

"Fusion Line"

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Underwater Intervention, New Orleans

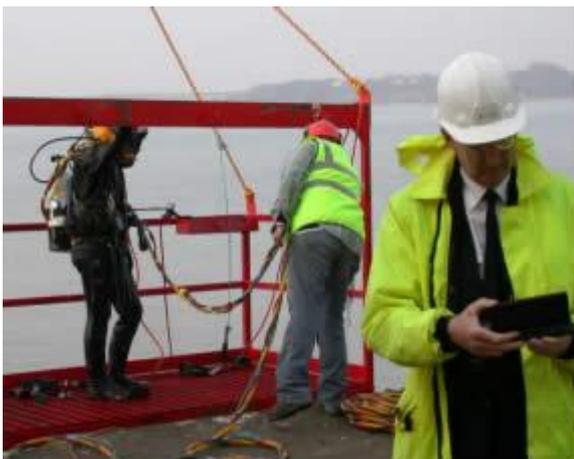


Speciality Welds was invited to speak at this years Underwater Intervention, held in New Orleans. This show coincided with the launch of our more formal presentations for the **Hammerhead** no skill, no viz wet-spot welding process. We were very encouraged with the turn out, with so many enquiries about the system and our other welding products, coming in we have had to make arrangements to visit the States a number of times this year alone. We would also wish to express our gratitude and thanks to **Jack Vilas and Associates**, our US distributor, with whom we shared a stand. Photo shows David Keats (left) with a client at the show. We also hope to have our Weldcraft-Pro

underwater welding course available for the first time this year, in the USA.

Strong Demand for Welder Training/Testing

It's been a busy time this year for welder **training** and **qualification** testing, with customers from as far south as London and as far north as Co Durham asking us to take care of welder assessments, training, and conducting formal welder approval testing. This is a very encouraging sign and is more representative of current trends, which does mark a change from past thinking by industry, with many companies now recognising the value and investment needed in training to stay competitive. We have been involved in training on steel, stainless and aluminium, on **class I and class II** approvals, right through to **ASME IX** (pressure vessel code) on a wide range of welding processes including TIG, MAGS and MMA. In recent years many welding standards have been revised and in some cases completely re-written, so it's more important than ever to ensure you carry the correct welding standards and specifications for your workforce.



After having been requested to attend a technical meeting with Harwich Port Authority and consultants, RWCL for Tuskar Rock Marine and Corrosion Control Services, we are pleased to have been able to find a solution to meet the welding specifications and weld strength requirements. After supervising the welding of a series of cruciform weld samples, using our Barracuda electrodes, in the horizontal and vertical positions, test samples were then submitted to TWI for **tensile testing** and **examination**. In addition, we were asked to produce a number of welding procedures for the project and we are pleased to learn Harwich Port Authority and RWCL have accepted the quality of all WPS and test samples.

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