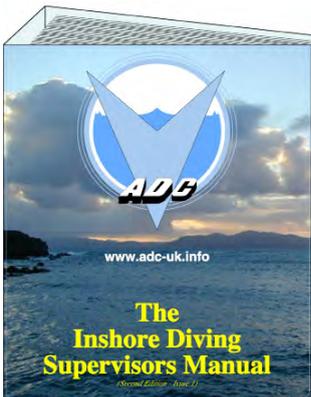
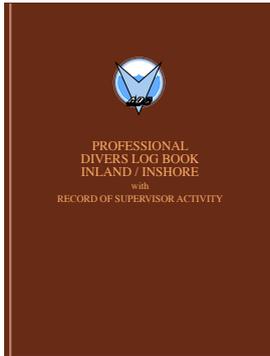
Entry to the ADC Supervisors Scheme

Members	Members (Ire)	Non-Member
£90.00	£95.00	£160.00

 Exam sitting fee included.



Guidance Procedures are available to Full Members as a PDF file on the website.
Pre-printed copies available to Members and others
£5.00 Members, £7.50 Others (Print of each GP Issued)



All Prices include Post & Packing to any UK Address.

Information Notes:

IN-10/15 DCI Emergency Number Update

21/12/15

Safety Alerts:

Safety Alert 12/15	IMCA Safety Flash	21/12/15
Safety Alert 01/16	Safety Flash circular.	11/1/16
Safety Alert 02/16	Near miss incident summary.	26/2/16
Safety Alert 03/16	IMCA Safety Flash circulation	31/3/16
Safety Flash 04/16	Fatal and Near Miss incident reports	14/4/16
Safety Flash 05/16	Multiple IMCA Safety Flash Reports	20/5/16



Kirby Morgan training courses run by JFD

JFD, leading global subsea operations and engineering company, is an authorised provider of Kirby Morgan training courses.

Kirby Morgan training courses aim to provide candidates with a broad overview of KMDSI helmets and masks as well as teach the necessary skills for operation, service and maintenance requirements. Courses offer candidates operational training through practical activities designed to provide in-depth familiarity with the equipment.



JFD forms the merger of Divex, James Fisher Defence and the National Hyperbaric Centre. Divex were authorised dealers of Kirby Morgan helmets and equipment and had been providing support and training to customers for over 30 years, which has now transferred to JFD. As part of JFD, the National Hyperbaric Centre’s dedicated training department has taken on the organisation of regular courses at its facility in Aberdeen and JFD’s facility in Westhill. Courses can also be scheduled on request around the world.

Authorised and highly qualified technicians, each with over 30



years’ experience, transfer detailed and in-depth knowledge and skills as well as teach valuable information regarding lessons learned out in the field. Positive feedback is regularly received and we find clients rely on JFD as their trusted training provider returning to renew their certificates on expiry every three years.

Upcoming course dates can be viewed on the National Hyperbaric Centre’s website and booked by emailing:

info@nhctraining.com

How often should lift truck operators be given refresher training?

There is no specific legal requirement to provide refresher training or formal reassessments for lift truck operators at specific intervals. However, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) says even trained and experienced operators will need to be routinely monitored and, where necessary, retested or provided with refresher training to ensure they continue to operate lift trucks safely.

HSE guidance says one method of ensuring the ongoing competence of operators is to establish a formal monitoring and assessment process – for example, a retest of skills and behaviour at reasonable intervals. If the operator fails this assessment, the employer should then arrange further training for them.

HSE adds that, as a general rule, refresher training or retesting might also be appropriate if: operators have not used lift trucks for some

time; are occasional users; appear to have developed unsafe working practices; have had an accident or near miss; or their working practices or environment have changed.

Employers are, of course, free to provide refresher training and/or reassessments or retests at specific intervals; however, HSE says operator performance should still be routinely monitored in case additional training is required before the set interval ends.

HSE says decisions about the length of refresher training should be based on an assessment of the operator and any shortcomings that need correcting. HSE recommends keeping records of each employee who has completed lift truck training, including refresher instruction.

Further advice can be found at the Health and Safety Executive website.

First aid training approval – Abolition of HSE approval of first aid training providers and qualifications

The change came into force on 1 October 2013, and means HSE no longer lists approved training organisations on its website. Instead, employers must satisfy themselves that the training provider is competent and the first-aid course or qualification meets their needs.

Updated guidance on the provision of first aid at work and the selection of suitable training providers has been issued.

More details can be found at: www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid.



Member Activity in Focus.....

E·D·S

MARINE & CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS



Edwards Diving Services (EDS), is a multidisciplinary marine and civil engineering contractor specialising in diving, confined spaces, cathodic protection installation and operations requiring the use of breathing air systems. Based in Wales, with their own industrial unit located close to the main motorway network, EDS are able to operate throughout the UK and beyond.

As the Inland / Inshore industry sector can be very dynamic, it is not uncommon for a customer to call upon EDS in a morning and expect a team on site the same day. Operating in this way things are kept exciting for EDS in the knowledge that they can plan for one thing at the start of the week, only to end up reacting at short notice to deal with any new challenges.



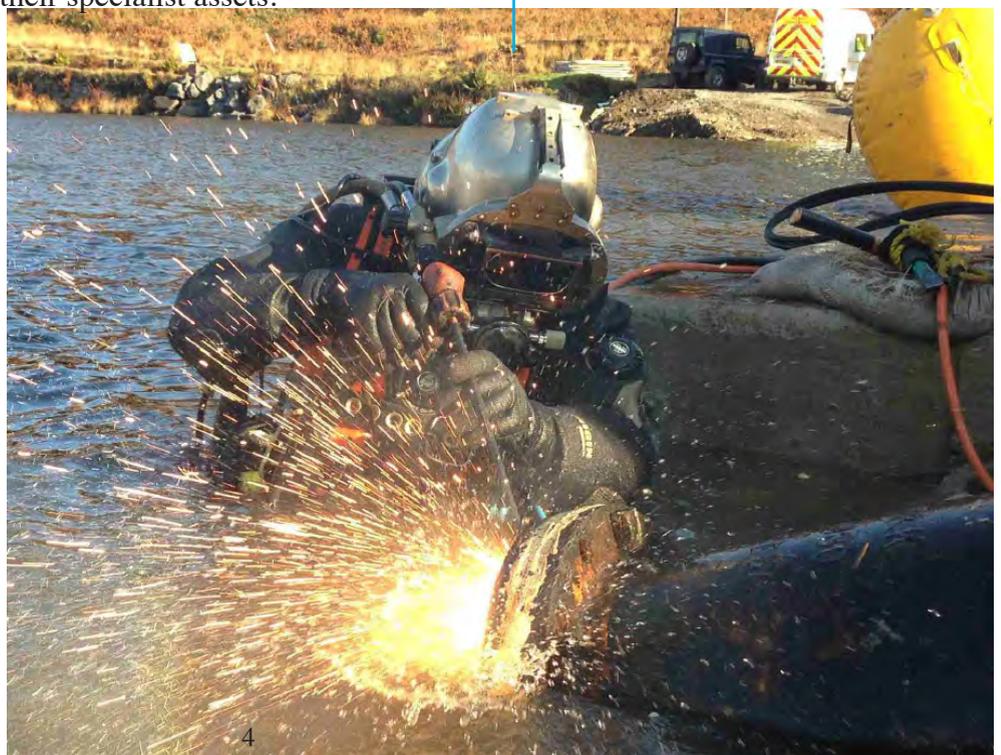
EDS operates using a permanently employed dedicated workforce of multi-disciplined engineers, divers and an assortment of skilled operatives and works throughout the UK. A lot of critical infrastructure is in difficult to reach places, such as underwater bridge piers, reservoir dams, watercourse culverts, power station cooling systems. The nature of these environments can mean that these structures need regular inspection and maintenance to keep them safe and operational, so that roads stay open, power gets produced and water gets to people's homes.

Nowadays most dive teams are equipped with head-mounted cameras, and when appropriate can use separate remotely operated underwater video systems, allowing the client to guide and direct the works progress from the surface, as well as discuss any findings in real time, before deciding on the best repair action to take. The scope of projects EDS are involved in is grows regularly as customers see the value in minimising downtime on their specialist assets.



For EDS the most exciting jobs are the bespoke challenges, sometimes a bit of blue water thinking can evolve the right solution, allowing EDS to activate it's in house fabrication team to design and build the most suitable temporary or permanent work items to meet the needs of the project.

One of the most interesting jobs for EDS was on a reservoir infrastructure renewal project in which EDS were working for the



main contractor and Welsh Water. EDS were brought in to assist with a small portion of the works but



subsequently ended up developing engineered solutions for some of many challenges that materialised as the works progressed.

Probably the most challenging project undertaken to date called for strengthening works to be carried out on 105 steel piles under Brighton Pier. The work involved fitting each pile with pre-cast concrete sleeves, then filling with underwater grout. The conditions under the pier were extremely difficult to work in safely and it took four years of working the summer seasons to complete the task due to the weather challenges.

EDS is very proactive in employing staff at a very early stage of their career and progressively training them by a combination of work experience and appropriate training courses, to get them to the required standard of certification. Only those that are prepared to be adaptable and respond to change constantly succeed in this work area. However once they have developed their skills and gained the necessary experience, there is a broad range of interesting work tasks to be undertaken.

www.edwardsdivingservices.co.uk



THE UNDERWRITING EXCHANGE ('TUE') A LLOYDS INSURANCE BROKER ARE DELIGHTED TO BECOME ASSOCIATED MEMBERS OF THE ADC.

OUR NEWLY APPOINTED TEAM OF HIGHLY EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS ALL OF WHICH HAVE OVER A DECADE IN DEVELOPING INSURANCE PRODUCTS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE DIVING INDUSTRY INCLUDING BESPOKE PRODUCTS FOR ADC MEMBERS.

THE TEAM ARE PROUD OF THEIR REPUTATION WITH BOTH INSURERS AND CLIENTS IN OFFERING A COMPETITIVE, FAST, EFFICIENT AND FRIENDLY SERVICE.

'TUE' WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO DISCUSS OUR PRODUCT RANGE WHICH INCLUDES:-

- ❖ EMPLOYERS LIABILITY
- ❖ PUBLIC/PRODUCTS/POLLUTION LIABILITY
- ❖ ALL RISKS ON DIVING/UNDERWATER EQUIPMENT
- ❖ CONTRACTORS ALL RISKS (INCLUDING DEDUCTIBLE BUY BACK)
- ❖ PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY
- ❖ PERSONAL ACCIDENT

PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF OUR SPECIALIST TEAM TO DISCUSS YOUR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:-

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Protecting Against Hearing Loss

Noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) affects thousands of people who are daily exposed to noise in their workplace. According to HSE over 1m workers in the UK are at risk of irreversible hearing damage due to being exposed to noise above the legal action limits, while 48 cases per 100,000 people employed in the last 12 months are said to be suffering from NIHL.

Protecting the hearing health of employees is paramount and the advent of the very first European Hearing Conservation Conference run by HSE in March is testament to that.

On the flipside, it is also our duty as employers to protect ourselves from NIHL claims, which have risen five-fold over the last four years according to the Insurance Times.

Additionally, a recent report by law firm Weightmans said that “the large number of noise-induced hearing loss claims could be fuelled by a number of solicitor firms moving into NIHL claims handling and away from whiplash cases.

Despite there being no mandatory requirement to register claims unless the loss exceeds 50dBs in one or both ears or there is a complaint of tinnitus, some insurers have chosen to register all NIHL claims regardless.

Revised Crane Standard Published

Since most diving operations involve some form of lifting operation, awareness of changes to the applicable British Standard may be advantageous.

A revised version of a British Standard on the safe use of cranes for lifting operations in the UK has been published by BSI, the business standards company.

BS 7121-1:2016 Code of Practice for Safe Use of Cranes – General gives recommendations for the safe use of cranes permanently or temporarily installed in work environments.

The standard provides advice on subjects such as safe systems of work; selection, erection and dismantling; maintenance, inspection and thorough examination; operation and the planning and management of lifting operations. BS 7121-1 is one part of a suite of standards on the safe use of cranes, and is used by HSE as an indication of good practice.

It can be purchased at bsi.shop.

HSE banks on growing its slumping income after cuts.

Health and Safety Executive's (HSE's) government funding will reduce over the next four years, so that by 2019/20 it will receive only £123.4m, or 48% less than it did in 2009/10. The Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT) said this was a "body blow" to the watchdog, which released data as part of its Business Plan for the current financial year, 2016/17.

Laying out the bones of the detail, HSE said that for this year (2016/17) it will receive £140.9m in taxpayer-funded income, going down to £135.6m in 2017/18, then to £128.4m in 2018/19 and finally, in 2019/20, it will receive £123.4m. That last figure is almost half the amount it received from the Department of Work and Pensions in 2009/10 (£239.4m).

HSE will seek to maintain current levels of its core regulatory activities – including permissioning, inspection, investigation and enforcement despite the cuts – it said in the report. It will respond to the "financial challenge" by maintaining its position as a "high-performing regulator that enables improvements in health and safety outcomes". To do this, it plans to grow its commercial activities to generate an income of £94m for this year.

However, revenue has dropped in each of the last two years. The total amount HSE earned from fees and charges, EU income and other operating income was £80.9m in 2014/15 – down from £83.3m in 2013/14. Every revenue stream has decreased apart from Fee for

Intervention and its Health and Safety Laboratory, which showed a moderate increase of less than £2m income in 2014/15, according to figures contained in the most recent HSE annual report and accounts (published in June 2015).

Asked by the British Safety Council if it was confident of reaching the target given recent performance, a spokesperson for the regulator said: "£94m is our target and HSE is working to deliver this target through the means we have already mentioned [in the plan] and we are confident of delivery. The plan also outlines how we will deliver efficiencies so it is not all dependent on income."

The efficiencies include "better use of technology, simpler processes and a continuing focus on value for money", HSE states in the Business Plan. Improved procurement and sharing government facilities will also bring cash savings, it said.

Brian Rye, acting General Secretary of Construction Union UCATT, called the cuts a "body blow to HSE," and the effects "far greater". "Before the cuts, HSE was failing to ensure the safety of workers and the latest spending restrictions will result in more workers being exposed to injury and ill health in the workplace," he said. HSE insisted otherwise: "HSE is founded on regulatory excellence and this plan both protects and builds on its reputation as one of the safest countries in the world to work in," said the spokesperson.

The Business Plan also outlines the actions HSE will deliver in 2016/17 around four core priority areas. These are in regulation, control and management of risk, reducing likelihood of low-frequency, high-impact catastrophic incidents, and leading and engaging others to improve workplace health and safety.

There will be a continued inspector focus on, among others, legionella, silica dust, carcinogens and musculoskeletal disorders in food production. There are 20,000 proactive inspections planned for 2016/17, depending on demand, which is the same as the previous year.

The recent cuts follow the pattern set in 2010 when the Government said its contribution towards HSE would fall by around £80m less each year by 2014/15.

HSE's Business Plan 2016/17 is available at the Health and Safety Executive website.

Reprinted from an article first printed in a British Safety Council Journal



Association Technical Adviser/Administrator From January 2017

The search for interest parties to take over the role of Secretary from 2017 is now well underway with some interest already being shown, and requests for the additional prospective being sent out.

Adverts have now been placed in the Underwater Contractor International journal and in the New Civil Engineer.

For those members who may wish to pass the notice on to known interested parties, the brief prospective is included below.

For the more detailed prospective contact the Secretary by E mail at:

secretary@adc-uk.info

With the Exhibition just about to commence, the final preparations are in place for the new format stand that will be jointly manned by personnel from Edwards Diving Services, REDS, The Underwriting Exchange, The PDA and of course Briggs Marine Contractors who are also manning the dive tank for the ongoing demonstrations.

With the support of the members sharing the stand, a small buffet lunch will be available on the stand on each of the three days of the exhibition. Whilst the primary objective is to support those manning the stand and any guests they may have, other members visiting the stand will also be invited to join us.

Since this is a new location for the

exhibition and the first time the Association has adopted such a large stand, lets hope all goes well and everyone who supports the activities of the Association also benefits.

See you in Southampton between the 14th and 16th of June.

Member Focus

The Secretary is seeking information from Members on who to include in the second Newsletter of 2016.

If you would like your company to be included, please contact the Secretary to discuss the information required and timing for publication.

Association of Diving Contractors



In the ongoing efforts to continue the promotion and development of activities in which the Association are involved, The Management Committee are seeking to appoint a

Technical Adviser and Administrator

The ideal candidate will have an in depth knowledge of the Inland / Inshore sector and be available to allocate approximately 2-3 days per week to concentrate on dealing with the activities of the Association.

The role of the Technical Adviser and Administrator is expected to include:

- Maintaining and developing the Membership database; Responding to enquiries from Members and others; Processing and administering Member and Supervisor Scheme applications; Compiling and issuing Information Notes, Safety Alerts, Association Newsletters; Organisation of Regional and Annual Meetings;
- Representing the Association at various meetings; Actively promote the activities of the Association;
- Reporting to the Management Committee;

A more detailed Prospective for this role can be requested by E mail: secretary@adc-uk.info

Applications should only be submitted by E Mail to the following address: secretary@adc-uk.info

The latest date for receipt of applications will be **1200 on Thursday 30th June 2016**.

Applicants should provide a current CV along with relevant information on recent experiences and a brief explanation of their interest in securing this position to assist the Management Committee to assess your suitability.

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MEMBERSHIP OF ADC (as of 31st May 2016)

Full Members

Associate Members

Corresponding Members